

**District 3 Denver Police Citizens Advisory Board/CAB Meeting Recap
8 Jan 2025 – Submitted by Mickey Greenberg, Safety Chair WDCA**

Featured Speaker – Sgt Bret Hinkle – ACT – Anti-Crime Team

ACT

- Sgt Hinkle has been in this position since August 2023. He has a background as a detective, vice, marijuana team (now the fentanyl team), and Safe Streets doing a lot of undercover work
- Team of a dozen, two sergeants, uniform and undercover officers
- Commander Bell calls them his "Swiss army knife" for complaint follow-up that comes mostly through the CRO's although they are working on systems for complaints to funnel direct to ACT
- They are the quick-hit, reaction-team that reacts to complaints about everything from narcotics, fugitives, stolen vehicles, car-jacking, burglary suppression, gangs, shop lifting and the Broadway & Alameda crime area. They are not involved in longer-term investigations
- They recover on average one stolen car a day

Crime Stats

- Officers of Month were cited for their response to the burglary at B'nai Havurah, a Reconstructionist Jewish Congregation at 6445 E Ohio on November 16th. There were clear photos of the burglar, and the officers searched the area and located him by the King Soopers and arrested him. Note: this is not within Winston Downs.

The overall 2024 statistics. *District 3, covers one-third of the entire city*

Crime	District 3 Total City	
Person	+7.6%	+17%
Property	-25.5%	+25%
Public	+4.0%	+20%

- 55% of the aggravated assaults are domestic violence
- Burglary has gone down 19%
- 59% of the residential burglaries had no forced entry, in other words, garages and doors were left open
- 16% of the auto thefts involved vehicles where the keys were left in them
- Theft from vehicles dropped 43%
- Firearm crimes have dropped 10%
- Retail theft is huge and growing
- Our precinct 322 recently had three gun shot cases due to a drug deal
- Soft-on-crime legislation is a big contributor to high crime rates, examples:
 - Legalization of drugs
 - Bail reform – personal bonds
 - Limitation on police towing cars

New lower 20 mph speed limit opens door to more citations, but changing behavior takes time
Cars without plates

- Can tow away parked cars
- Cannot pursue moving vehicles, but can tag with "star dart" for tracking and apprehension when stopped
- Can pursue moving vehicles if there is suspicious activity such as cruising down an alley
- November campaign to stop vehicles without plates had moderate success

Self Defense

- DPD is offering self-defense classes nine times this year
- If interested fill out this form <https://us.openforms.com/Form/549462ab-4d95-4e3b-922d-2c5222590f39>