

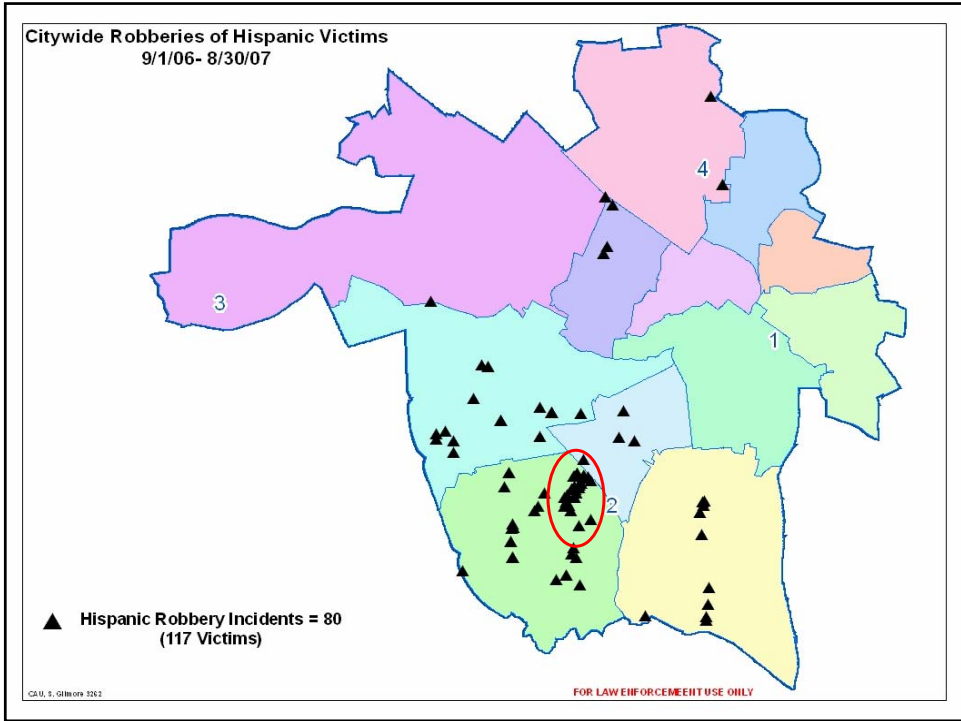


Captain Steve Drew
Commander, 2nd Precinct

Lieutenant Harvey Powers
OIC- Sector 212

THE PROBLEM:

- Latinos deal only in cash because of trust issues with banks, and a lack of identification prevents them from getting bank accounts.
- When a Latino is robbed of his cash, or is a victim of any crime, he does not know if the police officer he calls will question his status in this country.
- If the Latino victim does report a crime, he is much less likely to come to court to testify against the suspect.
- Most Latinos come from countries where the standards of conduct for local law enforcement are very different.
- The language barrier between the victim and police delays responsiveness to the crime.
- Dramatic differences in local law enforcement's policies of working with Latinos leads to confusion.



Between **September 1, 2006** and **August 30, 2007**
in the City of Richmond:

**There have been 1038 total Robberies,
117 of Latinos (11.3%).**

During that time, the Robbery Clearance Rate
for the city was **31%**.

The Robbery Clearance Rate
for Robberies of Latinos was **20%**.

Only **one** of the 117 reported Robberies
of Latinos involved a Latino suspect.

How do Robberies affect Gangs?



When Latino citizens are disproportionately targeted for robberies, and they do not trust the police to report these crimes, the frequent result is a dramatic increase in organized Latino Gangs and a subsequent **violent** conflict with existing local Gangs.



How is the Richmond Police Department positively engaging the Latino Community ?

Imagine
Festival



Held Every Fall,
1500 people Attend

**Southwood
Apartments
at
Christmas**



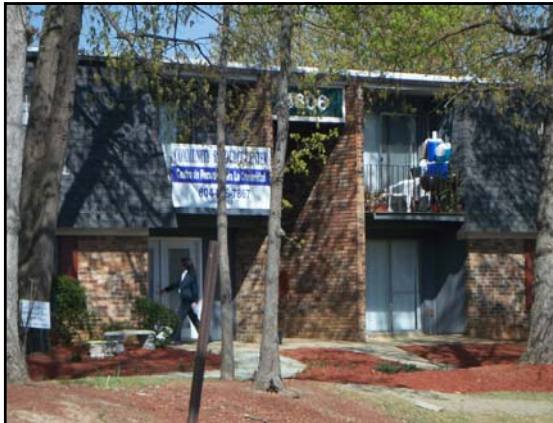
**32 Children
get presents
thanks to RPD
and the AG's office**



