

**Rogers Park, 24th Police District, Beat 2431**  
**CAPS Meeting, October 20, 2008**  
**Rogers Park Community Council Office**  
**1530 W. Morse Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60626**  
<http://www.beat2431.org/>

**Officiates:**

Kevin O'Neil, Beat Facilitator

Sergeant Delgado, CAPS Team Leader, Chicago Police Department

**I. Welcome and introductions, Kevin O'Neil, Meeting Chair.**

**II. Guest Speaker, Office of Emergency Management and Communications.** Officers Francesca Masurkiewicz and Valerie Howard gave a presentation about the OEMC, also known as the 911 center. About 15,000 to 18,000 calls for service are made to the OEMC each day – and about 25,000 to 35,000 daily in the summer. Event types are assigned a priority level. Level 1 is a threat to life, such as a battery in progress. A Level 2 is assigned to an incident that has occurred in the last 10 minutes. A Level 3 event is the lowest priority, such as parking problems or loud music. Calls are ordered by priority to the dispatcher.

The officers stressed the need to give call takers accurate descriptions from top to bottom. They also said cell phones don't always give police a precise location. They can usually pin down a location within 600 feet. Finally, they reminded citizens to call police when they need to see an officer immediately – such as if your driveway is blocked. Call 911 for incidents that don't require immediate police presence.

**III. Police crime report.** Officer Acquilly outlined the stats for September. The top three crimes for the month of September were Battery (13, mostly due to fights among Sullivan students), Theft from Buildings (10), and Criminal Damage to Buildings (7). There were 58 arrests in September; there were 67 arrests on the beat in August.

**III. On-going issues: An update.**

- **Sullivan High School:** Fights after school have continued north of Sullivan High School. Police are at the school every day. Regular officers also go to the school at 1 pm daily to see what's going on after school.
- **Pratt & Ashland:** Milton Irwin of the 1500 block of Pratt was arrested in early September. Police said criminal activity in the beat and on Morse had fallen while he was in jail. But he was bailed out. He lives in a CTA property, and the CTA is trying to evict him. An eviction hearing is set for 2 pm Friday, Oct. 24, in Room 1402.
- **1340 W. Morse/1345 W. Lunt:** A representative from Reside on Morse said the rehabbed units are 62% leased and 50% occupied. The Morse side is nearly fully occupied. He said security will continue indefinitely.
- **Soo Liquors, 1420 W. Morse Avenue:** A second community hearing with the Bureau of Business Licenses was Oct. 16. The Soo owners showed a log listing calls to 911 in the last

two months. Police and neighbors reported it has been fairly quiet with little gang loitering. A final hearing will be held Jan. 15, 2009 at City Hall, Room 805.

**IV. Identify new problem areas.**

- **Morse cul de sac at Loyola Park:** A citizen reported that the problem of homeless people partying at Morse and the park is continuing. Police said they patrol the park daily at the beginning and end of their shift. But ultimately, they said the problem of homelessness is much more difficult than the police can solve alone.
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- The last beat meeting of the year will be **Monday, November 17, 2008.**
- Meeting adjourned by Kevin O'Neil at 8:10 pm.