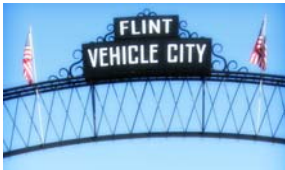


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Anonymous Tip Leads To Serial Capture

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For several days in early August Flint was a community on edge after police alerted residents of a possible serial stabber being in our midst.

At the request of Flint Police Chief Alvern Lock a public safety task force was established to help capture this suspect. The task force included several local law enforcement agencies and was headed by Michigan State Police.

More than 400 tips were called in to the tip line about the possible whereabouts and identity of the suspected killer. Included in these tips was one received on August 10th that led police to a convenience store in Mt. Morris Township. This tip proved to be the breakthrough police were looking for.

33 year old Elias Abuelazam was arrested at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta, Georgia August 11,



Elias Abuelazam-suspect

2010. He was preparing to board a plane to Israel.

Abuelazam is currently behind bars in the Genesee County Jail, charged with assault with intent to murder. According to Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton more charges are coming.

Abuelazam is suspected of stabbing 14 people in Genesee County, killing 5. He is also suspected of similar assaults in Ohio and Virginia.

We Need Your Tips

Because someone was willing to share information about a crime the community now breathes a sigh of relief as one suspected criminal is taken off the streets.

We need more people to come forward and share information about crimes that have been committed. There are many unsolved crimes in our community waiting for someone to speak up. The serial stabber case is a prime example of how important the *Public* is to *Public Safety*.

If you have information about a crime and want to stay anonymous please call the Flint Police Anonymous Tip Line **(810) 237-6812**.



Time For A CeaseFire

During the Neighborhood Action process City of Flint staff went into every ward of the city and held action sessions. Residents from these community meetings identified public safety as their number one concern. That is why Mayor Walling and Chief Lock are committed to exploring new ways of tackling this old issue of crime that has been plaguing our community for far too long.

This past July the City of Flint along with the group Flint Area Congregations Together (FACT) hosted a community meeting to discuss the CeaseFire Public Safety Initiative. More than 200 residents came out for the meeting. At the beginning of the meeting you could sense that some residents were skeptical – wondering if this kind of program could work here in our city. By the end of the meeting, following a presentation by Jim

Fealy, Chief of Police of High Point, North Carolina, there was a noticeable change of sentiment from those in attendance. People were inspired, encouraged, and ready for a CeaseFire in the community.

This model is a proven success. Chief Fealy shared with the crowd how his city was able to reduce crime over a 10 year period by more than 40 percent

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(810) 766-7430

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(810) 766-7335

Parks and Recreation

(810) 766-7463

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Emergency – 911

Community Policing

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Time For A Ceasefire cont.

after the implementation of the CeaseFire model.

Mayor Dayne Walling said Flint is ready for this kind of change. “Our CeaseFire Public Safety initiative is built on the foundation of strong enforcement, and focused deterrence. It relies on solid partnerships between law enforcement, social service providers, faith leaders, and the community,” said Walling.

The city has requested \$2.5 M in federal grants to help with the implementation Flint CeaseFire.

Blue Badge Volunteer Patrol

Blue Badge Patrol Volunteer



Corps is an amazing opportunity for government and residents to work together. It is partnerships between residents, business owners, and police working together that have a positive impact on reducing neighborhood crime, reducing

the fear of crime and enhancing the quality of life in the community.

Dozens of residents came out for the first round of Blue Badge Trainings. More trainings are being scheduled for the fall. These trainings are open and free to the public.

For more information please email Rhoda Matthews at rmatthews@cityofflint.com or visit www.cityofflint.com

Blight Elimination Program

The City of Flint has implemented its new Blight Elimination Program. Blight Elimination Officers (BEO) are responsible for enforcing the City's nuisance ordinances related to blight.

These officers will document blight in neighborhoods and ticket property owners and residents who are found in violation. The BEO will inspect the exterior of the property. They will look for things like inoperable vehicles in the yard and

street, basketball hoops on the street, trash and weeds on the property, high grass, and broken windows. BEO's will conduct property inspections by referral and throughout the city. **To make a referral call the City's Blight Elimination Hotline 810-237-2090.**

Properties found in violation of the nuisance ordinance will be ticketed. People will be allowed to appeal their ticket to the new City of Flint Blight Elimination Administrative Bureau. This

bureau, located at City Hall, has been established to hear cases of code enforcement violations. In most cases individuals will fined \$25.00 and given a timeline to bring their properties into compliance. In the most severe cases of code violation, jail time can be a penalty.

The purpose of the Blight Elimination Program is to clean-up our city and encourage property owners to take pride in their property investment.

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Thursday—12 Noon
WNEM Channel 5

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