**ONE-STOP
GRAND OPENING
04-10-2007**



**Over 500
Meals Served!**



G.R.I.P. One-Stop

OTHER PROGRAMS:

- Virginia Employment Commission
- Girl Scouts / Boy Scouts
- GED Classes
- EL Civics Classes
- ESL Classes
- Mi Historia Theatre Program
- Children of Light, Life Skills
- Bon Secours Care-a-Van
(healthcare)



Hispanic Citizen's Police Academy Spring 2007



**National Night Out,
August 7, 2007, Southwood**



Served over
500 People!

Southwood Community Hispanic Citizens Meeting :
90 People attended!





Colaborando Juntos (CJ) is an innovative network of government, nonprofit, faith, private and community volunteers who work with and for the Latino/Hispanic community and its well being. CJ increases public awareness of critical issues by encouraging partnerships and leveraging resources. CJ serves the Central Virginia region. “Colaborando Juntos”...it means working together.

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**Departamento
de Policia de
Richmond
Sector 212**

Teniente Powers

Por el Teniente Harvey Powers

Hemos aprendido amargas experiencias, pero la más importante es que no podremos tener una comunidad segura, si no trabajamos juntos. No importa si no hablamos el mismo lenguaje ó no crecimos en el mismo vecindario. Si trabajamos juntos vamos a tener una comunidad segura y próspera, eso es precisamente lo que el Departamento de Policia de Richmond, trata de hacer cada día con todos los miembros de la comunidad.

Pero ésto no es tan fácil, no podemos comunicarnos, si no tenemos confianza el uno con el otro. Confianza es la llave para que podamos reunirnos en torno a una mesa y hablar como mejorar nuestra comunidad.

En una charla con el editor de éste periódico, hace unas semanas, mi amigo Alberto

Ojeda me ofreció la oportunidad de poder extender mi mano hacia la comunidad latina a través de Nuevos Horizontes, de manera que estaré escribiendo para ustedes en las próximas semanas.

Mi meta es discutir los problemas que suceden en Richmond e impactan la comunidad latina. Es probable que no sepamos todavía cuales son tus problemas, pero perméteme preguntarte:

- Cuáles son tus problemas?
- Cuáles son tus preocupaciones?
- Quáles son las buenas acciones que el Departamento de Policia de Richmond ha tenido con la comunidad latina?
- Qué necesitamos mejorar?

Juntos con Nuevos Horizontes, daremos un paso importante para aprender a conocernos. Si nos familiarizamos, desarrollaremos confianza para construir una amistad. Si tenemos amistad haremos nuestra parte en nuestra comunidad.

Por favor, pueden llamarme en cualquier momento, mi teléfono es el 804 646-8143. si no estoy, déjame mensaje y yo te llamaré, ha y por favor teneme paciencia apenas estoy aprendiendo español.

Don't waste money on bogus identification, it can cause you to get arrested.

Extra, Extra, Extra Venta de ID's que no son reconocidas...

Richmond, VA. Con información ampliada, sobre la famosa venta de ID's, el teniente Harvey Powers del Departamento de Policía de Richmond, platicó con Horizontes acerca de tan complicado asunto.

El teniente dijo con respecto a las ID's:

"Si como agente de la Policía, alguien me presenta un ID de esos, lo veo y pueden pasar 3 cosas:

1.- Si el nombre que aparece en el ID, no es el verdadero de la persona que lo posee, eso se llama "robo de identidad" y te voy a arrestar.

2.- Si el ID tiene el símbolo del Estado de Virginia y no es expe-

dido por el DMV, también te voy a arrestar por falsificación de documentos.

3.- Si en el ID, aparece tu nombre real y todo aparenta que no hay fraude ni de identidad ni falsificación de documentos, agarro el ID lo pongo por un lado y le pido un ID real.

Quiero decir, el el ID que no es el gobierno no sirve para nosotros, es lo mismo como agarrar un pedazo de papel y ponerle me llamo X.

No tienen validez, es importante que la comunidad no se dejen engañar porque esos documentos solo son tirar tu dinero a la basura, o mejor dicho llenarle la bolsa a otros que son más listos y se aprovechan de la situación de



Teniente Harvey Powers en su oficina del 2do precinct en Richmond, VA

la comunidad", remató el funcionario de la Policía.

