

## Lakeview Crime Prevention District Meeting

June 26, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

St. Dominic Rectory, 775 Harrison Avenue, NOLA 70124

### **Opening**

The meeting started at approximately 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Val Cupit, Kevin Avin, Ann LeBlanc, Andrew Koehler, Aimee McCarron, Susan Dinneen, Nancy Lytle, Brian Anderson, and Joe Rochelle. Brian led the meeting in Graham's absence. Richard Bordelon, Sudi Joint, and Sgt. Benjamin were also present.

**Motion to approve minutes:** Susan moved, Kevin seconded and the April minutes were approved.

Before business started Kim Williams, Ph. D candidate with UNO spoke to say she is conducting research on how the community feels about the police department and asked that we fill out surveys to assist her with her dissertation.

### **Crime Report**

Sgt. Benjamin reported that there were 870 UCR crimes citywide, 81 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5 in Lakeview in June so far. Specifically, there were two business burglaries, 1 theft, 1 stolen vehicle and 1 shoplifting. Two cases are cleared.

There were 1411 items which included 60 calls for service, 269 traffic stops, 22 citations and 376 field interviews. To date only 3% of traffic stops have resulted in tickets being issued. Total response time has been 6:39 with 1:51 being holding time and 4:48 being in route time. Sgt. Benjamin has talked to officers because in route should be 3 minutes. The number of guns being stolen has gone down from last year. That may be due to change in concealed carry laws.

There has been a 41% decrease in crime. Last year to date there were 93 crimes, and this year there have been 55. The only categories where there have been an increase are aggravated burglaries and shoplifting. There has been a 148% increase in traffic stops.

### **Financials**

The audit has been completed and submitted to the legislature. There was also an "agreed upon procedures" audit. There were no findings on either audit. Next year there will be no agreed upon procedures audit required.

Next year's budget used to be due by 9/30 but now due to 8/29. We will advertise it before then and vote on it at next meeting. Sudi Joint went over the proposed budget for 2026. There was money set aside for vehicle (40K) and for sedan radios and equipment (14K) and based on Sgt. Benjamin's

statement that a vehicle is not needed Brian moved to move this amount to patrols and Ann seconded. All were in favor.

Sudie also went over the balance sheet. Accounts Payable includes \$507K in disputed millage. Regarding Profit and Loss, parcel fees are about the same as last year. Sudie is going to look into why the city is now not billing disputed millage separately. We are running well within the budget for 2025.

**Motion to adjourn:** Ann moved, Susan seconded and all were in favor. The meeting ended at around 7 pm.