

TAKE BACK THE STREETS WALK

The walk event last week turned out great! Some 75 folks showed up at 6th & Argonne. Major Williams spoke for a few minutes, responding to questions and concerns by residents. We picked up some new members and a block captain, and we want to thank everyone who came out in support of the safety initiative.

- **Photos:** <http://www.midtownponce.org/walk0509/>

APD ZONE 5's HOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Major Williams has implemented a new program to ensure the safety of Midtown residents going home alone from work, from restaurants, etc. This program came from the Take Back the Streets Walk where a young woman speaking with the Major, told him she worked late into the nights and was afraid going from her car to her home, and asked what she could do. In response, the Major designed the program described below. We encourage anyone who is afraid to go home alone at night to take advantage of this police escort service, including those walking home from area restaurants and bars. It is important for you to let us know how the program is working as this is a pilot for the rest of Zone 5, so send us an email if you use the service. Major Williams further explained this program in an e-mail:

As it relates to so many of our residents living alone, and coming home late at night, we are implementing a "Home Assistance" program for the Midtown community. This initiative is intended to assist our residents who arrive home late at night. Simply, they can dial 404.658.7830 (Zone 5's Mobile Precinct) and request that an officer be available to meet them at their residence. Our staff will dispatch the request to a supervisor, who will exhaust all means to go directly to the address and wait, for a short time, for the resident to arrive. Our personnel will arrive in marked police cars and have their blues activated. I am hopeful that this will provide our men and women residents a feeling of being safe, when arriving home. If we can be of further assistance please inform me. We are implementing this as a pilot program and if successful, we will implement this for each of Zone 5's communities.

- **APD Zone 5 Mobile Precinct phone number: 404-658-7830**

LOW-FLYING HELICOPTERS

Major Williams also advised us that helicopters will fly low over selected locations in and around Midtown, and wishes to dispel any concern or curiosity that may arise. From his e-mail: *[The APD helicopter unit] was contacted by Russ Jamieson from Broadcast Solutions today. He called to make us aware of a two-day flight operation coming up in metro Atlanta next week, on Tuesday May 26 and Wednesday May 27. Their company flies a Hughes 500D helicopter, silver and blue in color (see link below), with the number 369PB. This craft has a front-mounted spherical camera rig. They are shooting high-definition film footage adjacent to many sites around Atlanta. The helicopter generally spends 15 to 20 minutes at low altitudes around the sites.*

[Camera Copters, Inc.](#) operates these helicopters that will hover over various location on this Tuesday and Wednesday.

- **Website:** <http://www.cassidyinc.com/CC/index.htm>

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