Hace muchos años, cuando vivía en Charlottesville, conocí a un amigo de nombre Gregorio, que había venido a Richmond de pasaje y había visto en una tienda, la venta de un ID muy bonito.

Por curiosidad, fui con ellos a Richmond para ver de que se trataba.

Gregorio compró su flamante ID, con el escudo de los Estados Unidos, el Águila extendiendo sus alas, su foto su nombre y todo, pagó \$ 55 en aquel tiempo, hace uno 8 años.

Con el tiempo, hubo un problema y la policía se involucró, Gregorio solo era testigo de lo que había pasado en una pelea, la policía le pidió a Gregorio una identificación y les dio aquella ID que había comprado en Richmond.

El Policía usó su radio, se comunicó a la central y rápidamente llegaron otras 2 patrullas y se llevaron a Gregorio por portación de

documentos falsos.

Para obtener una identificación se puede hacer lo siguiente:

-Sacar su pasaporte normal en los consulados de los países.

-Sacar su identificación oficial del gobierno ya sea Mexicano, Salvadoreño, Hondureños, etc.

Pero no malgasten su dinero en un ID que les puede traer problemas en el futuro.

Recuerden que el FBI, rápido investiga esos casos, y si las personas son indocumentadas, el asunto puede terminar en deportación.

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Peddling Away Crime in Southwood

In the beginning of the third quarter there was an increase in the number of breaking and entering reports in Southwood. Second Precinct began emphasizing alternative patrol methods to address the spike in crime.

Sector 212 Officer Richard Price began patrolling on his bike and has done more than just deter criminal activity. His bike patrols helped reduced property crimes by 16 percent from Aug. 1 to Sept. 7.

Price's plan from the beginning has been to get as many trespassers as possible to eliminate outside traffic coming in the area.

"If the property crimes continued, then I would know it was someone in the complex," said Price. "I also wanted to reach out to the residents and let them know I was available if they needed me."

On the bike Price is able to be visible and invisible. "I can be out in the commu-



Officer Richard Price, who has been with the Department 11 years, takes alternative and community policing to a new level — on two wheels.

nity, talk to the residents, and be seen. If I need to do surveillance it is much easier to be discrete on a bike than in a patrol car," said Price.

Price's efforts are not going unnoticed. The neighborhood has called the precinct on a regular basis to recognize his presence.

"The residents have noticed him stopping his bicycle to help kids with their bicycles,"

said Sector 212 Lt. Harvey Powers. "It's good community policing."

"We are going to stay with this approach throughout the third quarter," said Captain Steve Drew. "At the end of the third quarter we will reevaluate the progress to see if this will continue. Price has done an outstanding job and built a great rapport with the citizens."

Problem-Solving Workshop

Third Precinct will host its Police & Citizen Partnership for Prevention Workshop 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow, at Lucille Brown Middle School, 6300 Jahnke Road. All are invited to attend.

Evans Elected to City Personnel Board

Thanks to your votes Captain Norris Evans has been elected to serve as one of the classified employee representatives on the City's Personnel Board. The other representative elected Tuesday is Rosalind Battle of Justice Services. Congratulations, Captain!



Campaign Kickoff Next Week

The 2007 Local Government and Schools United Way Campaign runs Sept. 24 — Oct. 12. Come out to the Department's kickoff celebration 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, at the Training Academy, featuring information, food, fun, and door prizes!

**What is the impact of the Richmond Police Department's
community engagement efforts in the Latino Community?**

2007 compared to 2006

Homicides down 100%

Robberies down 43%

Burglary down 14%

Motor Vehicle Theft down 27%

Traffic Fatalities

In the City of Richmond

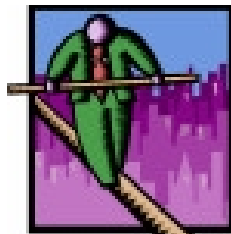


**In 2006, 3 of 20 traffic fatalities
were Latino. (15%)**

**So far in 2007, 9 of 21 traffic fatalities
were Latino. (43%)**

What can the Commonwealth do for Local Police?

- A DCJS policy on immigration “best practices” for local police departments state wide.
- An annual, state-wide conference on fostering Latino relationships with law enforcement.
- Further resources to police this expanding minority community; for recruiting Latino officers, community development, and community directed Patrols.



Walking the Tightrope

Currently, local Law Enforcement is balancing between involvement in enforcing immigration laws and finding ways of serving and protecting a victimized minority population that lives in our community and is increasing in number.