

# MANITOWOC CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE

## August 4th, 2011 – Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Linda Blahnik, Ralph Kramer, June Kramer, Vicki Wetenkamp, Lynn Scheinoha, Robert Dewane, Rita Muench, Charles Rasmussen, Kelly Becker, Pamela Campbell, Gloria Wallace, Richard Weber, Don Stefancic

**Student members:** Cooper Schmidt, Jay Skinner

**Department Members Present:** Sgt. Bruce Jacobs, Lt. Paul Schermetzler

**Not Present:** Steve Kleinfeldt, Alex Olson, Wendy Smith, Deputy Melia Prange

**Guests Present:** Mary Schilder, Annie Short, Roger and Pat Halverson, Richard Brey, Carol and Bill Berringer

Prior to official call to order, Bruce , and Paul Schermetzler presented a letter of appreciation, and plaque to Carol Behringer, acknowledging her 25 years of service to the Crime Prevention Committee. Individuals expressing appreciation and thanks to Carol were: Richard Brey, Roger Halverson and several committee members. Words of praise were many, and acknowledgement was given to Carol for her role in setting the committee up as an 501(c) (3) non profit organization. Snacks and beverages were provided by various committee members as a special tribute to Carol. President Linda Blahnik indicated a short break would occur, prior to starting the official meeting. All in attendance thanked Carol for her years of service.

1. **Roll Call:** Chairperson Linda Blahnik called the meeting to order at 7:14 P.M.
2. **Review of CPC Minutes:** The minutes of the June meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections. Minutes were unanimously approved.  
(m/s – Dewane / Rasmussen)
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Copies of the Treasurer's report for June and July 2011 were distributed and reviewed. Vicki mentioned the one large expense in June regarding DARE, and that this expense is incurred each year. Also mentioned Money Market addition. No changes in July. Report unanimously approved (m/s – Dewane / Muench)
4. **Request for public input:** Three requests for public input. No public input.
5. **TRIAD update:** Dick Weber reporting – Recent summer picnic was held in Two Rivers, celebrating 14 years of success. 27 individuals attended the grill out, and exchanged ideas and success stories. The Manitowoc TRIAD has outgrown their room at the Sr. Center, which is a positive reflection of growth. Recently welcomed one new member from River's Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center.

- 6 Retail/Financial Crime Prevention Task Force Update:** Bruce Jacobs reporting; Bruce has approached several businesses recently to invite additional participating in the task force. He briefly explained why the financial and retail task forces joined and feels that they have a much better turn out now for meetings. He indicated a lot of activity over the summer. E-mailing pictures of criminals enables the banks to share information, and therefore be aware of these individuals identification. United One would like to stage a mock robbery at their facility, using their own employees, with possible assistance of the tasks force, and/or CPC members. This is targeted for October of this year.
- 7. High School Member Update:** Jay Skinner reports that things are pretty quiet at Lutheran High, and very little vandalism has been reported over the summer months. Cooper Schmidt reports same at Lincoln High School. Cooper participated in National Night Out as McGruff (though he almost died of suffocation) and attended several block parties with Bruce's group. The activities at Washington Park had been cancelled, due to severe weather warnings, and very muddy conditions.
- 8. CPC Activity/Project Scams, Picture ID Badges:** Sgt. Jacobs gave report. ID pictures are near completion. Members who had finished cards received them, others were asked to sign and those who did not have completed pictures will do so shortly. Bruce reported credit card (information) theft while on vacation in New York, and reminded all how easy it can be to fall victim to this crime. He also talked about his experience with a bystander, and indicated he will not be visiting New York again, any time soon! Actually he said he will never go on vacation there again. At this time, two candidates interested in joining the CPC were introduced and applications passed for viewing by committee. Mary Schilder introduced herself, and explained her interest in joining the CPC committee. She would like to act as a liaison between the Citizen's Academy Alumni and the CPC. She is currently the president of the CAA, and is a previous Emergency Medicine instructor. Annie Short introduced herself as well, and explained her interest in joining the CPC. She is currently is involved in Healthiest Manitowoc County, has substance abuse experience, and sits on the ASAP committee. Bruce indicated that he would submit the applications to City Counsel for approval. It is anticipated that this will occur prior to the next meeting of the CPC. Should this be the case, both Mary and Annie will attend the September meeting.
- 9. National Night Out Sub Update:** Bruce Jacobs reporting: Weather forced cancellation of all activities at Washington Park, however, five block parties went on as scheduled. Officers and McGruff attended all five parties. Discussion regarding having a possible rain date next year took place. No decision was made at this time. Bruce briefly focused on Crime Prevention Day and indicated that discussions will begin shortly regarding planning for the event. He expects several new additions this year, one being an organization called: **PLZ Give The Keys** . He feels this would be an excellent addition. This is an anti-drunk driving organization, and they will soon be giving a presentation at Bruce's Driving School. Mention also made that Ralph and June will again be in charge of prizes for Crime Prevention Day.

10. **Citizen's Academy:** Kelly Becker reporting: Next class will begin in Spring of 2012. Applications are available in November. Classes will now be 10 weeks long with graduation on the 11<sup>th</sup> week, in order to add to the curriculum. Class is limited to 12 participants, and is held once per week from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sgt. Jacobs indicated that about 70% of the program has changes scheduled for this next year. A Brat Fry was held in June at Rob's Market as a fund raiser for the Academy and went well – members plan to do this again next year. The Academy will be working with the Police Auxiliary to operate the concessions for Crime Prevention Day this year.
11. **Review of Crime Prevention Monthly Activities:** Bruce Jacobs reporting: Brief report since most of this information was covered previously in number 8. A check was received from ASAP (Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention) for \$300. Anti-alcohol signs generate \$1 each – encouraged all to participate by placing a sign(s) on property.
12. **Dates to remember:**  
**September 11<sup>th</sup>** - Rahr West Museum Police Ceremony 1 p.m.  
**October 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Proclamation Signing for Crime Prevention Month at 10 a.m./City Hall.  
**October 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Crime Prevention Day at Expo

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 7:50 P.M.  
(m/s – Dewane/R Kramer)

Respectfully Submitted

*Lynn D. Scheinoha*  
(Secretary)