

Manitowoc Crime Prevention Committee Meeting March 6th, 2025

1) Roll Call: Brett Norell, Nicole Schleis, Steve Kleinfeldt, Rita Muench, Bently Wessel, Jackie Labre, Heather Buchko, SRO Joe McDonald, Cindy Hogan, Mason Benzinger, Brian Anderson. **Excused:** Haelee Tlachac, April Eisenschink, Charles Rasmussen, Lizzie Boss, Cari Jaeger, Ami Benzinger, and Emily Longmeyer-Wolf.

2) Minutes: Approved. 1st by Jackie Labre. 2nd by Rita Muench.

3) Treasurer Report: Approved. 1st by Jackie Labre. 2nd by Nicole Schleis.

4) Public Input: No public input.

5) Membership Matters: One open citizen spot remains on the committee.

6) TRIAD Update: Officer McDonald reported that he will be covering March's meeting. TRIAD members plan to attend a Health Fair at the Senior Center on May 14th from 8 am – Noon where they will distribute educational materials on current scams.

7) High School Members: Bently (Roncalli) The Snowball Dance was recently, Roncalli Middle School just finished their production of Lion King Jr. at the High School, there was recently a Math Bowl with Middle School students at the high school, Basketball playoffs tomorrow vs. Valders, Spring Sports will be starting soon, the SAT test is coming up late March, Spanish 4 and 5 students will be traveling to Costa Rica, and the school's Electronics Policy is being updated. Logan (Lutheran) via email: Vaping in the bathrooms is a continual problem, late work is still an issue, girls' basketball won the regional championship and play again tonight, and boys basketball won their playoff game and will Fond du Lac tomorrow night.

8) MTPD Update: Officer McDonald reported that Officer Lexi Zak's DRE Graduation was held on 2/26. Officer Schleis recently completed K9 training in Canada with MTPD's newest member K9 Rolo. Nine officers recently participated in the Polar Plunge which raised money for Special Olympics in Wisconsin. The Department is receiving a grant to update its ALPR's equipment/software. Several officers along with Fire/EMS/Dispatchers attended ASIM (Active Shooter Incident Management) Training. The department is also going to be installing FLOCK cameras at various egress and ingresses throughout the city.

9) MTSO Update: None.

10) SRO Update: SRO McDonald reported an increase in vaping, tardies, and trancies. Roncalli and Southside MPSD DARE Graduations will be held mid-April.

11) Citizens' Academy/Alumni: Officer Laabs will be facilitating the Academy during the weeks that Sgt. Krock is out of town for training. Recently finished up week 3, students are doing well and asking lots of good questions.

12) Healthiest Manitowoc County Substance Use Prevention Coalition: Emily Longmeyer reported via email that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Public Health Vending Machine will take place on Wednesday, April 16h, from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm at 621 York St., Manitowoc. Join us in celebrating this significant milestone with the coalition! Additionally, Drug Take Back Day will be held on Saturday, April 26th, 2025, from 9:00 am to Noon at Froedtert Holy Family Memorial Hospital, 2300 Western Ave., Manitowoc (West side main entrance). This event will be held rain or shine, and please remember to empty pills into a clear, sealable plastic bag before dropping them off. Lastly, in partnership with other tobacco grant programs through our fiscal agent, the coalition recently presented for one hour at Valders School District during an in-service meeting, discussing youth tobacco trends. We will also be presenting to their middle school students about the risks of youth tobacco use.

13) InCourage Update: Violet reported the Domestic Chef event is coming up at the Maritime Inn and is almost sold out. There will be a live and silent auction. The 5K Fun Run to benefit Incourage will be on 4/19 at 9am at Red Arrow Park. Incourage is looking for sponsors and businesses to have booths at the event. Violet requested that MTPD have a booth and stated the last few years MTSO has had a booth.

14) City Council Update: Alderperson Brett Norell reported that at the February meeting there was a badge pinning for Detective Nebel, Capt. Schmidt, and Lt. Klein, and the retirement of K9 Neko. The Council also approved the position of a Part-time Police Officer at MTPD. Alderperson Norell gave a shout out to MTPD for the handling of the recent threats at Roncalli Middle School.

15) CPC Activities/Projects/Scams: Citizens continue to receive phone calls from scammers claiming to represent Walmart. Scammer states that a high dollar purchase was made on the victim's "Walmart Account." The scammer requests financial account information and then scams the victim out of funds. Also, cryptocurrency scams continue to be prevalent.

Old Business: Members whose terms expire in June have been contacted by Sgt. Krock with instructions on how to reapply. Applications are due by April 18th.

New Business: Consider having a booth at the Incourage 5K.

16) Dates to remember: Next meeting **April 3rd, 2025 at 6:30.**

17) Adjournment: 1st by Jackie Labre. 2nd by Steve Kleinfeldt.

Minutes submitted by SRO Joe McDonald.