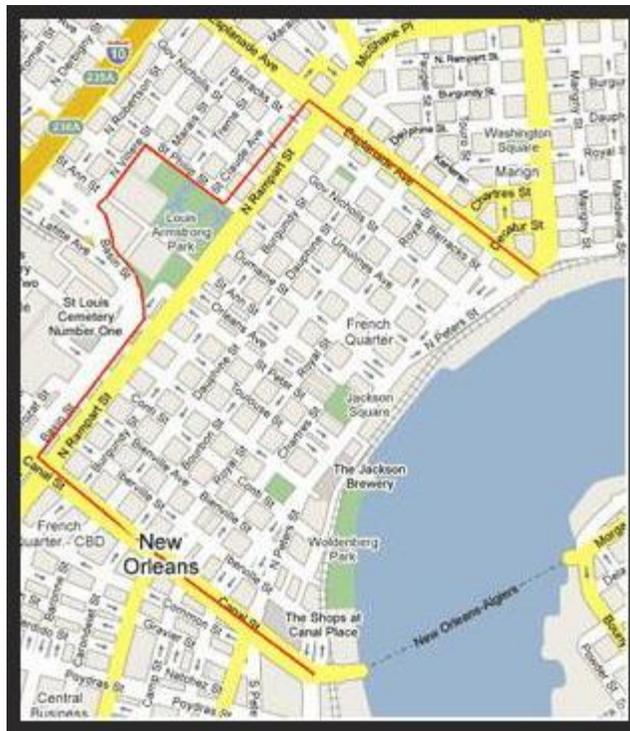


NOLA Patrol

On Thursday, November 6, 2014, City Council approved Mayor Mitch Landrieu's pilot plan to hire and train 50 civilians for NOLA Patrol. The 50 NOLA Patrolman will work to alleviate non-emergency tasks from the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) within the French Quarter. The NOLA Patrol will work under a Platoon Sargent within the 8th District Police Station: 3 shifts a day, 7 days a week. NOLA Patrol will be uniformed and their vehicles decaled, however they will easily be differentiated from sworn NOPD officers.

The funding for this initiative is coming from a hotel self-assessment that was coordinated by the New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) and approved by the state legislature in 2013. The Louisiana Legislature authorized hotels in New Orleans to add a voluntary 1.75% assessment that could be added to hotel bills at participating hotels. Of that, 1.5% would be split evenly between the New Orleans Tourism and Marketing Corporation and the CVB for marketing purposes, with 0.25% going to the City for services within the French Quarter Management District (see map).



What will NOLA Patrol do?

Foot Patrols - NOLA Patrol officers will primarily be on foot and bike in the French Quarter area, which enables them to enhance the presence of NOPD and interact with area residents and visitors, ultimately strengthening connections between NOPD and the community.

Traffic Control - NOLA Patrol will be able to direct traffic, under the supervision of experienced NOPD Officers, alleviating the need to commit as many Officers to traffic control during daily rush hours and special events.

Minor Automobile Accidents - For minor accidents (those that do not result in injury or have less than \$500 in damage), NOLA Patrol will be able to assist NOPD in responding to the scene. They will also assist in securing the scene and assisting in traffic control for more serious offenses, that typically require a police officer.

Quality of Life Issues - NOLA Patrol will be able to respond to non-emergency calls for service, quality of life complaints, and City code violations. They will also be able to enforce taxicab & "for hire" vehicle laws, and city ordinances. Allowing them to resolve many of these minor incidents will improve police response times for both emergency and non-emergency incidents.

Why is NOLA Patrol necessary?

New Orleans welcomes 9.1 billion visitors a year, exacerbating a NOPD force which is already experiencing serious manpower pressures. Additionally, the French Quarter area generates thousands of non-emergency calls per year, especially for Quality of Life and nuisance enforcement. These calls consume precious time from already limited NOPD resources.

NOLA Patrol will reduce NOPD manpower pressures by addressing non-emergency complaints and quality of life enforcement, freeing up NOPD 8th District officers for emergency response and visible crime deterrent foot patrols. NOLA Patrol will also enhance visibility, as they will be on foot and bike patrols.

Delegating non-emergency policing tasks to civilians is a model successfully deployed in several other major cities, including most prominently in Times Square with NYPD's Traffic Enforcement Agents.

What types of "Quality of Life" offenses will NOLA Patrol officers be able to enforce?

Parking

-Sec. 154-800 to 1100

Permits

-Artists - Sec. 110-130 to 132

-Transient Vendors - Sec. 110-265 to 269

-Food Vending on Street --Sec. 110-199

Other Frequent 8th District QoL Complaints

-150-953 No Occupational License

-150-804 Certificate/License to Be Displayed in Conspicuous Place

-10-47 No ABO Permit

-10-125 Permits to be Displayed (in ABO)

-10-128 No Manager on Premises

-10-401 Sales Restricted Within Premises

-10-403 Sidewalk Seating Not Permitted

-138-38 Placement of trash containers

-138-44 Days of Collection, placement and removal of garbage and trash containers

-18-13 Soiling of public/private property by animals

-154-1416 Riding bicycle on sidewalk

-54-489 Shirts/mannequins hanging from exterior of buildings

-54-419 Aggressive Solicitation

-54-412 Aggressive panhandling

-122-51 Buses over 31 feet in FQ

What are the benefits of establishing NOLA Patrol?

Reduce Manpower Pressures - NOPD is ramping up its recruitment efforts to add new Officers, but once hired all recruits must complete almost six months of Academy training before graduation. Hiring NOLA Patrol (6 weeks of training) will provide a way to quickly supplement NOPD's existing manpower while recruits are completing their training.

Alleviate Stress on 8th District Officers - 8th District Officers regularly handle as many or more [Uniform Crime Reports](#) crimes than nearly any other district. However, in addition to these serious crimes, they are also forced to respond to

thousands of non-emergency calls for service each year. Many of these calls are the result of the downtown area's high density of visitors. This non-emergency demand impacts Officers' ability to respond to violent crime or emergencies.

Enhance Visibility - NOLA Patrol will allow for a greater NOPD presence in the downtown, enhancing NOPD visibility in the area and deterring crime. A typical shift would include 5-7 NOLA Patrol officers in the French Quarter.

Lower Cost Resource - Allowing NOLA Patrol to do work currently being carried out by seasoned NOPD Officers (sometimes working on overtime) will replace a relatively high cost resource with a much more affordable resource.

Will the NOLA Patrol officers be armed?

No. NOLA Patrol will have a NOPD radio so they can communicate with NOPD 8th district officers.

Will the NOLA Patrol officers have arrest powers?

Will the NOLA Patrol officers be able to write citations?

NOLA Patrol officers will not have arrest powers; however, they will be able to write both citations for municipal code offenses and Municipal Court summonses.

When will the patrols start?

We anticipate that the hiring process will begin in early December. Training is a 6-week process. We expect patrols to start by Mardi Gras 2015.

How will residents and businesses request enforcement or tip off NOLA Patrol personnel?

Currently, the 8th District headquarters and NOPD quality of life officers receive non-emergency calls directly. Also, many quality of life complaints are reported through NOLA 311. Because NOLA Patrol will be on the same radio system as NOPD 8th District officers, they will be able to get the same information and be able to respond accordingly. We are exploring creating a dedicated hotline for reports to NOLA Patrol.

We ask the FQBA membership to email in feedback once NOLA Patrol begins to graffiti@fqba.org

We will collect this information on the pilot program and present it to the Administration on behalf of businesses within the French Quarter.

For more information on NOLA Patrol
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