

Sector 1 End of Month / June 2010

Sector 1 saw a decrease in residential burglaries and a spike in auto thefts during June 2010. Of the following reported thefts / vandalism during June 2010 officers identified and / or arrested eight suspects who were involved. The following are the reported thefts / vandalisms in Sector 1 during June 2010:

10851 VC	594 PC Graffiti	594 PC	459 PC Residential	459 PC Commercial	459 PC Vehicle	487 PC	488 PC
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Officers have increased their patrols in and around the schools due to the increased problems with graffiti. On June 16 at approximately 12:34 A.M. officers were patrolling the area of Monache High School when they stopped a suspicious vehicle which was occupied by two male juveniles. Investigation revealed that both juveniles were in possession of spray paint and markers. Officers began checking the area and located graffiti at Monache High School, along with graffiti on several nearby block walls. Both juveniles were arrested and booked into Juvenile Hall. Officers throughout the city will remain vigilant in their efforts to deter any further graffiti within the City of Porterville.

Officers addressed two issues regarding traffic problems (speeders, turn violations, etc..) on Castle Avenue west of Newcomb Street and on Milo Street north of Westfield Avenue. The increased presence and proactive enforcement by the Sector 1 officers and the Traffic Unit has alleviated the problem, however officers will still maintain watch in the area.

Three vacant residences were identified in Sector 1 as being an eyesore in the neighborhoods. All three residences had dead, waist high grass and in overall disrepair. Sector 1 officers worked with Code Enforcement and the owners of all three properties have been contacted and agreed to clean up the properties by the first week of July 2010. This is an ongoing effort by Sector 1 officers to keep the neighborhoods appealing and hopefully increase the values of the properties.

Officers have also continued their enforcement on abandoned vehicles on the roadways and have been in contact with Code Enforcement to resolve issues related to abandoned vehicles parked in driveways in public view.

On June 8 Officer Ward attended a Business watch meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce. The meeting was facilitated by CSO Harper and involved training out on by the US Secret Service to local businesses regarding counterfeit currency.

On June 10 a Neighborhood Watch meeting was held in the 1300 block of North Mathew, which is one of our more active Neighborhood Watch block captains.

The meeting was attended by CSO Harper, Officer Ward, Officer Azevedo and Det. Contreras. There were no major issues brought to the officers attention, however the issues of speeding vehicles on Mathew Street was brought up and addressed. The traffic Unit has deployed the Speed Trailer on several occasions in the area during the month of June 2010 and there was no pattern of reckless driving noted.

Anyone with information on criminal activity in Sector 1 in encouraged to contact Sergeant Brian Nix at 782-7549.