



## University City Division - Response Area 1 Newsletter

**JULY, 2013**

July 4<sup>th</sup> 2013

**“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness,” said Thomas Jefferson when he wrote the Declaration of Independence. Isn’t that what we as Americans are always pursuing...happiness?**

**I would caution you if your pursuit of happiness includes alcohol while celebrating be responsible. Please don’t drink and drive during this holiday. In this newsletter we have included laws and ordinances to help you have a safe holiday. Please be safe while celebrating our great country!**

**Officer H. Peterson**





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# Fireworks - What's allowed?

In attempt to make it simple, the following fireworks are **Allowed:**

- (1) **Explosive caps designed to be fired in toy pistols**, provided that the explosive mixture of the explosive caps shall not exceed twenty-five hundredths (.25) of a gram for each cap.
- (2) **Snake and glow worms** composed of pressed pellets of a pyrotechnic mixture that produce a large, snake-like ash when burning.
- (3) **Smoke devices** consisting of a tube or sphere containing a pyrotechnic mixture that produces white or colored smoke.
- (4) **Trick noisemakers** which produce a small report designed to surprise the user and which include:
  - a. A party popper, which is a small plastic or paper item containing not in excess of 16 milligrams of explosive mixture. A string protruding from the device is pulled to ignite the device, expelling paper streamers and producing a small report.
  - b. A string popper, which is a small tube containing not in excess of 16 milligrams of explosive mixture with string protruding from both ends. The strings are pulled to ignite the friction-sensitive mixture, producing a small report.
  - c. A snapper or drop pop, which is a small, paper-wrapped item containing no more than 16 milligrams of explosive mixture coated on small bits of sand. When dropped, the device produces a small report.
- (5) **Wire sparklers consisting** of wire or stick coated with non-explosive pyrotechnic mixture that produces a shower of sparks upon ignition. These items must not exceed 100 grams of mixture per item.
- (6) **Other sparkling devices** which emit showers of sparks and sometimes a whistling or crackling effect when burning, do not detonate or explode, do not spin, are hand-held or ground-based, cannot propel themselves through the air, and contain not more than 75 grams of chemical compound per tube, or not more than a total of 200 grams if multiple tubes are used. (1947, c. 210, s. 5; 1955, c. 674, s. 1; 1993, c. 437.)



**IF IT IS NOT ON THE ABOVE LIST..... IT IS NOT ALLOWED!**

### **Why should firework laws be enforced?**

According to a recently released NFPA report, in 2009, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 8,800 people for fireworks related injuries; 53% of 2009 emergency room fireworks-related injuries were to the extremities and 42% were to the head. The risk of fireworks injury was highest for children ages 10-14, with more than twice the risk for the general population. FYI – A lit sparkler can reach temperatures of more than 1200 degrees that can cause third degree burns when a child grabs the wire or steps on it bare foot.



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# FIREWORK SAFETY !

The National Council on Fireworks Safety offers these common sense safety tips for using consumer fireworks in the hopes that injuries to consumers can be greatly reduced this season:

- Parents and caretakers should always closely supervise teens if they are using fireworks.
- Parents should not allow young children to handle or use fireworks.
- Fireworks should only be used outdoors.
- Always have water ready if you are shooting fireworks.
- Know your fireworks. Read the caution label before igniting.
- Obey local laws. If fireworks are not legal where you live, do not use them.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix.
- Wear safety glasses whenever using fireworks.
- Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Soak spent fireworks with water before placing them in an outdoor garbage can.
- Avoid using homemade fireworks or illegal explosives: They can kill you!
- Report illegal explosives, like M-80s and quarter sticks, to the fire or police department

**And note these special safety tips, if using sparklers:**

- Always remain standing while using sparklers.
- Never hold a child in your arms while using sparklers.
- Never hold, or light, more than one sparkler at a time.
- Never throw sparklers.
- Sparkler wire and stick remain hot long after the flame has gone out. Be sure to drop spent sparklers in a bucket of water.
- Teach children not to wave sparklers, or run, while holding sparklers.



