

Manitowoc Crime Prevention Committee Meeting February 3rd, 2022

- 1) **Roll Call:** Amy Schoepp, Steve Czekala, Annie Short, Violet Salley, Rita Muench, Heather Buchko, Michele Thompson, April Eisenschink, Nicole Palama, Amelie Doneff, Barb Schmidt, Deputy Zach Smith, Sgt. Krock. Excused: Charles Rasmussen, Kelly Becker, Cari Jaeger, Jackie LaBre
 - 2) **Minutes:** January Meeting Minutes Approved. 1st by Steve Czekala, 2nd by Annie Short.
 - 3) **Treasurer Report:** January Report Approved. 1st by Steve Czekala, 2nd by Rita Muench.
 - 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 reschedule its tour of the Morgue and monthly meetings have continued uninterrupted despite the increase in Covid-19 cases throughout the community.
 - 7) **High School Members Update:** Amelie Doneff reported about an upcoming student dance along with a Casino Night Fundraiser being planned by the Student Council. Amelie reported that classes have continued to be in person despite the increase in student absences.
 - 8) **MTPD Update:** Sgt. Krock reported that the Police Department has begun recruitment efforts at area Technical Colleges. Lieutenant interviews were held today for four total anticipated openings. Officer Cooper Schmidt was recently selected as the Police Officer of the Year.
 - 9) **MTSO Update:** Deputy Zach Smith reported that a Drone Team had been selected (13 members). Two drones were being purchased with the possible addition of two more drones. Deputy Smith reported several recent promotions along with the new squad cars being placed into service.
 - 10) **School Resource Officer Update:** Sgt. Krock reported that he has taken over the SRO role at Washington Middle School as Officer Laabs was moved to Patrol due to the unprecedented manpower shortage. D.A.R.E. has also recently begun at both Bethany Lutheran School & Roncalli Middle School.
 - 11) **Citizens' Academy/Alumni Update:** Sgt. Krock reported that Citizens' Academy applicants have been selected. The Citizens' Academy Alumni are ordering a new t-shirt with a new design for this year's academy. The Alumni are meeting next week for their monthly meeting.
 - 12) **Healthiest Manitowoc County Substance Abuse Prevention:** Annie Short reported that a Prescription Drug Take Back event will be occurring on April 30th @ Holy Family Hospital along with the upcoming National Prevention Week (May 16-20) which they have open applications for student groups to apply for dollars to do an activity or event to address underage drinking or vaping. The coalition provides a "Festival Toolkit" at no cost, which is for organizations selling beer at community festivals/events to minimize underage drinking through signage, training, and use of ID Scanners and wristbands. We recently created "Call It Quit" stories to have community members share why they quit smoking and to encourage others to do the same. The videos are available to be played in lobbies, websites, wherever an organization could help share the videos. We continue to monitor Delta 8 sales, and was just now provided information on Kratom. There is a group trying to legalize Kratom which is a synthetic opioid. Promoted to not be addicted and a way to wean off of opioids. However those who have used it said you can get a high from it. We are one few states who has not legalized it, but there is now the push to legalize it here.
 - 13) **InCourage Update:** Violet Salley reported a staff shortage and limited capacity at their facility. Sexual assault support groups are starting for women and teens. April is also Sexual Assault Awareness Month, during which InCourage will be hosting a Youth Day.
 - 14) **City Council Update:** Alderman Czekala reported on the conversion from one-way to two-way streets for 8th and 10th streets and that new traffic signals have recently been installed on S. 10th St. at Franklin and Washington St.
 - 15) **CPC Activities/Projects/Scams:** Sgt. Krock had taken a report from a citizen who received a Microsoft firewall email scam. The email indicated that a yearlong subscription had been purchased on the citizen's account and provided a link for the citizen to click in order to dispute the charges. Sgt. Krock indicated that this fake email is a phishing attempt at obtaining someone's bank account information.
- Old Business:** Morgue Tour will be rescheduled.
- New Business:** Sgt. Krock is conducting a Scams Presentation at UW-Manitowoc on 2/18/2022 at 10 AM.
- 16) **Dates to Remember:** Next Meeting: March 3rd, at 6:30 PM.
 - 17) **Meeting adjourned:** 1st by Steve Czekala, 2nd by Deputy Zach Smith

Minutes submitted by Sgt. Paul Krock