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SAFETY MEETING

The next safety meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday, March 10th, at Mary Mac's. Sgt. Schierbaum will be on hand to discuss

- Burglary trends and tendencies in Midtown,
- His work with the street people in our area.

Sgt. Schierbaum was hired by the Atlanta Police Department in 2002, and graduated from its police academy in the spring of 2003 as valedictorian for his class. Initially APD assigned him as the beat officer for Midtown, an assignment he kept for the first several years. He was later promoted to the Zone 5 HOPE Team (Homeless Outreach and Panhandling Enforcement). Sgt. Schierbaum's role is very important to us because of the high volume of street people, and especially the problems they bring us. His role will help us and our patrol in street people management.

In 2007 he was transferred to Zone 6 and worked extensively with the Virginia Highland safety folks – he was very popular among that group. In 2008 he came home to our zone when he was promoted to supervisor of the burglary unit and the HOPE team.

Prior to becoming one of Atlanta's finest, he already had 9 years of law enforcement experience in Johnson County, Illinois. He served that agency as a communications supervisor and as a public information officer.

As always, Sgt. Cooper will be on hand to give an MPSA Patrol update. We encourage you to come early to have dinner and socialize with your fellow Midtowners.

ATLANTA POLICE BLOTTER

Business robbery on 2/28 - Two black males entered a business at 10th and Piedmont and calmly walked up to the counter. One of the subjects stated that he had a gun and demanded that the employee give him all the money in his wallet. . The other suspect stated that he was not interested in the cash register. The employee gave the suspects \$20 out of his wallet. The suspect took the money and while walking out they too the tip jar sitting on the counter containing around \$20. The victim never saw a gun, but one of the suspects kept his hand in his pocket during the entire incident.

Other reported robberies in MPSA service area

- Argonne Avenue on 2/07
- 700's Piedmont Avenue on 2/16
- 900's Piedmont Avenue on 2/21
- 800's Durant Place on 2/19 – involving a firearm
- 500's Greenwood on 2/27 (previously reported by MPSA)

Burglaries in the MPSA service area:

- 700 block of Chas Allen Drive on 2/01 (MPSA member wrote to us)
- 800 block of Vedado Way on 2/12 (previously reported by MPSA e-blast)
- 700's Durant Place on 2/26 – perpetrated by the victim's ex-girlfriend

Prowler - On 2/26 a white male was arrested on Mentelle Drive for prowling. It turns out that he has an extensive criminal history. He was currently on probation in Douglas County for entering an auto. His probation officer was contacted and notified of his recent arrest. A Fulton county jail look-up revealed that he was previously arrested for two simultaneous active warrants in different jurisdictions.

MPSA MAILBAG

This morning at about 9:30, my husband had just gotten back from walking our dog when the dog started barking. He came down the stairs and saw a black man about 5 foot ten seeming to be in good physical shape, and wearing a dark hoodie with gloves sticking out of his pants pocket. The man was peering in the front door paying no attention to our 55 lb dog who was barking at him right on the other side of the glass. The man was completely composed and did not back off when he saw my husband coming down the stairs. He had to open the door and tell him to get off the property, but the subject only walked slowly away.

We called the neighborhood patrol and Sgt. Cooper answered the phone. He told us to call 911 as he was not on duty yet. I called 911 and gave them a description. 10 minutes later an Atlanta Police officer came to our door to tell us that they were looking but that we should be wary as this guy was clearly looking to break in. In another 5 minutes, the officer was back as my husband was walking out to work, they had caught a black man in a hoodie on another front porch a few houses away. My husband waited and took a look at the man that they had apprehended. It was a different man. The guy in custody was shorter and chunkier and Gabriel said that his eyes were slightly bloodshot while the man at our door had clear eyes and looked unusually alert and together for a street person.

This is all to say, be careful and call if you see anything out of the ordinary.

BE SAFE! Please encourage your fellow Midtowners to join the MPSA!

- Your Neighbors at the Midtown Ponce Security Alliance