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## Project CRUSADERS uses adaptive approach to moving target of neighborhood crime

### ◆ ***Sheriff floods University of Detroit area with patrols & enforcement***

CRUSADERS = Crime Reduction Utilizing Statistical Analysis, Data Evaluation & Response Strategies

Residents living in neighborhoods near the University of Detroit are the latest to see an intensified and highly visible presence from Wayne County Sheriff's Deputies as part of Project CRUSADERS, Sheriff Warren C. Evans announced today.

As part of a two-day enforcement initiative that has been weeks in planning, the Sheriff's Office has flooded this westside community - bounded by Fenkell, Wyoming, Livernois and Linwood - with a wide range of enforcement units, including narcotics, prostitution, auto theft, traffic patrol, DDOT patrols and fugitive apprehension. Deputies, along with Michigan Department of Corrections agents also are going door to door to check on parolees and probationers in the area to make sure they are complying with the conditions of their supervised release from court of prison.

"The purpose of this moving operation is to saturate a community that has been experiencing some crime problems with specialized Sheriff's Office units of all types for maximum impact," Evans said. "By the end of this effort, much of the criminal element in this area will be in jail or at least been thrown completely off their game."

Evans said the CRUSADERS effort, which is designed to support the daily activities of the Detroit Police Department and other local agencies, has resulted in a lower number of reported crimes in the targeted area for several weeks following the initial blitz. The focus on the University of Detroit area came after residents in the area expressed their concerns about an increase in crime in their community, in both amount and severity. Recent statistics show a high number of B&E's, larcenies, auto theft and armed robberies.

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“The important thing about CRUSADERS, is that it is a data driven approach to fighting crime,” Evans said. “We go where the numbers and the complaints tell us there have been a lot of problems. We hit that area hard, and while the shock waves are still being felt, we move on to the next area.”

Earlier this year, the CRUSADERS effort visited the Virginia Park and Jefferson East neighborhoods, where deputies raided several drug houses and made dozens of arrests for a number of different offenses.

“We know that this effort will not be the solution to all of those problems on a long term basis, but the more we can keep the crooks off balance before we come back again, the safer this area will be,” Evans said.