



Reno Police Department



"HOT SPOTS"/

TOP 3 CFS LOCATIONS FOR THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF SEPTEMBER:

SOUTH (Meadowood Mall, Atlantis, and Peppermill were excluded):

- ♦ 950 Nutmeg Pl.....S calls
- ♦ 700 E. Peckham.....7 calls
- ♦ Numerous tied at 6 calls to include 3328 Kietzke Lane,.

NORTH:

- ♦ 5150 Mae Anne.....11 calls
- ♦ 2855 Northtowne10 calls
- ♦ 2880 Sutro St. & 6060 Silver Lake, both with.....8 calls

CENTRAL (excluding major casinos. Bus stations & hospitals):

- ♦ MacGregor Inn.....9 calls
- ♦ Numerous tied at 6 calls to include- 214 Lake St., 255 Virginia, 2570 Tacchino, 303 W. 2nd St., 500 W. 2nd St., 200 Mili Street,

Pat Baker Park by Jackson Mahler

In late December 1998, I opened the Pat Baker Park POP/CPTED project at the request of Lt Walker and under the supervision of Sgt. Bice. The history of Pat Baker Park is well known within the police department and throughout city government as a focal point of criminal activity in the northeast neighborhood. Specifically, the problems center around criminal activity related to drug use and sales. Traditional police methods have been among the most common responses to this problem. By this, I am referring to arrest sweeps, controlled drug buys, concentrated high visibility patrol, law changes restricting otherwise legitimate activity with the park, and declaring the park to

be and alcohol and drug free zone. Each of these, though well intentioned, have had a temporary effect on an ongoing problem. Though these methods have a place in the response to Pat Baker Park, an evaluation as to the environmental design of the park, and to what draws this element of society here, rather than another location of similar size and scope, was necessary. The first and most noticeable negative Environmental Design element of the Park is the lack of lighting. The first phase of correcting this was completed by the city parks department in early March of this year, four new street lights were installed in the park. Existing lighting is scheduled for repair. Another CPTED principle that



Pat Baker Park, December 1998

is being evaluated in the park is natural surveillance. Removal of the concrete wall of the gazebo and removal of the bathrooms is under consideration. Trimming of some trees around the park has opened up surveillance from Oliver Street. The Pat Baker Park project is in its infancy, but, as you can see, some exciting changes are taking place and new ones are in the works.

Hot Spots by Kim Brudshani

Hot spots are clusters of crime events in particular locations. The clusters are usually made up of street addresses or street segments. Lawrence Sherman noted that future crime is "six times more predictable by the address of the occurrence than by the identity of the offender"

and he queried, "Why aren't we doing more about it? Why aren't we thinking more about wheredunit, rather than whodunit." Hot spots are generally created through poor environmental design or repeat victimization. Many hot spots can be eliminated through design

changes or victim education. Take a look at the City of Reno hotspots (in the column on the left) and see what you can do.



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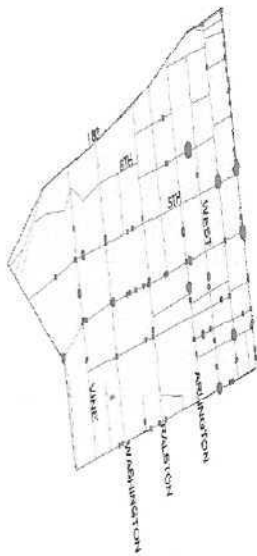
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The above map, depicting cails for service in 21& 22 reporting districts for September, is one example of the many capabilities of the new Reno Police Department Crime Analysis Unit.

Community Policing & Crime Analysis By Kim Gibson

The Reno Police Department is moving into the 21st Century with the development of an exciting new unit, the Crime Analysis Unit. Historically, information needed by an officer or investigator was obtained only after a time consuming and often frustrating search. This problem, combined with a general lack of communication between divisions, resulted in critical and timely information being lost. Information being sent to citizens was often old and of little value to them. The days of being caught flat footed without answers for our community, are gone. Our departments data, along with data from outside sources is being entered into our

Crime Analysis system. This program takes the data from nearly any source, converts that information into a format the program can read, attaches a "geocode" (geographical coordinate) to it and then plots the information on a map. Currently we can provide you with a picture of the location of occurrences and identify "hot spots" of criminal activity, on a monthly basis. In the next several months, we hope to have this down to a 24 hours turn-over. With the inclusion of criminal history information from various data stores, such as the ex-offender files, we can plot last known addresses. A program, called Arc View, will

enable us to provide you with a view from different sources. This will assist the crime analyst, detective, or officer in identification of a possible suspect, trends, etc. For the problem solving officer, the crime analysis unit will be capable of providing a visual model of an identified area. Multiple layers of data can then be introduced to assist in developing a plan to affect the problem. For the community, we are working on a web page that will provide our citizens with information about crime in their neighborhood. Knowledge is power and with this type of tool we are looking forward to meeting our communities needs, now and in the future.