

Manitowoc Crime Prevention Committee Meeting April 6th, 2023

1) Roll Call: Kelly Becker, Melia Prange, Charles Rasmussen, Nicole Palama, April Eisenschink, Cari Jaeger, Rita Muench, SRO Joe McDonald, Nathan Hay, Dawson Wheelis, Brittany Boyer, Deputy Zach Smith, & Sgt. Paul Krock. **Excused:** Jackie LaBre, Violet Salley, Amy Schoepp, Annie Short.

2) Minutes: Approved. 1st by Charles Rasmussen. 2nd by Rita Muench.

3) Treasurer Report: Approved. 1st by Deputy Zach Smith. 2nd by April Eisenschink.

4) Public Input: No public input.

5) Membership Matters: Dawson Wheelis has been approved as a member and will be representing Roncalli High School. Annie Short will be moving to Illinois and will be replaced by Brittany Boyer from Healthiest Manitowoc County. A new Treasurer will need to be elected. Elections will be held in June.

6) TRIAD Update: Sgt. Krock reported that members participated in an hour-long tour of the Jail with Sgt. Lacrosse on March 16th. They are planning to attend a Health Fair at the Senior Center in May and looking to recruit new members. TRIAD will be off June, July, and August.

7) High School Members: Dawson reported that the bathroom issue at Roncalli has been cleared up and bathrooms are once again open. Prom is next month. Nothing additional to report.

8) MTPD Update: Sgt. Krock reported that a drive thru Medication Take Back Event is being held at Holy Family on April 22nd. May 4th is Coffee with a Cop at Retro Eighth Coffee from 3:30 – 6 pm. Detective Sergeant Mike Stone is retiring from the PD after 34 years. Interviews for his position were held today. The Chevy Tahoes for the K9 Officers have arrived but need some additional equipment.

9) MTSO Update: Deputy Smith reported that they are working on obtaining new side arms while sending back their old sidearms. A Lights of Christmas meeting was held three weeks ago; fundraising will kick off in July at Culver's.

10) SRO Update: SRO McDonald reported that Crisis Intervention Training begins the second week of May for six Officers from MTPD and 6 Deputies from MTSO. TRPD has also been invited to join this 40 hour training. Vaping continues to be an issue in the schools. Bethany Lutheran and Roncalli DARE Graduations are coming up. Southside public school DARE Graduation is scheduled for May 2nd.

11) Citizens' Academy/Alumni: Sgt. Krock reported that they completed Week 6, which was traffic stops and a K9 Demo. Next week they will have volunteer drinkers so that the students can conduct Standardized Field Sobriety Tests. Graduation is scheduled for May 2nd at Seven Lakes. Alumni are looking to update the pictures in the Meeting/Training Room at the PD as well as an updated banner.

12) Healthiest Manitowoc County Substance Use Prevention Coalition: Brittany Boyer, the new program director reported that she had applied to join the Crime Prevention Committee. A \$1500 min-grant was used to put together a Hidden in Plain Sight backpack training for School Resource Officers that educates teachers and parents about drugs and paraphernalia. The Reedsville SRO was trained last week. Festival Tool Kits are also being provided throughout the county to help prevent underage alcohol consumption.

13) InCourage Update: The Sexual Assault Awareness Month Fun Run at Red Arrow Park is scheduled for April 29th at 8 am. Registration link can be found on their Facebook page. Registration is \$20 and anyone who registers before April 12th will receive a free t-shirt.

14) City Council Update: No update.

15) CPC Activities/Projects/Scams: Sgt. Krock reported on a recent 'Secret Shopper' scam where the victim receives a letter along with a check. The scammer requests the victim cash the check and send a portion of the money back or purchase gift cards with the money and send the scammer the codes on the back of the gift cards. The check the victim cashed is later determined to be fraudulent and the victim is then responsible for paying back this money to the bank. A scam has also been reported where the victim receives a text message claiming that a package is undeliverable. The text message contains a link for the victim to click and personal information (credit card, date of birth, etc.) is requested by the scammer.

Old Business: So far, seven current members, whose terms expire June 1st have re-applied for the Crime Prevention Committee. Nominations for Committee Officers will be done at May's Meeting and elections will take place at June's Meeting.

New Business: We need to pick our annual Crime Prevention award winner which will be presented at October's meeting. A suggestion was made to nominate the Manitowoc Public Library.

16) Dates to remember: Next meeting May 4, 2023.

17) Adjournment: 1st by Cari Jaeger. 2nd by Deputy Zach Smith.

Minutes submitted by Lee & Melia Prange.