

Eight District Quality of Life Report

The 8th District wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Please remain vigilant and proactive with safety measures during the holiday season. When parking your vehicle, remember these important tips.

- When preparing to park your vehicle, scan the area for anything or anyone suspicious.
- Back into a parking space, if possible. Your departure out of the lot will be quicker, especially in an emergency situation.
- Whenever possible, avoid parking near large vehicles, which can obscure someone breaking into your vehicle.
- Lock all doors and roll all windows up.
- Secure all valuables and packages in the trunk.
- GPS systems, I-pods, cell phones, computers, shopping bags, purses, briefcases, audio equipment, keys, personal papers, jewelry, wrapped gifts, etc., **SHOULD NOT** be left in plain view inside of the vehicle.
- Remember where you parked and what level you parked on.
- Whenever possible, park in well lit areas, close to the exit or elevators.
- When returning to your vehicle, have your keys in your hand.
- Before you enter your vehicle, visually scan your vehicle as you approach to ensure that no one is hiding underneath or inside of the vehicle.

Eighth District QOL Officers' Activity for the week of November 20 to November 26:

- Investigated **eight** (8) new complaints
- Issued **one** (1) summons in the 300 block of O'Keefe Street
- Issued **five** (5) written warnings for various violations such as unauthorized selling of food without a permit
- Met **61** citizens while on foot patrol and provided safety information, which is a key factor in our efforts to foster new partnerships with the community
- Visited **43** businesses, which allows for their personnel to meet the QOL Team and share information regarding problems or concerns

Aggressive Solicitation

- Eighth District Personnel have arrested **10** individuals for Aggressive Solicitation during the week of November 20 to November 26.
- A total of **56** individuals have been arrested for Aggressive Solicitation since the new law's inception.

Friendly Reminder for Bicyclists

The 8th district has a large amount of citizens that utilize bicycles on a daily basis. We would like to remind the public of some laws regarding bicyclists. These laws allow for the safety of the bicyclists, pedestrians and vehicles, all of whom must share the roadways.

Sec. 154-1412. - Obedience to traffic control devices.

Any person operating a bicycle shall obey the instructions of official traffic control signals, signs, and other traffic control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer. Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right, left, or "U" turn is permitted, no person operating a bicycle shall disobey the direction of any such signs, except when such person dismounts from the bicycle to make any such turn, such person shall then obey the regulations applicable to pedestrians.

Sec. 154-1416. - Riding on sidewalks.

No person 15 or more years of age shall ride a bicycle upon any sidewalk in the city nor will bicycles be allowed on sidewalks in the business district.

Other Important Reminders

- Parking on the sidewalks is illegal. This behavior damages the sidewalks, which negatively impacts the quality of life of our citizens and visitors.
- Walking tours are limited to 28 participants and shall be disbanded by 10:00pm nightly.
- Carriage drivers should pull to the side of the road to allow vehicular traffic to pass, when space is available.
- If you utilize social networking sites, follow us on Facebook at New Orleans Police 8th District.

**If you have a QOL complaint or concern, contact Officer Shereese Harper at srharper@nola.gov or [504-218-6117](tel:504-218-6117) and Officer Dave Liang at dliang@nola.gov or [504-376-6637](tel:504-376-6637).

**If you would like more information on safety tips, presentations or would like us to participate in a community meeting or event, contact Sergeant Jonette Williams at jwilliams@nola.gov or [504-239-0356](tel:504-239-0356).