

Manitowoc Crime Prevention Committee Meeting January 2nd, 2025

1) Roll Call: April Eisenschink, Brett Norell, Emily Longmeyer-Wolf, Nicole Schleis, Steve Kleinfeldt, Rita Muench, Charles Rasmussen, Bently Wessel, SRO Miranda Check, Deputy Zach Smith, Jackie Labre, Mason Benzinger, Heather Buchko, Lizzie Boss & Sgt. Paul Krock.
Excused: Haelee Tlachac, Logan Brooks, Violet Salley, Cindy Hogan, Bob Dewane, & Ami Benzinger.

2) Minutes: Approved. 1st by Jackie LaBre. 2nd by Deputy Zach Smith.

3) Treasurer Report: Approved. 1st by Jackie LaBre. 2nd by Brett Norell.

4) Public Input: No public input.

5) Membership Matters: One citizen position remains open. For those whose term is up this year, expect an email from Sgt. Krock with instructions on reapplying.

6) TRIAD Update: Sgt. Krock reported that the group is looking into possibly doing another morgue tour in spring.

7) High School Members: Lizzie (LHS) – 1st day back from winter break today. Winter dance on January 25th and the musical coming up in February. Bently (Roncalli) – Not much going on, Also first day back from break. Logan (Lutheran) – Student behavior has improved. First basketball games in the new gymnasium will take place this weekend.

8) MTPD Update: Sgt. Krock reported that three new squad cars are coming soon. Two newly hired officers are starting the academy next week. First quarter in-service will begin next week and go through mid-March. In the midst of a Lieutenant promotion due to Lt. Schmidt being promoted to Captain of Detectives. Detective McCue retires January 3rd. Officer Schleis has been selected as the new K9 officer.

9) MTSO Update: Deputy Smith reported that MTSO is seeing lots of movement due to promotions and retirements. 4-5 new deputies started within the last 2 months. 3 retirements happening in the coming weeks. The Police Lights of Christmas has hit the \$ 1 million mark in total funds raised.

10) SRO Update: SRO Check reported that new cameras were installed this fall and they recently received training on how to use the system. MPSD looking possibility of new door system this spring that allows all fob entry doors to be locked in the event of an emergency. Monthly safety drills continue. SRO McDonald – today was the first day of “Washington Reset” in an effort to reset poor student behavior as well as the lack of rules enforcement by school administration.

11) Citizens’ Academy/Alumni: During January’s meeting the alumni will participate in the selection of this year’s class. Applications are open until January 7th and there are currently 19 applicants.

12) Healthiest Manitowoc County Substance Use Prevention Coalition: Emily reported that their Narcan vending machine was delivered this morning. It can hold 180 boxes with 2 doses per box. It will also contain fentanyl test strips. It will be located outside of their office at 621 York St. Info regarding a ribbon cutting ceremony will be released in the future. They’re currently working with Washington Middle School Boys and Girls Club participants on a monthly basis to talk about substance abuse and anti-vaping topics.

13) InCourage Update: No Update.

14) City Council Update: Alderperson Brett Norell reported that at last month’s meeting a badge pinning ceremony was held for 2 new firefighter/paramedics. A change was approved so that firefighters can be hired as EMT and the city will provide education reimbursement for schooling for them to become paramedics. Discussion about putting flashing crosswalks at Cleveland and Maritime Dr. and increasing the fine for failure to stop for pedestrians. The islands on Fleetwood Drive will remain pending cost estimates on replacing the road.

15) CPC Activities/Projects/Scams: Sgt. Krock reported about a Xfinity scam where the caller claims to be a representative from Xfinity. The “Xfinity representative” calls and states they are partnering with Target and tells the customer that in order to cut the cost of their bill in half that they need to send in 2 months’ worth of payments to Xfinity in the form of Target gift cards.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Sgt. Krock reported that he will be gone for 10 weeks to attend training in Waukesha. SROs McDonald and Check will fill in during those months to run the Crime Prevention Committee meetings.

16) Dates to remember: Next meeting **February 6th, 2025 at 6:30.**

17) Adjournment: 1st by Deputy Zach Smith. 2nd by Steve Kleinfeldt.

Minutes submitted by April Eisenschink.