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# Crime Trend - Community Pools

We wanted to make you aware of a **crime trend** we are starting to see this summer that we didn't see last year. This is the scenario we are seeing played out often:

A person goes to their community **pool** and takes a pool bag. The person pulls out their Ipad to check-in on social media just before going for a swim. The person then leaves the bag with the Ipad by their chair while swimming? Guess what happens to the Ipad?

We are seeing an increase in Ipads, Ipods, and other electronic devices being stolen by suspects at the pool. Please, if you are using the pool consider leaving these items home.

Some people have decided to leave their items in the vehicle. Please use this as a last resort. If you absolutely have to store items in your vehicle please consider storing the item in the trunk of your car prior to leaving for the pool.

Be safe!





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# Parking Violations in our Communities

### **PARKING VIOLATIONS**

**We continue to receive** multiple complaints about illegal parking in our communities. As a result, we wanted to take an opportunity to educate the community on some of the parking violations we have observed. The most common parking complaint violation we have received from our communities is parking on or blocking the sidewalk. Please keep in mind you can be ticketed for violating these city ordinances. The following link is a video on sidewalk safety <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-TDD-VB-sw>  
The ordinances are as follows:

#### **BLOCKING DRIVEWAY: \$25**

Park a vehicle in front of a public or private driveway. Sec. 14-216(a)(10). **(NOTE: The property owner can park in front of their driveway and block their own driveway.)**

#### **BLOCKING STREET: \$25**

Park a vehicle on a street so as to leave available less than 10 feet of the width of the roadway, such roadway having designated traffic lanes. Sec. 14-216(a)(22). **(NOTE: This is pretty straight forward. Drivers must leave 10 feet of width in the road when parking. Keep in mind, if an officer responds to this type of call and finds vehicles in violation, both vehicles can be ticketed regardless of who parked first.)**

#### **PARKING LEFT SIDE OF CURB: \$25**

Park a vehicle on a street other than parallel with the edge of the roadway, headed in the direction of traffic, and with the curbside wheels within 12 inches of the edge of the roadway. Sec. 14-216(a)(21). **(NOTE: Vehicles must park with the direction of traffic. In most residential communities this means the passenger side door will be closest to the curb. The driver's side door would open into traffic.)**

#### **PARKING ON SIDEWALK: \$25**

Park a vehicle on a sidewalk. Sec.14-216(a) (9). **(NOTE: the vehicle but be on the sidewalk... parking on the grassy area before the actual sidewalk does not violate this ordinance).**

#### **USING A STREET FOR STORAGE: \$25**

Park a vehicle on a street for the principal purpose of storage. [NOTE: Vehicle left standing in one place for a continuous period of more than 72 hours. Applies to a vehicle left standing in front of the owner's residence only when the vehicle does not have a license plate or has an expired license plate]. **(NOTE: An owner can legally park their vehicle in front of their property for more than 72 hours as long as the vehicle has a valid registration plate).**

**We ask that you please use discretion when calling 911. For reoccurring parking issues where the same house is continually in violation please contact your community coordinator:**

Officer L. O'Dell: [lodell@cmpd.org](mailto:lodell@cmpd.org)

Officer H.S. Peterson: [hpeterson@cmpd.org](mailto:hpeterson@cmpd.org)

704-432-3900



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### **Our Foundation for Children: Back To School Back Pack Event and Health/Wellness Fair**



**When: August 24, 2013 - 11 - 3: PM**

**Where: 5630 Phillips Street Charlotte NC 28269**

**Kids must be present to receive a backpack/school supplies**

**No Rain Date**

**FOOD WILL BE SERVED!**

#### **Health Screening & Testing include:**

Hypertension, Heart Disease, Blood Pressure, Basic Nutrition Health, Health and Wellness information, Athma Health Information, BMI-Readings, and Eye Exams.

