

Manitowoc Crime Prevention Committee Meeting May 1st, 2025

1) Roll Call: Bob Dewane, Brett Norell, Nicole Schleis, Steve Kleinfeldt, Rita Muench, Bently Wessel, SRO Joe McDonald, Mason Benzinger, Violet Salley, Deputy Zach Smith, Lizzie Boss, Logan Brooks, and Sgt. Paul Krock. **Excused:** Haelee Tlachac, Cindy Hogan, Jackie LaBre, April Eisenschink.

2) Minutes: Approved. 1st by Brett Norell. 2nd by Bob Dewane.

3) Treasurer Report: Approved. 1st by Bob Dewane. 2nd by Nicole Schleis.

4) Public Input: No public input.

5) Membership Matters: Three new applications were received and will be approved at the May Common Council Meeting. One citizen position still remains open. Lutheran and Lincoln HS positions will be vacant upon the graduation of Lizzie and Logan.

6) TRIAD Update: TRIAD will host a booth at the Senior Center Health Fair on Wednesday, May 14th from 8-12. Additionally, members will attend the July Bistro Concert at Felician Village.

7) High School Members: Bently (Roncalli): Recently hosted a choir concert festival. Students will attend the State solo and ensemble this weekend. Band members will be participating in the Memorial Day Parade. Graduation is scheduled for May 22nd. Logan (Lutheran): Reckless driving in the parking lot has been resolved. Late/missing work is being completed with the end of the school year approaching. Students will participate in a cleanup of the Red Arrow Beach for Arbor Day. Graduation is scheduled for May 31st. Lizzie (Lincoln): Students provided a theater tour to MPSD elementary schools. Students will participate in the State solo and ensemble this weekend and prom will be held May 3rd. Students will participate in a choir concert (May 30th) and a Jazz tracks concert (May 16th). Spring sports are in full swing (Baseball, Softball, Track & Field).

8) MTPD Update: Sgt. Krock reported that Officer Stout-Rojas was selected as the new Washington Middle School SRO and Captain Musial was selected as the next Assistant Chief upon the retirement of AC Freiboth. Currently accepting applications for Metro Drug Investigator as well as third shift Captain. City Auction will be held Saturday, May 3rd and Cop on a Rooftop Fundraiser benefiting Special Olympics will take place on Friday, May 16th from 6 am – Noon.

9) MTSO Update: Deputy Smith reported that two deputies recently completed Field Training while another two deputies are in the shadow phase. Eight deputies have applied for a vacant Detective position, interviews will occur soon. Deputies Hemauer and Lt. Stotzheim recently received life saving awards. The Drug Take Back event on April 26th resulted in 194.2 lbs of medications being collected.

10) SRO Update: SRO McDonald that the southside MPSD and Roncalli D.A.R.E. Graduations took place over the past couple of weeks. Vaping continues to be an issue. The Quick \$50 program has seen a high usage recently. Red Arrow Park has seen an increase in juvenile activity with the warmer weather. Jefferson Elementary is hosting an NFL cookout along with a walk/bike to school event.

11) Citizens' Academy/Alumni: Sgt. Krock reported that twelve students recently graduated on April 22nd. The annual Brat Fry fundraiser will be held at Festival Foods on May 3rd from 9 am – 3 pm.

12) Healthiest Manitowoc County Substance Use Prevention Coalition: None.

13) InCourage Update: Violet reported that Sexual Assault Awareness Month 5K Fun Run (April 19th) had a good turnout (80 pre-registrations as well as additional registrants the day of the event). A volunteer coordinator was recently hired, who will work both in Manitowoc and Sheboygan (Safe Harbor). Currently seeking applicants for the vacant Children's Advocate position.

14) City Council Update: Alderperson Brett Norell reported that a proclamation for National Police Week occurred at the April Common Council Meeting. The Law Enforcement Memorial Service will take place on May 15th @ 2:45 PM where officers who died in the line of duty will be remembered. The SS Badger will begin its summer sailings on May 16th. Mayor Nickels was inaugurated on April 22nd and incoming alders were sworn in while the outgoing alders were thanked for their service. Alderman Mike Cummings was elected as the Council President. A new ordinance was passed that will require Bitcoin ATMs to display signage warning about scams.

15) CPC Activities/Projects/Scams: Sgt. Krock reported that several local fast food restaurants were targeted by cryptocurrency scammers recently. Scammers posed as corporate headquarters of the restaurants requesting that employees deposit money into Bitcoin ATMs in order to receive suspended packages/parcels.

Old Business: Sgt. Krock thanked those who re-applied for the Committee.

New Business: Committee Officer Nominations: Bob Dewane nominated Charles Rasmussen (Chairperson), Charles nominated Bob Dewane (Vice Chairperson), Sgt. Krock nominated April Eisenschink (Secretary) and Haelee Tlachac (Treasurer). Voting on these officer positions will be held at the June CPC Meeting.

16) Dates to remember: Next meeting **June 5th, 2025 at 6:30.**

17) Adjournment: 1st by Deputy Zach Smith. 2nd by Bob Dewane.

Minutes submitted by Sgt. Paul Krock.