

Manitowoc Crime Prevention Committee Meeting June 5th, 2025

1) Roll Call: Bob Dewane, Haelee Tlachac, April Eisenschink, Danielle Pozorski, Jack Mellberg, Heather Buchko, Sandy Holschbach, Nicole Schleis, Rita Muench, Bently Wessel, Ami Benzinger, Mason Benzinger, Violet Salley, Cari Jaeger, Deputy Zach Smith, and Sgt. Paul Krock.
Excused: Charles Rasmussen, Cindy Hogan, Jackie LaBre, Brett Norell, Steve Kleinfeldt,

2) Minutes: Approved. 1st by Jack Mellberg. 2nd by Nicole Schleis.

3) Treasurer Report: Approved. 1st by Deputy Zach Smith. 2nd by Rita Muench.

4) Public Input: No public input.

5) Membership Matters: Three new members: Jack, Sandy, and Danielle. Lincoln and Lutheran High Schools spots currently vacant.

6) TRIAD Update: TRIAD takes summer off, next meeting at the end of September. Members will attend Bistro Concert at Felician Village in July. Various events at Felician Village throughout the summer that TRIAD has been invited to attend.

7) High School Members: School is done for the summer. Lincoln and Lutheran representatives graduated this year. If you know anyone at those schools, reach out and encourage them to apply. Bently (Roncalli): School year is done. Last day was May 22nd.

8) MTPD Update: Sgt. Krock reported that MTPD just hired six new officers. Officers marched in the Memorial Day Parade and debuted the department's new UTV, which has been used on a few calls thus far. Metro Drug Investigator interviews were held and Officer Casey Clarksen was selected. Assistant Chief Frieboth retires tomorrow (June 6th) and Captain Musial will fill the AC vacancy. Currently hire a Community Service Worker (animal complaints, found property, etc.). \$633 raised for Special Olympics at the Cop on a Rooftop fundraiser at Dunkin'.

9) MTSO Update: Deputy Smith reported that several Police Lights of Christmas events are coming up – June 28th is Ride with the Lights going from Green Bay to Kaukauna and July 29th is the Cops at Culvers event. Culvers event donates 10% of the proceeds to the Lights of Christmas and Officers will be onsite to accept donations from 11-2 and 4-7 pm. Detective Interviews were recently held and Rob Wandrie was selected. Beginning next week, MTSO will be fully staffed on the road once the last PPO completed field training.

10) SRO Update: Sgt. Krock reported from SRO Rocklewitz (Wilson) that the final school dance will be held June 6th. McKinley Academy received a grant for a recovery program at their high school and staff will attend a conference in New Orleans about students in recovery. SRO McDonald (Washington) is completing his final school year; Officer Brett Stout-Rojas will fill this vacancy. SRO Check (Lincoln) stated prom was a success. Graduation will be held Friday (June 13th) at 1 pm. All seniors are done June 6th if their graduation requirements have been met. K9 searches were conducted on May 20th at MPSD secondary schools (six K9s assisted) and were successful. An emergency response for a drowning was conducted recently for the first time. Associate Principal Longmeyer will become the Principal at Washington MS and Marty O'Donnel will move from Washington to Lincoln High School. MPSD is adding a social worker position; interviews were recently conducted.

11) Citizens' Academy/Alumni: Sgt. Krock reported that the annual Festival Foods brat fry held on May 3rd was a success; raising \$1,019.68. This yearly fundraiser covers the cost of t-shirts, snacks, and the student's graduation dinners. Applications for next year's Academy will be accepted beginning in mid-later November 2025.

12) InCourage Update: Violet reported that they are almost fully staffed and have hired a new part time children's advocate and a full-time case manager within the past month. They are still looking for someone to work 3rd shift answering the crisis line as well as volunteers to attend sexual assault call outs to law enforcement and medical facilities.

13) City Council Update: Alderperson Brett Norell provided an email update indicating that he was again selected by Mayor Nickels to serve on the Crime Prevention Committee. Room Tax Commission voted to enter an agreement with the Manitowoc Area Visitors and Convention Bureau which resolves the ongoing legal battle. A Visit Manitowoc Board was also created and additional details can be found on the City's website.

14) CPC Activities/Projects/Scams: No new scams were reported.

Old Business: During May's meeting nominations for committee officers were held. Nominations were Charles Rasmussen for chairperson, Bob Dewane for vice chairperson, April Eisenschink for secretary, and Haelee Tlachac for treasurer.

New Business: Elections for the nominations provided last month. The group unanimously voted yes. National Night Out will be held on August 5th at the Manitowoc Public Library from 6-7:30. Last year the event brought in about 150 attendees. This year the 4H group will be present with a small petting zoo, emergency vehicles, and a request has been made to Meijer for a donation of hot dogs.

15) Dates to remember: Next meeting **September 4th, 2025 at 6:30.**

16) Adjournment: 1st by Deputy Zach Smith. 2nd by Nicole Schleis.

Minutes submitted by April Eisenschink.