

MANITOWOC CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE, SEPT 6, 2012

Members Present: Wallace, Smith, J. Kramer, R. Kramer, Rasmussen, Schilder, Wetenkamp, Short, Campbell, Becker, Kleinfeldt, Weber.

High School Members Present: Hermanns, Skinner

Law Enforcement Members Present: Lt. Schermetzler, SRO Officer Ladwig

Members of the Public: Emilee Wagner, Cooper Schmidt

1. **Roll Call** – R. Kramer opened the meeting at 7:00pm
2. **Review of Minutes** – It was noted that because the minutes are published on-line, a signature of the minute taker is necessary. Lt. Schermetzler will amend the minutes. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes with the amendment. Motion carried.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – Wetenkamp review the financial statement. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
4. **Request for Public Input** – None.
5. **Membership Matters** – Two resignations were received: Linda Blahnik and Don Stephanic. A letter of thanks will be sent to these members for past service. Cooper Schmidt and Emilee Wagner will have their names presented to the Common Council for membership.
6. **Triad Update** – No committee report. Lt. Schermetzler did state he alerted neighbors to a recently released sex offender.
7. **Retail/Financial Crime Prevention Task Force Update** – J. Kramer that at their last meeting, a presentation was given regarding check cashing, fraud, and identity theft.
8. **High School Members Updates** - Skinner reported that no activity at Lutheran High School other than, during renovations, unwanted televisions were left at the dumpster. Hermanns reported principals concern of increased drug activity. Sgt. Jacobs looking for a representative from Lincoln High School to fill open slot.
9. **SRO Update** – Officer Ladwig, SRO at Washington Jr. High reported a good start to the school year. Stated his main concerns will be truancy and general defiance. Answered questions related to drug/alcohol abuse and gang activity.
10. **Citizen's Academy Update** – There will be a public education opportunity on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 7pm at the Police Department. The subject will be "Drugs in Manitowoc". Becker gave an update on the food booth for Crime Prevention Day.
11. **Community Partnership for Children of Manitowoc** – Short stated that the agenda should be changed to Juvenile Enforcement Committee as that is what she usually reports on. Stated the JEC had a strategic planning recently and four areas were identified as problematic in Manitowoc. They are: alcohol and drug abuse, mental health issues, truancy, and appropriate parental involvement. Several other committees are involved with these concerns. Short stated a meeting will be set for principals and SROs to discuss consistency throughout the schools system in handling these concerns. Lt. Schermetzler asked that the judges also be invited to the meeting.
12. **CPC Activities** – Crime Prevention Day is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 20. Free bicycle helmets have been donated. Scams continue to be a huge issue in Manitowoc. Education is needed on a daily basis to potential victims. The Crime Prevention Committee will be hosting this years Proclamation Program in October for Crime Prevention Month. National Night Out was held in August. Discussion concerning attendance. Lt. Schermetzler stated that he believe there were approximately 120 in attendance. Bylaws to be tabled until next meeting.
13. **Dates to Remember** – October 20 10-3pm Crime Prevention Day at the Expo Center
14. **Other Input** – Expression of gratitude for the enforcement of bicycle safety in the downtown area. Lt. Schermetzler contacted Travelers Protection Association for grant to help with pedestrian crossing safety.
15. **Adjournment** – Motion made and seconded for adjournment. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary M Schilder Committee Member