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Dear Zone 7 and 8 Residents:

As a result of several significant crimes (specifically armed robberies, vehicular hijackings and firearm discharges) occurring in South Oak Park, the Oak Park Police Department has implemented several initiatives to address the crime surge.

**The patrol division is tasked with increasing officer presence.** A directed patrol mission was instituted to supplement the afternoon shift. The hours of increased staff are from 1:00 p.m. through 1:00a.m.

**All uniformed patrol is tasked with increasing traffic enforcement.** In response to citizen input in South Oak Park traffic enforcement has increased by 103%, across all shifts.

**Directed missions related to firearms enforcement.** To date, 63 firearms have been recovered by the Oak Park Police Department, a 14.5% increase YTD.

**Engagement of regional law enforcement partners.** The Support Services Bureau is coordinating joint traffic missions with both Chicago PD (Austin Blvd) and Forest Park PD. (Harlem Ave.) Exploring the possibility of installing a surveillance camera with LPR capabilities in the area. The Village has signed a MOU agreement with FLOCK Technologies. Our Detective Bureau Street Crime Team and the West Suburban Drug and Gang Enforcement Group (WEDGE) is conducting data driven tactical and covert operations in south Oak Park.

**Engagement of local non-for-profit agencies.** The department has received several citizen complaints regarding activity in Maple Park such as drinking alcohol in the park, loitering, fighting, etc., second watch officers are tasked with performing foot patrols in the park. Officers sought assistance from Housing Forward for persons in need of assistance.

**Engagement of other Village departments.** The department requested from Public Works the installation of Road Tubes, below is the action plan provided by Jill Juliano, Traffic Engineer:

Road tube traffic counters were deployed at the following locations between Tuesday (11/30/2021) 9:00am thru Wednesday (12/01/2021) 3:00pm inclusive:

- 1100 block of Lexington St (Lexington between Wisconsin Ave & Maple Ave)
- 1135 block of Lexington St (Lexington between Maple Ave & Harlem Ave)
- 900 block of S Maple Ave (Maple between Garfield St & Lexington St)
- 1000 block of S Maple Ave (Maple between Lexington St & Harvard St)

The purpose of the traffic tubes is to collect real time data on the number of cars and speed of the cars near the intersection of Lexington and Maple. We will collaborate with Public Works and the area residents to utilize this data to determine any next steps.

**Follow up.** The department plans to conduct a follow up town hall style meeting for Zone 7 in January of 2022. We will invite staff from Public Works to this meeting to answer questions and provide options based on the synthesized data. If any resident has questions or concerns in the interim they may contact Zone 7 and 8 Resident Beat Officer John Rumoro #420 at 708-305-9782 or email [rumoro@oak-park.us](mailto:rumoro@oak-park.us)

Sincerely,

*LaDon Reynolds, Chief of Police*