

Positive Interaction Program

“Community Involvement in Crime Prevention”

~ *Friendship Through Education* ~

A Review of the July 2008 Meeting

The meeting in June featured a presentation Houston Police Officer Mark Caronna with HPD's C.I.T. Division, which is the Crisis Intervention Team. Officer Caronna explained that he works out of the Houston Police Academy where he is responsible for the CIT training of all new police cadets as well as police dispatchers. New cadets are required to take 40 hours of CIT training. He spoke about the Team's technique of 'active listening' and 'slowing things down'. He also told us that the Crisis Intervention program actually began in Central Division, and is now one of the most successful programs of the Houston Police Department.

This presentation was preceded by a talk by Captain Mark Holloway of Central Division. He spoke of the activities of the offices that work out of the HPD Storefront at 802 Westheimer and sited many examples of the arrests and apprehensions that took place in our Montrose neighborhoods during the last month. He added that overall crime was down 22% as compared with statistics for the same period one year ago and only robbery has increased.

Mark your Calendars

The next combined Neartown/Montrose and Heights PIP meeting is scheduled for:

Date: Wednesday, August 27 (the 4th Wednesday)
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Houston Police Officers Union Building, 1602 State Street

Our speaker for the August meeting will be Victor Gonzalez who works out of the Mayor's Anti-Gang office. Mr. Gonzalez is a civilian who works for HPD, counseling high-risk youth. He has been with the anti-gang office for more than 10 years but has been counseling youth for the past 23 to 25 years. Because of his extensive background and experience with youth, he was invited by HPD to join the Anti-Gang office. In his talk to the PIP group, he will discuss gangs and gang activity, and well as discuss signs we can look for to see if certain activity is really gang related. He expects to include some visual presentations as part of his discussion. He will leave time at the end of his talk to answer questions you may have.

And as regular feature of our meetings, we will hear a report from HPD Central Division Captain Mark Holloway about recent crime activity in our neighborhoods, as well as crime prevention ideas and techniques.

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