



Zoning in on Center City

Three months have passed since the newest squad of the Springfield Police Department was formed – Squad 17 is an eight-person squad that was created in January to help respond to calls for service during peak times and in peak areas.

In 2016, Police Chief Paul Williams tasked the Department's Leadership Council to study and analyze staffing and deployment of Department resources. They found that weekdays tend to produce the most calls for service, there is a greater concentration in the middle of the city and most of these occur in the late afternoon and early evening.

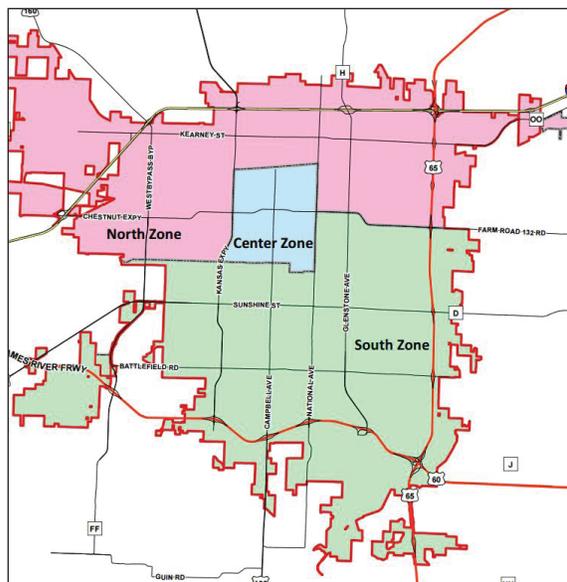
The SPD divides the City into three zones: north, south and center city. With center city having fewer officers assigned to the area, north and south officers were often being pulled to respond to calls to the center city area during those peak times. Reassigning officers from other squads and deploying them as part of Squad 17, has resulted in an immediate impact in the Center City Zone.

"Our goal is to reduce the response times of officers and to be able to provide more coverage throughout the City," said Williams. "Placing additional officers in the area with the highest call volume at the busiest times of day should positively impact citizens citywide."

The City of Springfield's Zone Blitz also played a part in the decision to create this redeployment of personnel resources within the Department. Citizens involved in the project in northwest Springfield noted that they wanted to see more of a police presence in their neighborhoods and that's what they are seeing with Squad 17.

Officers of SPD's Squad 17 responded to 623 incidents during the first three months of formation, proving to be beneficial for the Department and the citizens of Springfield.

Police Zones



Community Engagement

Springfield Police Department offers a variety of programs and services that engage citizens in public safety initiatives.

- Police Area Representative (PAR) Officers
- Crime Prevention
 - Neighborhood Watch
 - Business Watch
 - Night Watch
 - CPTED
 - Apartment Watch
 - Citizens Alert Patrol
- Targeted awareness campaigns
- Crime Stoppers
- Citizens Police Academy
- Coffee with the Chief
- Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)

Police Engagement

Springfield Police Department is organized to maximize effective deployment and utilization of resources.

- Highly trained and specialized teams
- Targeted enforcement efforts
 - people - places - crime
- Annual beat surveys
- Spirit of service
- Commitment to transparency
- Crime trend analysis
- Daily officer deployment based on crime data

See Something. Say Something.

There's no information that's insignificant. Don't hesitate. Call 911.

Report criminal activity anonymously to Crime Stoppers.

(417) 869-TIPS

Text a Tip: Text 417SPD plus your message or photo to CRIMES (274637)

Headquarters:

321 E. Chestnut Expressway
Springfield, MO 65802

South District Station:

2620 W. Battlefield Rd.
Springfield, MO 65807

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Springfield Crime Statistics

First Quarter 2017 (Jan. - March)

↑ **17%**

Overall increase
in crime in 1st Qtr.
(Compared to 1st Qtr. 2016)

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

Jan. - March	2016	2017
Homicide	4	5
Rape	64	82
Robbery	86	92
Aggravated Assault	365	318
Total Against Persons	519	498

THERE WAS A 4% TOTAL **DECREASE** IN CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS FROM THIS PERIOD IN 2016.

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

Jan. - March	2016	2017
Burglary	527	525
Larceny/theft	2,179	2,574
Stolen Vehicle	267	472
Total Against Property	2,973	3,571

THERE WAS A 20% TOTAL **INCREASE** IN CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY FROM THIS PERIOD IN 2016.

Thieves are after your car and what's inside.

Hide it, lock it, KEEP IT!



More than 1/3
of all thefts reported are
thefts from inside vehicles.

Keeping valuables hidden
and locked up is the best
way to avoid being a victim.

Auto thefts alone
increased by 77%.

The steep and consistent increase in
auto thefts continue to "drive" the
overall crime rate upward and
are often preventable by
not leaving idling cars
unattended and by
simply removing the keys.



Learn more about how you can be involved in crime prevention efforts:
(417) 874-2113 or **springfieldmo.gov/spd**