

# MANITOWOC CRIME PREVENTION EOMMITTEE

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Carol Behringer, Linda Blahnik, Pamela Campbell, Collin Chase, Robert Dewane, Melia Prange, Steve Kleinfeldt, Charles Rasmussen, Lynn Scheinoha,

**Department Members Present:** Sgt. Bruce Jacobs, SRO Rick Ladwig

**Not Present:** June Kraemer, Ralph Kraemer, Vicki Wetenkamp, Gloria Wallace

1. **Roll Call:** Chairperson Linda Blahnik called the meeting to order at 7:12 P.M.
2. **Review of CPC Minutes:** The minutes of the April meeting were reviewed and Unanimously approved (m/s – Dewane / Rasmussen)
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Copies of the Treasurer's report for April 2011 was distributed and reviewed by Bruce, in Vicki's absence. Report unanimously approved (m/s – Klein / Dewane)
4. **Request for public input:** Three requests for public input. No public input.
5. **TRIAD update:** Bruce explained discussions at the previous meeting, involving Scams going on at the present time. PSAs have been made by Bruce and members of the TRIAD committee regarding scams and are now being aired. The committee would also like to address bullying in the future. Also explained the Handi-cap sign project that the committee participated in, and indicated that he would be doing a newspaper article about the results.
6. **Retail/Financial Crime Prevention Task Force Update:** Committee met on this day. Katherine McDanilels (assistant district attorney) gave a presentation about process of retail theft. The presentation was excellent. Also talked about scams that are currently going on in the city of Manitowoc. Bruce explained how and why the Retail Meetings are held and what is discussed.
7. **Kohls Cake Presentation:** Cake was presented to Kohl's employees on Arpril 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. McGruff presented the cake to a group of employees along with the Mayor, Alex Olsen, Wendal Smith, and Gloria Wallace. It was a good experience for all. A short discussion at this time questioning the possibility of combining the CP award presentation and the Citizen's Association Graduation into one event. CP committee members felt that this was not a good idea, since both are separate entities, and members felt that this consolidation of events would take away importance from each event.
8. **High School Member Update:** Collin indicated that there have been no locker room thefts, and that not a lot of negative behavior was going on right now. Cooper spoke briefly about the "Boiler Room Bandits" at Lincoln, and what went on during that period of time. Students will be prosecuted. Since that event, no other major issues have occurred.
9. + 10. **CPO Summary Report: Review of monthly CP Activity:** Sgt. Jacobs gave report. Review of the nuisance statement property law (tenant issues). Bruce has had a # of complaints.
  - Citizen's academy recently graduated with a dinner at the Eagle Club.

- Youth council wants to make their own video about consequences of drunk driving.
- A reminder that Dare graduation from Cabrini is May 26<sup>th</sup>, and invited committee to attend if possible.
- Retail meeting will be held for the Crime Prevention of the year award.
- Gave presentation on scams to the retired teachers group (75 retired teachers attended).
- Presentation to the Chamber of Commerce (30 people attended).
- Talked about the new fake money scam that has surfaced in the city
- Talked about other scams, and how they continue to surface, daily.
- Drug collection will be on Earth Day. Brief discussion about the cost of drugs.
- Picture ID pictures were taken and members of the committee will be issued a picture ID, which is to be worn when attending CPC events.
- Working with Wal-Mart on money grams issues. They send out about 50 money grams per day, most of which are scams. Bruce has trained some of the employees to ask more questions before issuing the money grams. They are instructed to call the police dept. when money grams that they feel are not legitimate.
- Reviewed occurrence with an elderly gentlemen sending over \$60,000 to a female and talked about the elaborate scam created.

**11.SRO Activities:** Rick Ladwig reporting:

- Defiance issue at Washing Jr. High.
- Larceny – 19 cases, almost all cases solved.
- Has been doing presentation at each school.
- Indicates increase in drug sales at the schools, and Rx drug use is on the rise again.
- Students bring drugs to school to sell to other students.
- There are dances coming up at for Washington and Wilson students, as well as a DARE dance coming up.
- Have been bullying issues – met with student involved in conflict.
- Facebook complaints come in a lot from students. Officer Bennett gave an excellent presentation at Jackson regarding Facebook issues. Mot grade school student indicate that they do use Facebook, as well as text messages, of which some can become problematic.
- Brief discussion regarding weapons in the schools, and the procedure that is followed.

**12.Dates To Remember:** **May 26<sup>th</sup>**, Cabrini DARE graduation –  
**August 2<sup>nd</sup>** – National Night Out  
**October 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Crime Prevention Day at Expo

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 8:42 P.M.  
(m/s – Dewane/Kleinfeldt, Schmidt, Cooper)

Respectfully Submitted

*Lynn D. Scheinoha* (Secretary)