**Some Information will be available in Spanish!**

#### **Sponsored By:**

BB&T, YBM, BoJangles, The Howitt Family, Coca Cola, Morning Star Baptist Church, BJ's Club, CMPD, Universal Cuts, Born 2 Ball

**More Information:** [www.ourfoundationforchildren.org](http://www.ourfoundationforchildren.org)

Email - [claircraig@msn.com](mailto:claircraig@msn.com)

Call 704-503-3996 or

704-547-4513



Our Foundation For Children

*Dedicated to the development of the child in the context of family and community*

### **Who We Are**

Our Foundation for Children, Inc. (OFC) was established in 2000 and became a non-profit incorporated "Family Preservation Service". The purpose of the organization is to expand and include services for the youth of Mecklenburg County and the surrounding Counties. Our mission rests on four cornerstones: The Family, Community, Education, and Culture. OFC promotes intellectual, discipline, and the skills necessary to identify and fulfill their personal goals. We are committed to improving the quality of life for all participants and preserving our neighborhoods, by ensuring that physical, and moral development of children, by providing them with a safe and challenging atmosphere in which to grow. OFC is dedicated to the development of the child in the context of family and community. Through the experiences to which our children will be exposed, we instill in them a hunger for knowledge, respect for themselves and others, participants are able to access and utilize the available social and economic services and support systems.



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National Night Out 8/6/2013

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**National Night Out 2013 will culminate on Tuesday, August 6**

**Don't forget National Night Out this year!**

**Please start making your neighborhood plans now!**

**If you would like us to visit your neighborhood on NNO, please let us know so we can put your community on the calendar.**





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# Youth Protection Ordinance (Curfew)

The City of Charlotte has enacted a **Youth Protection Ordinance** that imposes a curfew for juveniles less than 16 years of age.

Juveniles under the age of 13 cannot be in a public place or business from **10:00 pm until 6:00 am on any day of the week.**

**Juveniles ages 13-15 cannot be in a public place or business from 11:00 pm until 6:00 am on any day of the week**

(unless they fall within one of the exceptions listed below).

**A person will be in violation of this ordinance if they are:**

A **juvenile** and he/she are in a public place or premises of an establishment during the restricted hours.

A **parent, guardian or custodian** of a juvenile and he/she knowingly allow a juvenile to remain in a public place or on the premises of an establishment during the restricted hours.

A **business owner or operator** and he/she knowingly allow a juvenile to remain upon the premises during the restricted hours.

A **person 16 years of age or older** who aids and abets a juvenile in violating this ordinance.

A juvenile that violates this ordinance is subject to being adjudicated delinquent.

Any person other than a juvenile who violates this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor which requires mandatory court.

**A juvenile who is in a public place or business during the restricted hours is not in violation of this ordinance if they are:**

Accompanied by a parent or guardian or an adult 21 years or older who is authorized to be accompanying the juvenile for the designated period of time and purpose.

- ✓ On an errand, using a direct route, until 10:30 p.m. for juveniles under the age of 13 and 11:30 p.m. for juveniles 13-15.
- ✓ In a motor vehicle, with parental consent, engaged in interstate travel through the city originating or terminating the city.
- ✓ Traveling in a motor vehicle with a parent or guardian or other authorized person adult age 21 or older.
- ✓ Engaged in lawful employment or using a direct route to or from a place of employment.
- ✓ Reacting or responding to an emergency.
- ✓ Attending or traveling to or from an official function sponsored by the schools, a government or religious entity, a civic organization, or other entity that accepts responsibility for the juveniles.
- ✓ Exercising first amendment rights such as a free exercise of religion, freedom of speech and the right to assembly.
- ✓ Married or emancipated.
- ✓ When authorized by special permit from the Chief of Police when the necessary nighttime activities of the juveniles are not adequately addressed by other provisions of this ordinance.





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### **Firearm By Felon**

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department has launched a program intended to target felons carrying firearms in our community. The program will urge members of the community to call a dedicated phone line and forward anonymous information with the identity and whereabouts of a felon in the possession of a firearm. The anonymous caller will be eligible for a \$500.00 reward if an arrest is made as a result of their anonymous tip. Additionally, anyone in the public who forwards information leading to the arrest of a person illegally carrying a firearm may be eligible for a cash reward.

**During this campaign the community is asked to call our firearm tip line at 704.334.1600** to speak with a dispatcher. They will need to give the name and or detailed description of the suspect, and where the person is at the time of the call.

