

MANITOWOC CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE

October 6, 2011 – Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Linda Blahnik, Mary Schilder, Rita Muench, Robert Dewane, Steve Kleinfeldt, Lynn Scheinoha, Gloria Wallace, Vicki Wetenkamp, Chris Able, Charles Rasmussen, Don Stefancic, Annie Short

High School Members Present: Dalton Hermanns, Jay Skinner, Cooper Schmidt

Law Enforcement Members Present: Sgt. Bruce Jacobs, Melia Prange, SRO Craig Jansen

Not Present: Ralph Kramer, June Kramer, Wendy Smith, Kelly Becker, Pamela Campbell, Gloria Wallace, Dick Weber,

1. **Roll Call:** Chairperson Linda Blahnik called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.
2. **Review of CPC Minutes:** The minutes of the September meeting were reviewed and Unanimously approved (m/s – Dewane / Kleinfeldt)
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Copies of the Treasurer's report for September 2011 were distributed and reviewed. Vicki explained account balances as of this date. Report unanimously approved (m/s – Dewane / Schmidt)
4. **Request for public input:** Three requests for public input. No public input.
5. **TRIAD update:** Sgt. Jacobs reporting: Committee met on the 29th, which was the first meeting since May. This committee has grown in the past year, and has several ideas for projects for the upcoming year. Current discussion involved a traffic light scam, where an individual is called and told that they have been caught on camera for some traffic light violation, and asked for charge card information to be given to take care of the fine immediately. Another scam involves gas stations. Customers are being told that their charge card did not work, and asked to give their information to the caller, in order to clear up their transaction. Charles Rasmussen reports a recent scam against elderly – his mother-in-law was asked for her check number via phone, which she did give out. Brief reminder to all not to provide any information over the phone.
6. **Retail/Financial Crime Prevention Task Force Update:** Sgt. Jacobs reporting: Committee met on this day, with representation from both small and large businesses. Discussions involved current issues, one being the upcoming drill event which Bruce had asked for volunteers for via E-mail. He indicated that he has his volunteers to go ahead with the Mock Disaster Drills. Bruce indicates that the number of bad checks has decrease significantly in Manitowoc and he feels that working with the banks, and this committee have had a huge impact on this downward trend.

7. **High School Member Update:** Dalton reports recent home coming vandalism at Roncalli. Jay reports no crime during home coming week at Lutheran High. Cooper reports that other than some TP-ing activity, no serious issues arose during home coming week at Lincoln. All report things being rather quiet as of late.

8. **SRO Update:** Craig Jansen reporting: Has been busy, but reports nothing major. Has had two issues with drug transaction in the past week. An individual was given prescription medication and reacted badly. Another individual passed out in class. A prescription was stolen from a father and grandmother. In some cases, other students see transactions and do report them to the SRO. Harassment of each other continues to be a problem, as does threatening. Children with bad home lives continue to be problematic. Spoke briefly about project Youth, and how they arranged bus transportation for a female who had moved here from Oklahoma, and wished to return there. A lengthy discussion took place about troubled youth in Manitowoc. Issues brought up included:

- HOPE house exists for female students, but no place for male students
- No solutions at this time
- Need for a parent outreach program (teach parents how to be parents)
- How the above has been tried and failed
- Where can troubled youth stay ?
- Foster program (has been tried and failed)
- Family dynamics
- Behavioral problems
- Stopping the cycle
- Healthiest Manitowoc County explanation by Annie Short
- Inviting task force to attend CPC meeting
- Involvement of school counselors
- Future website to include student information accessible throughout state
- Success through ASAP
- Americore's involvement
- Alternative High School
- School to work program does still exist
- Expansion of programs in the last several years.

Craig spoke about his "vision" in a perfect world:

Two Homes in Manitowoc, one for problem female youth, and one for problem male youth, constantly supervised, and maintained for this reason only..... At this time Linda Blahnik asked that everyone spend some time over the next month thinking about this problem, and whether or not there might be a way for the CPC to assist the schools in helping these troubled youth. In the interest of time, this discussion was tabled, and it will be put on next months agenda for discussion.

9. Citizen's Academy Alumni Update: Mary Schilder reporting: The academy continues with plans for the upcoming class that begins in March of 2012. Applications will be available in November of 2011 with graduation taking place in May. A refresher course is being planned at this time, and information will be released shortly. Mary did take time to explain the refresher courses, why they are offered, and indicated that CPC members are invited to attend these presentations.

10. CPC Activities/Projects/Scams, Picture ID Badges: Sgt. Jacobs reporting: Discussion regarding By-laws resulted in this sub-committee scheduling a meeting, at which time the current By-laws will be looked at. Committee felt that we have things missing. The Assistance City Attorney will help on this committee along with Linda, Bob Dewane, Bruce, and any current youth members who would like to get involved. This meeting is set for Tuesday Oct. 11th at 6:30 p.m. Will report to committee of the whole at next months meeting.

11. Review of Crime Prevention Sgt. Monthly Activities: Sgt. Jacobs reporting:

- Recent presentation to Safely Patrol at all 6 schools.
- Working the Road several days: worked at the Car Ferry
- DARE Trap Shoot (not well attended)
- Dare at Stangel School
- Attended 3 day CP Practitioners Training (great speaker on memory).
- TRIAD
- Fleetwatch
- Met with counselors regarding changes in DARE program
- Working on Mock Robbery event

12. Dates To Remember: Crime Prevention Day at Expo October 22nd

Bruce explained the layout of the building, and requested any available hands during set up, which occurs between 1:00 p.m. and 3/00 p.m. on Friday. Assignments confirmed for those assisting on that day.

NEXT MEETING: November 3rd, 2011

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 7:56 p.m.
m/s – Dewane/Hermans)

Respectfully Submitted

Lynn D. Scheinoha (Secretary)