

DISORDER AND VIOLENT CRIME IN BAHAMA AND HAWAIIAN TERRACE -DISTRICT THREE-

The Team:

CPD's District Three Neighborhood Unit, Mt. Airy Redevelopment, Mt. Airy Town Council, Mt. Airy CPOP, City Health, Buildings

Scan:

District Three had a handful of complaints about disorder, late night crowds/parties, and abandoned vehicles. Officers were worried these quality of life complaints were connected to a recent homicide and quadruple shooting in November 2024.

Upon further scanning, Sgt Hicks and the neighborhood unit found more trash than expected. This included large junk items, like kitchen appliances, abandoned and junked vehicles, car parts, and an entire abandoned flatbed moving truck.



D3's NLU team walked the property and found the residents (and management) were not providing proper trash disposal. Cameras and lighting were inoperable. Building conditions were unsafe, including outward facing doors without steps even on second story units.

Upon discussions with the investigative team and community members, CPD believed the abandoned vehicles signaled the community was a place where stolen vehicles could be stashed or scrapped with little concern for detection. Not only was the space used to facilitate crime, but it facilitated interactions between offenders, some of which are likely to carry firearms.

Response:

In response to the issues, District Three increased directed patrols in the area. CPD also tagged and arranged for all trash and junk items to be removed. This included 7 vehicles towed in September and October. (In early 2025, 14 more vehicles were removed with assistance from the Health Department, and a large tire dump was remediated).

CPD is working toward piloting the new drone program to more efficiently patrol these properties

Assessment:

Calls for Service were analyzed to capture criminal (priority) and "nuisance" activity (urgent) that did not reach to level of criminality. Prior to the majority of CPOP responses, there was an average of 131 urgent calls per month and 13 priority calls per month; however, those dropped in the first 4 months of 2025 (112 urgent calls per month and 8 calls per month).

To account for seasonal effects (perhaps 2025 only included cold months), the same 4 months of 2024 were compared to 2025 as well. The reduction was similar. In 2024, the first 4 months averaged 127 urgent and 13 priority calls per month; both lower than those seen after the CPOP responses.

