

NEP Blossom Hill Performance Report

I. Public Services Division:

- Cleaned **81** storm drain inlets and grates and any pipes found to be clogged
- **1.32 tons** of contained and uncontained garbage
- **45.85 tons** of junk debris
- **22.51 tons** of brush and wood debris
- An average of **132** recycling carts serviced weekly
- All wood and brush removal was recycled by grinding and transported to International Paper to use in fuel production.
- Total tonnage not to include recycling **69.68 tons of debris**.

II. Neighborhood Sustainability:

Through a partnership with the American Red Cross and the Rome/Floyd County Fire Department, volunteers & staff participated in the Home Fire Campaign. Through this coordinated effort 120 smoke detectors/alarms were installed. Thanks to the Rome/Floyd Fire Department and the American Red Cross of Northwest Georgia!!!

III. Code Enforcement Building Inspection Services Division:

- A total of **94** code enforcement notice letters were sent during the 90-day focus period.
- This led to **54** houses or **57 percent** of homes being brought into compliance!
- Of the **94** notices, **8** were cases eventually leading to court action with **4** still pending in our local municipal court. Of the **12 cases** staff is working with **8** of the property owners regarding remaining issues! Communication with Code Enforcement staff is the key!
- **2 houses** are scheduled for demolition!
- **2** of the property owners were eligible for financial grant assistance through our Community Development Minor Repair program!
- Still trying to locate another **5 property owners** in the Focus Area regarding their property!

IV. Police Services Division

Phase 1: Survey Period

Officers visited residents often in each resident's living room asking questions pertaining to their concerns regarding how the police department could better serve their community. Officers spent

85 hours in Blossom Hill during Phase One, speaking with **138** different families and/or business owners. The main issues of concern were drug activity and loitering, shoplifting, speeding vehicles and traffic violations, loud music, and criminal activity around vacant houses.

Phase 2: Enforcement Period

The goal: Increase officer presence in the Blossom Hill neighborhood to deter criminal activity.

Officers spent **62 hours** conducting concentrated patrolling and monitoring efforts addressing:

- Speeding by placing two speed monitors in the community.
- SEU motorcycle officers conducted patrols and issued traffic citations for speeding, seat belts, and stop sign infractions.
- A domestic disturbance was observed and handled by officers;
- Illegal drug activity

Third shift officers distributed over **50** night eyes cards to businesses during Phase Two. Officers also assisted with escorting a crowd in the neighborhood conducting a Peace Walk around Eagle Park.

Phase 3: Contact Phase:

The goal: Focus on spending time interacting with community members in a manner outside of traditional enforcement/response efforts.

- Take time to interact with residents and their families;
- **26** residents and families **opened their homes** and we provided assistance with items such as: assisting with searching for a missing family dog;
- helping deal with squirrels in the attic;
- how to better protect their homes and prevent burglaries;
- provide definitions of certain traffic laws during an impromptu question and answer session with residents.
- Officers distributed police badge stickers to many of the children in the community, and participated in pick-up basketball games with several kids in the neighborhood.