

## Forrest Hills Neighborhood Assoc.

# DKPD North Central

## Community Outreach Meeting Notes - 12/08/21

### North Central Precinct Crime Numbers:

- Homicide up 4 (2020) vs. 18 (2021.)
- Aggravated Assaults 217 in 2021 (up 29% from 2020)
  - This increase is contributed to more people being at home and fewer people working (aka, more time on their hands and being more mischief.)
- Reduced robberies/burglaries from 2021 (personal, home and business.)
  - Reduced entering autos by 17%: contributed to public education
  - Don't forget to lock your car & take everything out of your car.
- Violent Crimes (homicide & Aggravated Assaults) increased @ start of the year. However, from May - Nov they implemented a "Hot spot" initiative. Areas included: Kensington Rd. area & N. Decatur @ Dekalb Industrial. As of May - Nov they saw a 56% decrease.
  - Uniform officers targeted the areas
  - Blue lights on to increase visibility, more identifiable/recognizable
  - To and from calls keeping blue lights
- Overall, staffing is a concern: 6 officers going out tonight to cover 9 territories.

### Suggestions to assist through the holidays:

- Leave lights one - set timers if traveling.
- Park cars in the driveway of neighbors who are out of town - at different times.
- If having holiday packages - use local drop points & then pick up (aka, Whole Foods for Amazon, etc.)
- If going out of town: wait until you return to post on social media.
- If you buy large electronics - dispose of your box properly (tear it into small pieces, etc., place it in trash/recycling, and ensure the lid closes.) Don't put the entire box on the street.)
- Don't leave anything in your car - put it in your trunk. Nothing should be feasible.
- Vehicles: don't leave keys, key fobs, etc in your car.
- When out shopping - be aware. Park in a lighted parking lot. Don't take a chance.
- Online Shopping & Fraud: Use CC vs. Debit Card.
- Don't go out with large sums of cash.
- When out shopping - don't go from the store, put items in the trunk, leave your car in the same spot to go back into another store. What's stopping someone from watching you take a big box to your car and then leave.
- Trees: shouldn't really be in your picture window for people to see as they drive by. Indicates a tree with possible presents.

### Helping Mitigate Porch Pirates:

- Track Packages closely.
- Require signatures for delivery if you can.
- Remote Delivery (see above)

