

Manitowoc Crime Prevention Committee Meeting March 2nd, 2023

1) Roll Call: Kelly Becker, Bob Dewane, Melia Prange, Steve Czekala, Jackie LaBre, Steve Kleinfeldt, April Eisenschink, Heather Buchko, Rita Muench, SRO Kayla Rocklewitz, Amy Schoepp, Nathan Hay, Deputy Zach Smith, & Sgt. Paul Krock. **Excused:** Haelee Bauer, Violet Salley, Charles Rasmussen, Nicole Palama, & Annie Short.

2) Minutes: Approved. 1st by Bob Dewane. 2nd by Jackie LaBre.

3) Treasurer Report: Approved. 1st by Steve Kleinfeldt. 2nd by Jackie LaBre.

4) Public Input: No public input.

5) Membership Matters: Dawson Wheelis completed his application and is awaiting approval to be the Roncalli High School representative.

6) TRIAD Update: The February meeting was cancelled. A Facebook post was created along with participation at the Senior Center Health Fair in an attempt to increase their membership. March 16th at 10:00, they will be doing a tour of the jail. CPC Members are also invited to attend.

7) High School Members: Dawson reported that the boy's restrooms at Roncalli have been shut down, due to male students urinating on the walls. They now have a sign-up sheet to log who goes in and out of the restrooms.

8) MTPD Update: Officer McDonald & Officer Rocklewitz graduated and are now certified DARE Officers. DARE is being taught at the southside elementary schools along with Roncalli and Bethany Schools. Officers along with CPC Members are invited to a wellness seminar at Hope Church on Saturday, March 25th. Officer Tuma was selected as Officer of the Year. Bob and Maria Forrester were selected as the citizens of the year for their work as translators for the Police Department. Five Police Officer candidates will be presented to the Police & Fire Commission to create an eligibility list.

9) MTSO Update: Deputy Smith reported that they are working on modernizing their equipment; squad cars now have high definition dash cameras along with internet that provides service throughout Manitowoc County. A new truck was recently purchased to pull the SWAT and Dive Team equipment trailers. An eight-hour DAAT refresher training was recently completed by every Deputy. A Police Lights of Christmas meeting is being held next week in Waupaca.

10) SRO Update: SRO Rocklewitz reported an increase in physical fights along with vaping (THC and Nicotine). MPSD will see an increase in vacancies for both teachers and administrators for the 2023-2024 school year.

11) Citizens' Academy: Sgt. Krock reported that the first week of Citizens' Academy went well. A tour of the Police Department as well as a squad car and Bearcat demo were conducted. Next week is DAAT with Lt. Arps who will be showing the pepper ball launcher. An Officer has also volunteered to be tased during the Taser demonstration. Students will also practice handcuffing and knee strikes.

12) Healthiest Manitowoc County Substance Use Prevention Coalition: No update.

13) InCourage Update: No update.

14) City Council Update: Alderman Czekala reported that Districts 1, 3, & 7 are up for reelection this Spring. An ordinance allowing for beer sales in certain parks has recently passed. A comprehensive Parks plan was created, this includes new trails going through the City of Manitowoc over the next five, ten, and twenty years. Trees have also been cut down in Lincoln Park due to the Emerald Ash Borer.

15) CPC Activities/Projects/Scams: Sgt. Krock reported that with tax return season, members should be aware of scams including scammers impersonating the IRS. It's important to remember that the IRS will not call or email you; typically a letter is sent. Bob Dewane spoke about the jury duty scam. Bob stated that scammers will call citizens claiming that they have missed jury duty and threaten them with arrest unless they pay with either money or gift cards. Another scam reappearing is the Grandparents scam, calling and claiming your grandchild is in jail demanding payment for their release.

Old Business: Sgt. Krock reminded members that we no longer have meetings in August as well as July each year. Those who need to reapply for the CPC Committee can contact Sgt. Krock if they need assistance.

New Business: We are still looking for ideas for National Night Out (August 1st, 2023). Looking into coast of food trucks and possibly a snow-cone maker. Looking for fingerprinting pads to help with the Child Identification kits.

16) Dates to remember: Next meeting April 6, 2023.

17) Adjournment: 1st by Bob Dewane. 2nd by Steve Kleinfeldt.

Minutes submitted by Lee & Melia Prange.