

Manitowoc Crime Prevention Committee Meeting June 6th, 2024

1) Roll Call: Bob Dewane, April Eisenschink, Nicole Palama, Jackie LaBre, Rita Muench, Charles Rasmussen, Heather Buchko, Lizzie Boss, Ami Benzinger, Mason Benzinger, SRO Joe McDonald & Sgt. Paul Krock **Excused:** Brett Norell, Emily Longmeyer-Wolf, Haelee Bauer, and Melia Prange.

2) Minutes: Approved. 1st by Charles Rasmussen. 2nd by Nicole Palama.

3) Treasurer Report: Approved. 1st by Rita Muench. 2nd by Jackie LaBre.

4) Public Input: No public input.

5) Membership Matters: Two new members, Mason and Ami were introduced. New Alderperson will be Brett Norell. Currently have an opening for a Roncalli student on the Committee.

6) TRIAD Update: Sgt. Krock and members attended the Senior Health Fair at the Mtwc Senior Center and handed out info about current scams in the community. Seven people signed up to get TRIAD info and possible join the group. TRIAD meetings suspended for the summer and will start again in September. Members will be attending the Bistro Concert at Felician Village on July 10th.

7) High School Members: Lizzie Boss (Lincoln) – Last day of school today, graduation tomorrow (Friday, June 7th) at 1 pm.

8) MTPD Update: Sgt. Krock reported that the PD is co-hosting a bike rodeo with Walmart on June 28th in the Walmart parking lot which includes a raffle to give away bicycles along with a skills course and safety tips. On July 10th PD will participate in the Touch the Trucks event at the Mtwc Library. On August 13th officers from the Manitowoc PD will be at Culvers from 11-2 and 4-7 for the Police Lights of Christmas fundraising campaign. Two officers recently graduated from DARE school and can now teach DARE. Two new officers started within the last two weeks. The MPPA Police Chase run/walk will be happening again this October to fundraise for the K9 memorial statue.

9) MTSO Update: None.

10) SRO Update: SRO McDonald reported that today was the last day of school for MPSD. An increase in vaping was noted throughout the school year at both the middle and high schools. It is becoming easier to purchase vapes online. Truancies were up this year. There was a group of kids involved in retail thefts. A grant was received for the Boys and Girls Club to get into Washington Middle School next year. Graduation is being held tomorrow and then the SROs will be on the road during the summer months.

11) Citizens' Academy/Alumni: Alumni members are hosting a brat fry on June 22nd at Festival Foods. Members also participated in the Memorial Day Parade and there are talks of possibly participating in the 4th of July Parade. No summer meetings are scheduled.

12) Healthiest Manitowoc County Substance Use Prevention Coalition: Emily provided an email update which indicated that they had a booth at the Mtwc Farmer's Market to increase awareness about the coalition along with handing out resources related to mental health since May is Mental Health Awareness Month. The coalition will be working with MTPD in doing tobacco/nicotine compliance checks at area businesses to see if they will sell to underage individuals.

13) InCourage Update: None.

14) City Council Update: New CPC representative will be Alderperson Brett Norell.

15) CPC Activities/Projects/Scams: Citizens receiving text messages about overdue toll fines and clicking the link to make payment. Toll violators will receive a letter in the mail, not a text message.

Old Business: Roncalli Catholic Schools was selected as the CPC award winner. Presentation of the award will be in October at City Hall.

New Business: Officers of the Crime Prevention Committee: Charles Rasmussen (Chairperson), Bob Dewane (Vice Chairperson), Haelee Bauer (Treasurer), April Eisenschink (Secretary) were unanimously elected and voted in.

16) Dates to remember: Next meeting **September 5th, 2024 at 6:30.**

17) Adjournment: 1st by Jackie LaBre. 2nd by Nicole Palama.

Minutes submitted by April Eisenschink.