

**Rogers Park, 24th Police District, Beat 2431
CAPS Meeting, November 17, 2008
Rogers Park Community Council Office
1530 W. Morse Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60626
www.caps24.org and <http://www.beat2431.org/>**

Officiates:

Kevin O'Neil, Beat Facilitator

Jayne M. Hoffman, District Advisory Committee (DAC)

Sergeant John Delgado, CAPS Team Leader, Chicago Police Department
Sanfilipo, Sgt. Marafino-Internal Affairs Division.

I. Welcome and introductions – Kevin O'Neil. Announced no meeting in December, and the January and February meetings are scheduled for the 2nd week of each month due to National holidays.

Sgt. Maravolo presented on racial profiling, which is defined as arrest, detention, interdiction solely on perceived race, color, national origin of person. Biased-based policing: Activities expressly prohibited. The Chicago Police Department provides annual training to prevent biased-based policing and when there are changes to policies.

Complaints or compliments: 99% of cops do good job. We try to weed out bad apples. Tel: 312-745-3594, or web site www.iprachicago.org. Anonymous or not. Can also call as a third party complainant, on someone else's behalf.

Review of accomplishments in Beat 2431 for 2008. (See details at the Beat 2431 Web site [post.](#))

O'Neil: Showed CAPS training book: Can get copies from Sgt. Delgado.

Stats at first are pretty straight forward and sometimes boring. But the analysis tell a story.

Sgt. Delgado: Contact cards tools used to document interaction with the public. Individual selling drugs, offering the overall description of the individual. In database, and other like descriptions matching similar crimes get references.

Some Key Arrests:

✓ Milton Ervin on multiple narcotics in 2432 at Pratt/Bosworth resulted in significant decrease in activity on Morse. CHA is taking steps to evict him. Last hearing was October 24, 2008.

O'Neil: Beat Facilitator of 2432 will notify when next hearing is scheduled (February?)

✓ **Sgt Delgado:** August, one-man robbery spree on Sheridan, suspect arrested.

O'Neil: This year we celebrate the formation of three new block clubs, and opening of two RoPA, The Morse Theatre, and Century Public House.

II. Police crime report. Index crimes were flat. Narcotics were the highest in the top ten crimes which is unusual for this beat..

III. On-going issues: An update.

Citizen: Reminded us to stay aware of neighboring buildings that are abandoned or boarded up. Watch for signs of activity, forced entry, etc., and Call 911 if you see anything suspicious.

Monitoring children to-from school is in some cases, police assigned.

Sullivan High School. Citizen: 5-6 gang members, 11pm (November 1st & 6th) both had police response. Wolf-pack mentality. **Citizen** from Methodist Youth Services on Touhy. Student at Sullivan High School has been beat up twice. **Sgt Delgado:** Try to get the student to take different routes to/from home. **Citizen:** We need to strategize on diverting students from Gang recruitment. **Hoffman:** Contact the CAPS office at District 24 at (312) 744-6321 to get involved with programs to help students at Sullivan High School. **Citizen:** Why is it such a problem? **Sgt Delgado:** Sullivan High School has approx. 2000 students arriving/leaving at the same time each day which results in issues. Officers apprehend juveniles, takes 3 hours to complete the process, which takes the arresting officer off the street. Juvenile arrests attached to point system. Zero points for gang loitering.

IV. Announcements

- Public Safety Town Hall Meeting at 7 pm Monday, Nov. 24, United Church of Rogers Park, 1545 W. Morse. Co-sponsored by State Rep. Harry Osterman, 49th Ward Alderman Joe Moore, State Sen. Heather Steans and 24th District Police Cmdr. Steve Caluris.
- The next beat meeting will be **Monday, January 12, 2009. Happy Holidays!**

2008 Accomplishments in Beat 2431

Policing accomplishments

Comparing Jan. 1 to Oct. 31, 2007 to 2008

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Incidents	904	852
Arrests	601	494
Service calls	13,192	11,724
Contact cards	2614	2,782

Incidents/case reports down 6% over 2007 -- This reflects a decrease in criminal activity.

Arrests down 18% over 2007 -- This is because there is less crime occurring on the beat.

Service calls down 11% - People are not finding the need to call because of less illegal activity.

Contact cards are up 6% -- This is an indication that the Officers are actively engaging the individuals on the street. Because contact cards are up, this could be one reason why the other three categories are down. The officers are preventing crime from occurring, not just responding to crime after the fact.

The arrest of Milton Ervin. Even though he lives on beat 2432, the officers tell me that after his arrest, Morse Ave. became very quiet for a period of time.

The arrest of Jacob Westerhoff in August -- The offender attempted to rob several stores on Sheridan and Morse while using a knife.

Three new blocks clubs registered on the beat.

Economic Development in the Beat

Opening of RoPa Restaurant, Pratt and Sheridan

Opening of Morse Theatre

Opening of Century Public House Restaurant

Opening of rehabbed Reside On Morse Apartments, 1340 W. Morse and 1345 W. Lunt

Condo conversion at the corner of Morse and Greenview, plus the continued success of the Common Cup at that southwest corner have stabilized that busy corner.

Construction of two new mixed use commercial/condo buildings in the 1400 block of Morse.