

Manitowoc Crime Prevention Committee Meeting November 4th, 2021

1) **Roll call:** Kelly Becker, Sgt. Paul Krock, Rita Muench, Amy Schoepp, Charles Rasmussen, Steve Czekala, Bob Dewane, Jackie LaBre, Annie Short, Steve Kleinfeldt, Deputy Zach Smith, Heather Buchko, Michele Thompson, Cari Jaeger, April Eisenshink & Melia Prange. Excused: Amelie Doneff.

2) **Minutes:** Approved. 1st by Charles. 2nd by Annie.

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

4) **Request for Public Input:** No public input.

5) **Membership Matters:** April Eisenshink, Michele Thompson & Cari Jaeger were welcomed as the Committee's newest members. We currently have four open positions if anyone knows someone who would like to apply.

6) **TRIAD Update:** Meeting dates in November and December have been changed due to Thanksgiving/Christmas Holidays.

7) **High School Members Update:** No high school member update.

8) **MTPD Update:** Andre is the new Community Service Officer. The previous one (Joseph) is now a full-time officer. They have applications for 2 new DARE Officers, which will be doing training in Minneapolis. There were 9 Officers that applied for Detective. Interviews are next week. Career Fair is next week and 30 students will be present from Lincoln. They will get to see the Squad Cars and educate on the department. There will be a Career Fair at LTC in attempt to recruit applicants. The department is down 2 officers. The Culvers fundraiser raised over \$3,148 to purchase gift cards and hygiene products for people in need.

9) **MTSO Update:** Larry Ledvina is retiring January 15. Todd Cummings will be replacing him. He is in charge of training, public records and police reports. The county has 3 openings at this time and has received 6 applications for the 3 positions.

10) **SRO Update:** Sgt. Krock reported that Officer Check has been having issues at Lincoln High School with fights at Red Arrow Park with students at lunch. Officer Laabs at Washington Junior High believes his new loitering policy is working, as he finds less students in the hallways. The new policy is 2 verbal warnings, then a citation with the 3rd offense. DARE graduations are being held at the elementary schools. November 22 at Jefferson, November 23 at Monroe and Jackson Elementary Schools.

11) **Citizens' Academy Update:** They are trying to get more people involved. They are taking applications for the Citizens Academy the last week in November online.

12) **Healthiest Manitowoc County Substance Abuse Prevention:** Officer Krock helped with the Hidden In Plain Sight event held at the library. There was a mock bedroom that showed where students hide products. There was also drug identifying training. Officer Place plans to conduct future drug identifying training. Tobacco education is going on with quick stories to quit smoking.

13) **City Council Update:** Sgt. Krock reported on behalf of Alderperson Czekala that Mayor Nickels has budgeted for another detective position, which had been approved by the Personnel Committee. This position will focus on human trafficking and crimes against children. This new position will raise the number of sworn officers from 64 to 65.

14) **CPC Activities/Project/Scams:** There is going to be a boost in Social Security benefits which will cause an increase in scams. They are attempting to get Social Security numbers and bank accounts claiming they are needed in order to get the benefit increase.

Old Business: National Night Out is the first Tuesday in August and we will go community wide with it. Melia is working on it. We will be attempting to reach out to the community to get back to school supplies during this event.

New Business: Kelly Becker nominated for President. 1st by Heather. 2nd by Melia. Bob Dewane was nominated Vice President. 1st by Sgt Krock. 2nd by Steve. Annie Short was nominated for Treasurer. 1st by Sgt Krock and 2nd by Charles. Melia Prange was nominated as Secretary. 1st by Sgt Krock. 2nd by Steve.

Dates to remember: Next meeting December 2nd, 2021

16) **Adjournment:** 1st by Jackie. 2nd by Steve.

Minutes submitted by Lee & Melia Prange.