

Manitowoc Crime Prevention Committee Meeting January 6th, 2022

1) **Roll Call:** Kelly Becker, Bob Dewane, Amy Schoepp, Steve Czekala, Annie Short, Violet Salley, Rita Muench, Heather Buchko, Cari Jaeger, Michele Thompson, April Eisenschink, Nicole Palama, Jackie LaBre, Officer Laabs, Sgt. Krock Excused: Charles Rasmussen, Amelie Doneff, Barb Schmidt, Steve Kleinfeldt

2) **Minutes:** December Meeting Minutes Approved. 1st by Jackie LaBre, 2nd by Steve Czekala.

3) **Treasurer Report:** December Report Approved. 1st by Steve Czekala, 2nd by Annie Short.

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

5) **Membership Matters:** Violet Salley from InCourage and Nicole Palama were introduced and welcomed as new CPC members.

6) **TRIAD Update:** Sgt. Krock reported that TRIAD is looking to distribute prescription drug lock boxes to organizations or individuals in need. Sgt. Krock also reported that TRIAD members will be taking a tour of the morgue at the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office next week.

7) **High School Members Update:** No Update.

8) **MTPD Update:** Sgt. Krock reported that Assistant Chief Barbier was retiring tomorrow after 30 years of service. Deputy Chief Freiboth will be moving to Assistant Chief and Captain Corie Pusel was recently promoted to fill the Deputy Chief position. In-service training starts this month, which provides each Officer with sixteen hours of training. Sgt. Krock also reported that it is projected that six new Officers will be hired this year.

9) **MTSO Update:** No Update.

10) **School Resource Officer Update:** SRO Laabs reported that December's safety drill was postponed at several schools due to the emergence of a viral TikTok video that encouraged students to stay safe on Friday, December 17th alluding to the fact that some type of school violence might occur. Jefferson Elementary and Washington Middle Schools were recently placed into a precautionary "Secure" safety response due to a search warrant being conducted in the vicinity of the schools.

11) **Citizens' Academy/Alumni Update:** Sgt. Krock reported that Citizens' Academy applications were currently being accepted until Tuesday, January 11th. Sgt. Krock reported that the 2022 Citizens' Academy is a ten week program that meets every Tuesday from 6 – 9 PM beginning on March 1st, 2022.

12) **Healthiest Manitowoc County Substance Abuse Prevention:** Annie Short reported no new updates.

13) **InCourage Update:** Violet Salley reported that two employees had recently left InCourage, but that the Sexual Assault Coordinator position had recently been filled. Violet also reported that the InCourage shelter is currently at capacity and they've recently had to direct people to other available services.

14) **City Council Update:** Alderman Czekala reported that the Public Safety Committee is looking at adding some type of controls at S. 35th St. & Dewey St. to make the area safer for pedestrians. Also being considered are left turn signals at both S. 30th & S. 35th St. at Calumet Ave.

15) **CPC Activities/Projects/Scams:** Sgt. Krock had taken a report where a citizen had sent approximately \$1,300 to an individual in North Carolina for vehicle parts which never arrived. Suspect had been using an all-online bank account which is very difficult, if not impossible to trace. Sgt. Krock stated to use caution when purchasing items on Facebook Marketplace to avoid these types of scams.

Old Business: Crime Prevention Committee Election Recap.

New Business: None.

16) **Dates to Remember:** Next Meeting: February 3rd, at 6:30 PM.

17) **Meeting adjourned:** 1st by Steve Czekala, 2nd by Jackie LaBre.

Minutes submitted by Sgt. Paul Krock