

Manitowoc Crime Prevention Committee Meeting March 4th, 2021

- 1) **Roll Call:** Kelly Becker, Sgt. Paul Krock, Miranda Check, Amy Schoepp, Amelie Doneff, Annie Short, Erin Schermetzler, David Yanda, Steve Czekala, Rosie Pegau, Jacalyn LaBre, Rita Muench, Heather Buchko. Excused: Steve Kleinfeldt, Charles Rasmussen, Melia Prange, Bob Dewane.
 - 2) **Minutes:** January and February Minutes approved. 1st by Steve Czekala, 2nd by Jacalyn Labre.
 - 3) **Treasurer Report:** January and February Treasurer's Report approved. 1st by Steve Czekala, 2nd by Annie Short.
 - 4) **Request for Public Input:** No public input.
 - 5) **Membership Matters:** Roncalli High School representative Erin Schermetzler introduced herself and was welcomed to the CPC.
 - 6) **TRIAD Update:** Sgt. Krock reported that the virtual TRIAD Meetings are going well and averaging about eight to ten participants. Several TRIAD members expressed interest in volunteering for an upcoming Prescription Drug Take Back event.
 - 7) **High School Members Update:** Amelie Doneff (Lutheran) and Erin Schermetzler (Roncalli) both reported that ACT testing is coming up and Spring sports are starting. (Lutheran) reported only one known Covid case, (Roncalli) reported zero known cases.
 - 8) **MTPD Update:** Sgt. Krock reported that the audio and video equipment inside the Police Department has been updated, which includes interview rooms. Annual in-service training is finishing up for all Officers later this month.
 - 9) **MTSO Update:** Deputy Zach Smith indicated that a retired Deputy has offered his land so that Deputies can take kids hunting. Also, MTSO is going to be starting a "Cops & Bobbers" program that would allow for Deputies to take kids fishing.
 - 10) **School Resource Officer Update:** SRO Check reported that students are returning to full in-person learning March 8th. Approx. 200 students will remain virtual learners. The Truancy Reduction program has proven to be successful in increasing student engagement throughout the pandemic. Falls sports are starting this Spring. No DARE will be taught this school year.
 - 11) **Citizens' Academy/Alumni Update:** Sgt. Krock reported that there will be one additional Alumni meeting prior to the start of the 2021 Citizens' Academy on March 23rd. Sgt. Krock reported that many Alumni and Officers have volunteered for the Academy.
 - 12) **Healthiest Manitowoc County Substance Abuse Prevention:** David Yanda and Annie Short reported that alcohol compliance checks have been put on hold due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Coalition continues their prevention work and will be providing funding to schools for their use during Prevention Week in May. These funds could be used by the school for mental health, vaping, etc. They are also looking for ways to engage the community's youth in positive activities.
 - 13) **InCourage Update:** Rosie stated that InCourage has been very busy and has several events planned for the month of April which is Child Abuse/Neglect Awareness Month & Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Youth Day is planned for March 20th.
 - 14) **City Council Update:** Alderman Czekala reported that Police contract had recently been ratified. An outdoor lighting ordinance has recently been passed. 2022 will also see the reconstruction of the intersection at Maritime Dr. & Cleveland Ave.
 - 15) **CPC Activities/Projects/Scams:** Sgt. Krock has received several reports of vehicle decal scams. A letter and face check is sent to the victim. Victim cashes the check and sends a portion of the money back for the decal install. Several days later the bank notifies the victim that the check was fake. Victim is required to pay back the bank, including the money sent to the scammer.
- Old Business:** A motion was made by Amy Schoepp to have the Annual Crime Prevention Award moved from April to October each year to coincide with Crime Prevention Month. 2nd by Deputy Zach Smith. Majority of members present voted and approved this change.
- New Business:** April Crime Prevention Meeting will be held in person at the Manitowoc Police Department & available via Zoom.
- 16) **Dates to Remember:** Next Meeting April 1st, 2021 at 6:30 PM.
 - 17) **Meeting adjourned:** 1st by Jacalyn LaBre, 2nd by Deputy Zach Smith.

Minutes submitted by Sgt. Paul Krock