

# MANITOWOC CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE

## February 2, 2011 – Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Linda Blahnik, Lynn Scheinoha, Vicki Wetenkamp, Ralph Kramer, June Kramer, Mary Schilder, Rita Muench, Pamela Campbell, Gloria Wallace, Dick Weber, Robert Dewane, Charles Rasmussen, Annie Short, Kelly Becker, Wendy Smith

**High School Members Present:** Jay Skinner, Cooper Schmidt, Dalton Hermans

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

**Not Present:** Steve Kleinfeldt, Chris Able

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1. **Roll Call:** Chairperson Linda Blahnik called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. Linda welcomed Gloria back. Sgt. Jacobs announced resignation of Don Stefancic.
2. **Review of CPC Minutes:** The minutes of the December meeting were reviewed and Unanimously approved (m/s – Dewane/Skinner )
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Copies of the Treasurer's report for December 2011 were distributed and reviewed. Vicki explained account balances as of this date. Report unanimously approved (m/s – Dewane/R. Kramer)
4. **Request for public input:** Three requests for public input. No public input.
5. **TRIAD update:** Sgt. Jacobs reporting: Committee met this month with 8 to 9 people in attendance. Discussion centered around retail crime and a recent study done regarding how much merchandise disappears each year. Examples were given of different types of retail theft. Sgt. Jacobs mentioned that the TRIAD members are very interested in what is going on in the city, and many of these members attend presentations regarding retail theft (and other scams) that they are invited to.
6. **Retail/Financial Crime Prevention Task Force Update:** Sgt. Jacobs reporting: Committee met on this day, with representation from both small and large businesses. A presentation was given today regarding retail theft, and Sgt. Jacobs felt that they had a very poor turn out. Discussion highlights were about the mark up of merchandise to cover the cost of retail theft, use of fences and fronts, and a description of how Wal Mart and Target handle retail theft.
7. **High School Member Update:** Cooper reports that a window was recently broken at Lincoln. Other than that, all else would be the usual things that happen daily. Jay reports no thefts, no arrests, and no complaints from neighbors at Lutheran High. Dalton reports that some drinking has been occurring at Roncalli, as well as some harassment issues, and bullying. Mention was made about this problem seeming to be more of an issue with girls, and that internet bullying is now, and continues to be one of the biggest problems.

**8. SRO Update:** Craig Jansen reporting: Truancy situation is worse this year. Officer Jansen provided a definition of simple truancy, which does not require a mandatory court appearance, and habitual truancy, which does. Under most circumstances the judge will strike a deal with the student such as: If they go 60 days without absence, they will throw out the case. He further explained how fines jump up as the truancy continues, and driver's license can be suspended as well. After age 17, ramifications of truancy can increase. He explained commitment, and how serving jail time can decrease fine amounts. There was a short discussion regarding this, and Officer Jansen agreed to check on the details regarding whether or not the fine would still exist, after serving jail time. He believes that students do not truly understand the future ramifications of truancy.

Officer Jansen indicates endless conflicts with facebook feuds. At times these conflicts spiral out of control. He further indicates that there are 3 distinct groups that are problematic at Lincoln.

A brief discussion regarding incompetent juveniles took place. Several examples were given about incompetent juveniles taking place in a crime. and being exempt from punishment due to being deemed incompetent. Officer Jansen feels that the current system is ineffective in that once a juvenile is deemed incompetent, it does not seem to be across the board. One crime may be treated differently than another, and punishment can differ.

**9. Citizen's Academy Alumni Update:** Mary Schilder reporting: The academy has finalized plans for the upcoming class that begins March 6 of 2012. Selection of applications has been completed. Agenda and curriculum have been approved. She explained that they try to choose a variety of people. The academy will have election of officers next Wednesday and a presentation on scams given by Sgt. Jacobs. All members of this committee are invited to attend.

### **10. Community Partnership for Children of Manitowoc County**

Annie Short reporting: The group continues to work on dividing resources and increasing resources. Spoke about a new curriculum that is technology based, that would begin in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and then re-visited in 6<sup>th</sup> grade with full lessons on dealing with situations. It includes a Power Point presentation.

Sgt. Jacobs reports that there seems to be some confusion as to what is going on with strategic planning. June 19<sup>th</sup> is the date of a strategic planning meeting. The Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition has formed. They will be trying to present intervention techniques that might work with controlling frequent flyer students. Sgt. Jacobs spoke briefly about DARE program, what it does, the new re-vamped version which includes 20 minutes on drugs, time spent on decision making, and peer pressure. The new scientific program is 10 weeks long.

**11. CPC Activities/Projects/Scams, Picture ID Badges:** Sgt. Jacobs reporting: Congratulations go to Dick Weber, who received a certificate of appreciation (signed by the governor) for 50 years of public service. We're proud of you, Dick.

- Neighborhood Watch Sign – Sgt. Jacobs was able to retrieve a Neighborhood Watch sign – was some confusion about these signs, in that groups had paid for signs that they never received. The sign was given to Ralph and June Kramer to post as they see fit. Ralph will take care of installation.
- Bylaws Sub-committee updates: Kathleen McDaniel has reviewed the By-laws and crossed out things that do not need to be there. Bruce reviewed “absence” and what is excused or unexcused. Reviewed highlighted changes. Committee members were asked to review and bring back with any suggested changes to the next meeting.
- Nomination of Officers: Linda asked for nominations for officers to be e-mailed to Sgt. Jacobs prior to the next meeting, and then a slate can be presented at the March meeting. All committee members encouraged to seek officers positions.

**11. Crime Prevention of the Year Award:** This award is typically presented at the April meeting, and is presented to a business that has assisted the Crime Prevention committee or officer during the past year. Sgt. asked for nominations from the floor. Since there were none mentioned, Sgt. suggested dual awards this year to Central Bark, and Chris Katz, veterinarian business. Both of these businesses support the canine unit, by providing services as well as demonstrations at Crime Prevention Day on Bite awareness. A brief discussion took place regarding criteria for the award, and review of previous awards. A motion was made to split the award between Central Bark, and Chris Katz business (m./s – Dewane, Schmidt). All approved. Motion carried. Further details regarding the award will be discussed at the March meeting.

**12. Dates To Remember: NEXT MEETING: March 8th, 2012**

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 8:25 p.m. m/s –Dewane/Schmidt)

Respectfully Submitted

Lynn D. Scheinoha (Secretary)