When the citizen calls to report a felon is in possession of a firearm, the following information should be obtained:

**Location:** Where is the felon located at this time? Where do the police need to respond to locate the felon?

**Event Type and Subtype:** The event type for the call is WP FWF– Weapon Felon with Firearm. The subtype should be Just Occurred.

This combination will enter the call as a priority 2 event.

**Felon's name:** What is the felon's name and how does the caller know they are a felon?

**Description:** Ask the caller for a complete description of the felon including clothing.

**Direction of Travel:** If the felon is on foot, what direction are they walking toward or from?

**Special Note** - If the felon is in a moving car, enter a BOLO message with description of both the felon and vehicle including the direction of travel. Do not enter a call for service. Advise the caller that a broadcast has been entered but because the felon is in a moving vehicle a call for service will not be entered.

**Weapon Information:** What type weapon and a description of the weapon? What is the location of the weapon? If the felon is carrying the weapon, does the caller know where, on the person, the weapon is?

### **Contact Information**

If the caller will leave call back information, enter the information into the call. If the caller refuses to give call back information, DO NOT enter any call back information in the call. ANI information should not be entered if the caller refused.



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*Significant Arrests | JUNE*  
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**University City**  
**Response Area 1411**



SARAH JOHNSTON  
INJURY TO PROPERTY **Graffiti** (X8)



TYLER O'CONNOR  
INJURY TO PROPERTY **Graffiti** (X8)



SHAWN BAKER  
B&E, LARCENY AFTER B&E, POSSES  
STOLEN FIREARM, POSSES FIREARM BY FELON



JARQUAVIS LOCKHART  
LARCENY OF MOTOR VEHICLE, POSS  
STOLEN GOODS, POSS STOLEN  
VEHICLE



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# Monthly Crime Stats

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### JUNE 2013 stats as Compared to JUNE 2012

Incident Type	June 2012	June 2013	Difference	Percent Change
Larceny-Other	18	24	6	33.33 %
Residential Burglary	12	16	4	33.33 %
Auto Theft	2	4	2	100.00 %
Aggravated Assault-Knife	0	1	1	NA
Aggravated Assault-Fists,Feet, etc.	1	1	0	0.00 %
Larceny of Bicycle	2	2	0	0.00 %
Aggravated Assault-Gun	2	1	-1	-50.00 %
Commercial Burglary	2	1	-1	-50.00 %
Larceny from Building	2	1	-1	-50.00 %
Larceny-Coin Operated Machine	1	0	-1	-100.00 %
Residential Burglary-Storage Bldg	1	0	-1	-100.00 %
Aggravated Assault-Other Weapon	2	0	-2	-100.00 %
Larceny-Shoplifting	4	1	-3	-75.00 %
Armed Robbery	4	0	-4	-100.00 %
Larceny from Auto	22	18	-4	-18.18 %



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### NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING /EVENTS THIS MONTH

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##### National Night Out Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 2013

**Event:** Cresthill Community Neighborhood Watch Start-Up

**Where:** Cresthill Community  
3329 Mason Drive

**When:** Thursday, July 18, 2013 6:30pm

**Event:** Quarterly Leadership Meeting – CMPD – Open to Everyone  
**In attendance:** CMPD, CMPD- Rental Ordinance, Char-Meck Section 8

**Where:** University Hilton

**When:** Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> 2013, 6:30 pm-7:30pm

If your community is having an upcoming event and you would like us to include it in our monthly newsletter, please let us know. Please E-Mail your requests to any of our listed community officers in your area. Please have your request in by the last week of each month!

If you are looking for a new addition to your family please consider an animal adoption. For more information visit Animal Care and Control:

<http://charmack.org/city/charlotte/CMPD/organization/Support/AnimalControl/Pages/default.aspx>

Officer Hassan Peterson- [hpeterson@cmpd.org](mailto:hpeterson@cmpd.org)

**If you would like us to visit your neighborhood on National Night Out, please let us know so we can put your community on the calendar.**

Got a Tip? Call Crime Stoppers@ 704-334-1600 (You can remain Anonymous)