




Phillips Community Update

East Phillips – Midtown Phillips – Phillips West - Ventura Village Neighborhoods
Sector One - 3rd Precinct - May 9, 2013
Minneapolis Police Dept.

-  MPD Officers on bicycles are out on the streets of the 3rd Precinct. They helped out at the Heart of the Beast Parade and have been patrolling the Midtown Greenway. On Sunday, May 5th they made 12 suspicious person stops, found a lost child and returned the child to the family, assisted in a medical emergency, talked to kids on the Greenway and did business checks.
-  Officers made a traffic stop on the 2600 block of Park after observing the vehicle speeding and passing cars without signaling lane changes. They stopped the vehicle and found marijuana and a handgun in the possession of a passenger who was arrested. The driver was cited as well.
-  Because of a significant increase in gang related violence, officers – both undercover and in uniform, working with other units of the police department, are out in force, patrolling, gathering information and making arrests whenever possible. The goal is to intervene between the rival gang members before more violence occurs. Officers are also partnering with Hennepin County Probation to identify individuals who are violating their probation conditions.

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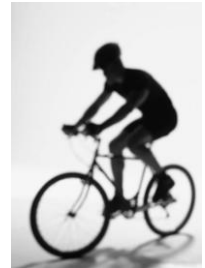
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MINNEAPOLIS POLICE BIKE PATROLS TO BEGIN ON THE GREENWAY

MAY 9, 2013 (MINNEAPOLIS) – The warm weather is finally upon us and that means people will be riding their bikes. The Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) 3rd Precinct will once again begin bicycle patrols along the Midtown Greenway starting May 9, 2013. “We are excited about using these patrol techniques to improve public safety, greater visibility in the community, build stronger partnership with the Midtown Greenway Coalition, Crime Prevention Task Force and bicyclists”, said Third Precinct Inspector Michael Sullivan.

The Midtown Greenway is a 5.7 mile long former railroad corridor in south Minneapolis with bicycling and walking trails. The MPD patrol officers will use their bicycles during their regular patrol activities and there will be additional bike patrols on Friday and Saturday nights throughout the summer with officers from the Bike Rapid Response Team (BRRT).

"Together with our Trail Watch safety patrol, Crime Prevention Task Force, and alert riders who call 911 when they see suspicious activity in the Greenway, the MPD bike patrols will help keep crime low in the corridor. We look forward to seeing them in the Greenway this summer," said Soren Jensen, executive director of the Midtown Greenway Coalition. The MPD Bike Patrol is a voluntary position that officers undertake in addition to their normal duties within the department. Officers of the MPD Bike patrol undergo a 1 week training course and must successfully negotiate a challenging obstacle course in order to become certified Bike Patrol Officers for the Minneapolis Police Department. The officers who participate in police bike activities are certified through the International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA) police cyclist course. In addition to the Bike Patrol, the MPD Bike Rapid Response Team (BRRT) officers are selected from current MPD bike patrol officers and have several years of experience as a bike officer. These officers receive additional training specific to working with other BRRT members as a part of a larger team. BRRT responds to large events and provide crowd control around the city.



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