



Daniel Humphreys

Sergeant Detective, Commander Auto Theft Unit
Boston Police Department

Sergeant Detective Daniel (Dan) Humphreys, has honorably served his country as a U.S. Marine Corps member and in the Boston Police Department (BPD) for the past twenty years. Dan cares about the needs of citizens and is aware of quality of life issues. As a Cadet, he handled assignments with concern for those he was called to help. As a Sergeant he was accessible to and respectful of his fellow officers' needs while empowering them to complete assignments.

In 2011 Dan was transferred to the Internal Affairs Division and promoted to Sergeant Detective. In this position he handled one of the Police Department's most difficult tasks, the investigation of citizen allegations of wrongdoings by police officers, with competence and professionalism.

Dan was assigned as Commander of the Boston Police Department's Auto Theft Unit in 2014. Prior to his appointment auto theft in the City had increased 9%. Reaching out to crime analysts, Dan identified "hot spots" and "impact players" involved in these thefts. Then, he and his two detectives, began targeting and surveilling the cited areas and individuals.

After securing the donation of the target model car, Dan provided "bait" for the thieves and kept it under surveillance. Several incidences of theft identified the major "impact player" who was then sentenced to jail. In a two year period, auto theft was reduced 19% and word of

Dan's competence travelled throughout the state. Since then he has helped numerous cities and towns reduce their auto theft rates

Dirt bikers disregarding the law and driving recklessly is another area where Dan's initiative has improved quality of life issues. Illegal bike rides had become popular in some neighborhoods creating a safety problem. Many of the bikes were stolen and riders drove the wrong way on streets or did "wheelies" on the sidewalk. With no laws to stop them, Dan asked the City Council to create a city ordinance that directed police to confiscate the bikes. As a consequence of Dan's request, the number of tyrannizing rides in neighborhoods has dramatically decreased and stolen bikes have been returned to their owners.

While some might say that noise is simply a factor of living in the City, BPD recognizes that loud noises cause distress. Motorcycles with illegal exhausts become an earth shattering noise when revved, so when this began to happen in parts of Boston, Dan and his officers started surveilling these areas. They issued citations but also worked to educate riders on the detrimental effect their noise had on the tranquility of the neighborhoods. Today Boston is a quieter city thanks to their initiative.

Sergeant Detective Daniel Humphreys, we thank you for your commitment to serving Boston. We congratulate you Dan on your selection as a 2016 Shattuck Award recipient.