



Monthly Report- August 2009

Sector 412



During the month of July 2009, Sector 412 experienced an overall increase in major crimes (violent and property) by 19% as compared to July of 2008. This increase in major crimes was fueled by a 34% increase in property crimes. The good news is that there was a 36% decrease in violent crimes.

Violent Crime:

- There were 8 robberies of individuals in Sector 412 during August 2009. Although one robbery is too many, this number is down from the 18 we had during this period in 2008. Arrests have been made in two cases.
- 6 of the 8 robberies involved a weapon (gun, beer bottle, piece of wood).
- 4 of the 8 robberies involved more than one suspect.
- Sector 412 experienced 8 aggravated assaults in August. That's one more than we had in July, however, four have been cleared by arrest.

Property Crime:

- In August, Sector 412 continued to experience a decrease in Motor Vehicle Theft, even lower than in July. Additionally, there was a decrease in Theft from Motor Vehicles as well.
- Sector 412 experienced an increase of 7 more Residential Burglaries in August as compared to July. The incidents occurred during the daytime and at night, however, officers have been placed on directed patrol assignments in those areas targeted by these incidents. Residents are reminded to keep your doors locked, lights on and report suspicious activity immediately.

Contact Information:

4th Precinct:	646-4105
Lt. Corrigan:	646-4090
Drug Complaints:	646-8123
Truancy Hotline	646-ABCD (2223)





TIPS TO HELP YOU AVOID BECOMING A VICTIM

- **Criminals follow the law of the jungle when choosing a target. Just like in the wild, they watch for someone who appears to be weak, timid and on their own.**
 - **The key to avoiding an attack is to not display any of those signs! Walk quickly and with purpose when you are out.**
 - **If possible stay with a group of friends or at least close to others.**
 - **Anytime you are out in public, be aware of your surroundings. Watch others for suspicious behavior or anyone who might be studying you.**
 - **When it is dark, stay in areas that are well lit.**
 - **Regardless of where you go and what you are going to be doing, it is important to stay vigilant and use common sense.**
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- **Please continue to report suspicious persons or activities to the police as soon as possible. The non-emergency number is 646-5100.**
 - **The Richmond Police Department is on Facebook. Sign up for Facebook to connect with Richmond Police Department.**