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Sent: Friday, May 03, 2013 9:28 AM
To: Miro Weinberger; Police Commission; Matt Young; Thomas Donovan
Cc: Lori Olberg; Mike Kanarick; Carina Driscoll
Subject: Summer Strategy (Memo attached)
Attachments: Summer & Downtown Strategy Comprehensive Memo & Conditions Request 5-1-13.pdf

Importance: High

Folks,

You are each copied on the attached memo. It outlines some of our core strategies. Just FYI as we enter the summer season. It was disseminated to all BPD staff this morning.

Lori – Could you put it in the Council packet at your convenience?

Thanks much!

From: <Schirling>, Michael Schirling <mschirling@bpdvt.org>
Date: Friday, May 3, 2013 9:16 AM
To: BPD Employees <BPDEmployees@bpdvt.org>
Subject: Summer Strategy (Memo attached)

Folks,

As we begin the summer tour for 2013 we face a host of challenges. Attached is a comprehensive strategy memo that outlines the goals and objectives and the strategies that each team is expected to deploy daily to achieve a safe, healthy, and vibrant summer season. Each of the strategies outlined has been shown to be effective both through our experiences over the last four years and by other agencies around the nation as targeted activities and enforcement has a great effect on the overall level of crime and disorder. Your work over the last few years has done much to keep the City, its residents, businesses, and visitors safe. This outline serves as a starting point for our future efforts to keep up the pressure on significant bad actors and to prevent as much disorder as possible in an effort to reduce the amount of complex work we have to do daily.

Have a safe summer season and thank you each for all of your ongoing work!

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To:	All Sworn Personnel
From:	Michael E. Schirling, Chief of Police
Re:	Citywide Summer Strategies Downtown Patrol and Enforcement
CC:	Mayor Miro Weinberger, City Council, Police Commission, Marketplace Director Ron Redmond, State's Attorney TJ Donovan, Street Outreach Team Supervisor Matt Young
Date:	May 3, 2013
Memorandum #:	2013- 16

As we enter the spring season we plan to re-deploy a multi-faceted strategy, developed and implemented over the past four years, to ensure robust presence and enforcement in key areas of the City including the inner city district (particularly the Church Street Marketplace and City Hall Park) and key areas of the Old North End, among others. These efforts have been developed to compliment other crime and disorder reduction efforts being deployed including, but not limited to, crime prevention by environmental design initiatives, city ordinance enhancements, and efforts to foster productive activities and events to eliminate or displace disorder.

Our *patrol* strategy – **to be deployed by supervisors on a daily basis** - will include a variety of resources, utilized in differing ways to achieve comprehensive coverage. They include but are not limited to:

1. Assignment of full time Marketplace and City Hall Park officers.
2. Daily assignment of shift officers from day, swing, and evening shifts to foot patrols – specifically targeting the Old North End and Inner City District.
3. Assignment of Street Crimes Unit officers to drug interdiction efforts and targeted patrols in key areas of the City.
4. Use of plain clothes personnel to conduct targeted operations.
5. Use of Detectives to conduct unannounced saturation patrols and sweeps for wanted persons, conditions and trespass violations, and other violations on a periodic basis.
6. Assignment of School Resource Officers (SROs) to the Marketplace, City Hall Park, high traffic corridors of the Old North End, Roosevelt Park, and other areas frequented by youth.
7. Assignment of other personnel to the Marketplace, City Hall Park, and Old North End

during peak times of use.

8. Regular assignment of Beach & Parks patrols to the Marketplace and key Parks. For 2013, as with 2011 and 2012, we will be expanding the number of Beach and Parks Patrol personnel assigned specifically to the inner-City District.
9. Use of targeted overtime patrols and assignments as needed.
10. Use of specific requests for conditions of release for repeat offenders in the Inner City District.
11. Effective May 3, 2013 the Community Service Officers are directed to spend any time not assigned to calls or case follow-up in areas of high visibility including the Marketplace and City Hall Park.
12. Traffic calming and drug interdiction by ALL uniformed officers conducting traffic enforcement, with extra emphasis on high traffic corridors daily.
13. Parking enforcement citywide by ALL officers targeting prohibited areas daily.

In an effort to ensure that we are setting clear and reasonable standards for conduct in our inner-city business district as warm weather and notable increases in call volumes occur, we will be continuing following the *enforcement strategies* as follows:

1. For all cases rising to the level of a felony or for which ANY exception to Rule 3 exists, the defendant shall be arraigned or lodged. For any case in which lodging is not possible, a flash citation shall be used. *Overtime is authorized* to complete investigations and case paperwork. We will be exploring administrative support to assist officers in completing paperwork from inner City/downtown arrests swiftly to enable them to quickly return to the street.
2. Trespass Warning shall be issued for all incidents occurring in the Library, City Hall Park, and on the Marketplace for which a Trespass Warning is permitted by ordinance. Each trespass warning MUST be accompanied by a citation or municipal ticket with a strong preference for a citation unless mitigating circumstances exist.
3. A cover sheet with specific requests related to conditions of release has been developed for use. This cover sheet is available in the BPD Forms Directory and is titled "Inner-City District Arrest Pre-trial Conditions Request." It *shall* be attached to every Court case originating on the Marketplace and in the inner-City District.
4. This cover sheet makes specific reference to information about the defendant's history of criminal, disorderly, or problematic behavior in the downtown. A list of all contacts with the Defendant that fit this description *shall* be embedded directly into the affidavit.

Finally, we continue to believe that non-enforcement tools are critical to setting the tone and standard of conduct in the City, specifically the Inner City District. Toward that end we are continuing efforts to:

- Set clear standards of conduct through ordinances and associated signage.
- Train downtown employees to successfully intervene in low-level disorder.
- Create meaningful ways to discourage poor behavior, such as charity drop boxes and other initiatives.
- Continue use of the Universal Trespass program.
- Continue partnership with the Street Outreach Team and use of the Street Outreach Interventionist.
- Continue use of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design

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CONDITIONS REQUEST - DOWNTOWN DISTRICT

To: Office of the Chittenden County State's Attorney
Honorable Chittenden Superior Court – Criminal Division
From: Michael E. Schirling, Chief of Police
Re: Request for Pre-Trial Conditions of Release and Sentencing Considerations
Date: May 3, 2013 – **Standing Request**

On _____, a _____ was arrested for the crime(s) of _____ for exhibiting disorderly, violent, or aggressive behavior in the Inner-City Fire District (the primary business and social district) of City of Burlington.

It is the position of the City of Burlington through the Burlington Police Department that such behavior is a serious quality of life issue for residents, businesses, and visitors as it creates an atmosphere of fear and unease. Complaints regarding disorderly and tumultuous behavior in the downtown have increased each year for the past three years. The downtown district is designed to offer a safe and enjoyable opportunity to engage in shopping, dining, and cultural activities. The vitality of the downtown district is critical to the well being of the City of Burlington, its residents, and businesses.

( ) The Defendant's behavior is not an isolated incident. Included in the affidavit is a list of incidents in which the Defendant has had notable negative contact with the Burlington Police in Inner-City Fire District in the prior 12 months.

We respectfully request the following pre-trial Condition of Release be imposed on the Defendant in the event that the Court finds probable cause:

→Defendant shall not, at any time except for brief travel to and from Court appearances, be in the Inner-City Fire District of the City of Burlington – the boundaries of which are Battery Street, Pearl Street, South Winooski Avenue, and Maple Street.