

MANITOWOC CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE

November 3, 2011 – Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Linda Blahnik, Mary Schilder, Rita Muench, Steve Kleinfeldt, Lynn Scheinoha, Vicki Wetenkamp, Ralph Kramer, June Kramer, Wendy Smith, Charles Rasmussen, Annie Short, Kelly Becker,

High School Members Present: Dalton Hermanns, Cooper Schmidt

Law Enforcement Members Present: Sgt. Bruce Jacobs, SRO John Bennett

Not Present: Pamela Campbell, Gloria Wallace, Dick Weber, Robert Dewane, Don Stefancic, Jay Skinner, Chris Able

Members of the public = 6

1. **Roll Call:** Chairperson Linda Blahnik called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.
2. **Review of CPC Minutes:** The minutes of the October meeting were reviewed and Unanimously approved (m/s – Kleinfeldt/Rasmussen)
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Copies of the Treasurer's report for October 2011 were distributed and reviewed. Vicki explained account balances as of this date. Report unanimously approved (m/s – Hermanns/Kleinfeld)
4. **Request for public input:** Three requests for public input. No public input.
5. **TRIAD update:** Sgt. Jacobs reporting: Committee met on the 27th with 10 to 12 people in attendance. Discussion centered around Crime Prevention Day. Additional discussion involved the length of sentences for criminals, and issues with the fact that many criminals are released early. TRIAD members are mostly seniors, and have difficulty understanding early release programs, as these practices did not exist years ago. Bruce used the example of a child molester that only spent 1 ½ years in prison.
6. **Retail/Financial Crime Prevention Task Force Update:** Sgt. Jacobs reporting: Committee met on this day, with representation from both small and large businesses. Attendance was good. Discussions involved current issues (bad checks, retail theft). Bruce explained the procedure for those involved in this crime. These individuals are offered an educational class, and a settlement. Businesses continue to share this information and Bruce feels this has had a significant impact on the # of bad checks written.
7. **High School Member Update:** Dalton reports an increased use of prescription drugs at Roncalli lately. Cooper reports same at Lincoln, some of which have resulted in calls to EMS because of students passing out/becoming non-responsive during classes.
8. **SRO Update:** John Bennett reporting: Has been busy, with one of the biggest

problems at this time being truancy. He indicates that the bulk of these incidents involve the same students over and over, and that the number of courts orders at Wilson has also increased. John shared an incident report with all committee members which listed incidents by the:

- Day of the week
- School
- Type of incident
- Month of the school year
- Number of people involved

9. Citizen's Academy Alumni Update: Mary Schilder & reporting: The academy continues with plans for the upcoming class that begins in March of 2012. Applications will be available in November of 2011. Invitation to all committee to attend the refresher course coming up the next week on "Gangs". Brief report on the food booth at Crime Prevention Day. Mention made of several sizable donations.

10. CPC Activities/Projects/Scams, Picture ID Badges: Sgt. Jacobs reporting: Discussion regarding By-laws resulted in a sub-committee meeting, at which time some changes were suggested. Sub-committee is waiting for a response from Kathleen McDaniel. Will update after opinion received from Kathleen. Crime Prevention Day Review: Linda Blahnik thanked everyone for their involvement in Crime Prevention Day in whatever way they assisted. 906 people attended, compared to 1430 last year. Weather may have been a factor. 184 children were finger printed compared to 300 last year. Bruce felt that the set up for the finger printing booth worked much better this year – people seemed to have moved through smoothly without having to wait for pictures, which is what happened last year. The new additions seemed to go over well with these booths being visited continuously.

- Distracted driver simulation
- Seat Belt convincer
- Suicide Prevention Group
- Chaplain Services
- Child Abuse Prevention

Misdemeanor meals went well with 91 turned in out of 200 forms distributed. Bruce mentioned that it is extremely difficult to get children's groups to come and sing so he has already contacted the heads of music departments to schedule for next year. He will try to have a slot in the morning, and another in the afternoon. There was entertainment that cancelled out at the last minute, however the taser demonstration took up the slot. He may set up a demonstration next year with the radio announcer. Plans are already being made for next year. Suggestions from the committee included possibly "manning" all doors, and keeping all but the entry door closed to eliminate people entering from many areas.

11. Review of Crime Prevention Youth Discussion

A lengthy discussion moderated by Annie Short explained the commitment of the task

force addressing early childhood development. Amy Wergin and Laurie Crawford explained the history of Healthiest Manitowoc County. Highlights of the discussion:

- Formed in early 90s
- Identified the need for intensive services for home visitation
- Need to help families raise children to adulthood
- Head Start formed (explanation of program)
- Health Dept. received funding
- How the community can respond
- Resources available to assist families
- Early childhood parenting education
- United Way's involvement
- Focus on prevention
- Adolescence and teenagers
- Assets in the community
- Need for assessments
- Involvement of libraries
- Incorporation of volunteers in the program (supervised)
- Identifying those that need assistance
- Project Youth (what they offer) (how referrals are made)
- SROs involvement
- How to follow children into adolescence
- Community Partnership for Children of Manitowoc County
- Foster Parent program

Annie Short will update the committee regarding monthly meetings in the future.

Dates To Remember: NEXT MEETING: December 1, 2011

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 8:10 p.m.
m/s – R Kramer/Schmidt)

Respectfully Submitted

Lynn D. Scheinoha (Secretary)