

THIRD-PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
3000 MINNEHAHA AVENUE, COMMUNITY ROOM (FIRST FLOOR)
SEPTEMBER 27, 2010, 6:30 P.M.

3RD PRECINCT MISSION STATEMENT

Reduce crime, establish good relationships with the community and achieve high officer moral.

- Call to order at 6:30 P.M. by **Chairperson Gwen McMahon**
- Introductions of 33 people mentioning neighborhood and/or affiliation with the 3rd Precinct. (Approx. 9 of those were guests of our two Citizens Award winners.)

CITIZENS AWARD

Inspector Lucy Gerold, Commander of the Third-Precinct, There is great pride felt about the partnerships between the Third-Precinct, the citizens and businesses in the community. We are honored to present the Citizens Award to not only one but two people who decided to get involved.

- **Mr. Vern Teichroew,** On the morning of 08/07/2010 officers responded to 53rd & Minnehaha Avenue South on a Check Welfare call. The paper carrier noticed that the paper had not been collected the past couple days. He was observant that the storm doors were closed and locked; however, the exterior doors open with the sound of a television in the background. The carrier also had taken the time, in the past, to familiarize himself with his customers and knew the resident to be elderly (88 years old). MOST people would not have given these circumstances a second thought and continued on their route. This carrier, Mr. Vern Teichroew, cared enough to take time out his delivery responsibilities and do the right thing. He called 911 and waited patiently for our arrival. Windows and doors were checked once we arrived. That preliminary check gave the appearance that everything was alright. Upon checking further, the officer noticed an open refrigerator door through a window. We then manipulated the door lock and gained entry. The resident, Wilbert Becker, was found on the kitchen floor, having suffered an apparent stroke, but still alive (barely. When I checked, his pulse was around 50). It appeared that he had been there for a couple days. EMS was summoned and Mr. Becker was taken to HCMC. The officers went down to visit Mr. Becker in the ICU later that evening. If it were not for the actions of the caller, Mr. Becker would not be alive today.
- **Mr. Dan Nesler** (not present): According to W/Nesler he observed the AP/Nyman standing next to the listed vehicle, after the car alarm went off. This incident happened in the alley behind W/Nesler's address at 40th & Minnehaha. At the time, W/Nesler was out walking his dog. W/Nesler called to the AP and it was then that the AP stated, "I was just checking the car." The AP then fled SB in the alley. W/Nesler followed the AP to 41 st/41 st and convinced him to go back to the crime scene. Shortly thereafter, the officer arrived on the scene and took the AP into custody.

Note of concern: If you see something suspicious don't wonder if you should call 911. Call 911 and let the operators decide how it should be handled and if you see that the circumstances have changed for the better you can always call back and cancel the call.

Minutes from the June 28th meeting were approved as written.

Update from the August 19 Officers' Appreciation Barbeque by Chairperson Gwen McMahon. We raised \$515. We spent \$200 of that on the barbeque, \$315 was put into the savings account September 1st. The date was set for the December Officers Appreciation Dinner will be Tuesday, December 7th; set-up to begin at 9:30 A.M. and the lunch will be served from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. an supper is served from 6 to 9 P.M.

Treasurers report: In the absence of **Treasurer, Janell Holmberg**, Gwen McMahon reported

- Any money raised by 3-PAC, be it food, pop or money goes towards various types of officer recognition, mainly the Officer of the Month plaques, trophies
- \$1036.01 in the savings account and \$221 in the checking account. These amounts do not reflect any money collected through the barbeque. We do have an outstanding bill of \$116.38 for Officer of the Month plaques.

State of the precinct, Inspector Lucy Gerold:

- The overall crime picture in the precinct is up 13% in our part 1 crimes. These include homicide, robbery, rape, assault, theft, burglary and auto theft. In raw numbers that's roughly 4,600 compared to 4,000 a year ago, that's 600 more part 1 crime then at this time last year. The good news is that we had such a decrease last year that we are still down 11% compared to two years ago. The increase is in property crimes, burglaries are up 38% and a high percentage of those are from unlocked open doors and windows, homes and garages.
- 202 arrests for burglary so far this year, with a high percentage of these charged. **County Attorney, Tom Arneson** is working hard with property crimes and making a strong effort to see that there are some consequences for these criminals. **Victim/personal impact statements** play an important role in sentencing. The efforts are really on preventing these crimes from happening. You don't need to be a victim of a crime to help, if we can prevent a crime from happening that's our first goal. Our second goal, if there is a crime, is to apprehend and have a quality investigation and then hopefully get the suspect charged. Because of sentencing guidelines and the system sometimes the consequences aren't so severe. So **victim/personal impact statements** are very important and **contact your legislators** and share your concerns regarding sentencing and lack of consequences. If you can submit a **victim/personal impact statement** as to how it affects your neighborhood that's also helpful.
- City Attorney, Paula Kruchowski, our community attorney for 4 years was transferred to a trial court assignment so she is now trying cases full time and our new community attorney is Jody Ferness who comes from the 2nd precinct an outstanding addition.
- Possible 3rd Precinct personnel changes: A few officers who may be close to retirement are being offered an early retirement incentive package do to next year's budget cuts and the city budget for 2011 & 2012. It's not been decided yet but we would be losing three key people from the precinct. Lieutenant Rick Duncan, Sector 1 is running for Sheriff in Chisago County. There are two properties officers; Officer Dave Mentor and Officer Scott Ramsdahl, Scott is on a temporary leave for a year. Dave has been working alone and now Frank Coots, from middle watch will be temporarily stepping into Scott's position until Scott is able to return.
- Thank Super America for attending and working with the 3rd Precinct on the number of issues and complaints received. They have been so responsive and making a number of changes at their stores.

Officer of the Month

- **June: Officer Greaves & Officer Harder**, are assigned to Sector One. They also volunteered to assist with a Precinct "Special Operation" due to their knowledge of the area and experience in these specialty details. For the month of June they were top performers on Day Shift. Officer Greaves worked only 13 days, but had 180 calls for service, 12 felony arrests, & 78 misdemeanor arrests. Officer Harder worked 15 days, had 223 calls for service, 10 felony arrests and 78 misdemeanor arrests. These stats have been highlighted in the Sergeant's Daily Bullets.

Much of their efforts involve spotting chronic offenders and arresting them for their misdeeds. They have discussed some of their findings at the Phillips Court Watch meetings much to the delight of the good citizens of Phillips. They are leaders not only on the Day Shift, but also highly respected in the 3rd Precinct. For their tenacious efforts in reducing crime by targeting chronic offenders and great relationships with the Community, they are very deserving to be awarded 3rd Precinct Officer of the Month for June 2010.

- **July: Officer Meyer**, Officers responded to a 911 call where female stated "They are trying to rape me track my cell, the cell then powered off. The location was 9 meters from intersection of 38th Clinton, through further investigation Officer Meyer located the subscriber and spoke with her and learned her daughter had the cell phone.

Meyer also learned from checking CAPRs that there were prior contacts in this area, Officer Meyer and Humphrey established surveillance on the only house that had lights on and Officers observed a male run out to a motor vehicle. Officer Meyer spoke with this male and through excellent interviewing skills obtained consent to enter the residence at 38th & Clinton Av S. Once inside Officer Meyer heard the sounds of a scuffle and kicked open a bedroom door and found the victim and the suspects and interrupt a sexual assault. Through further investigation it was learned the female had been the victim of multiple sexual assaults though out the night. Officer Meyer and Humphrey were able place all four suspects under arrest. Officers Meyer assisted Sgt Martinson in drafting a search warrant for the crime scene. His actions and excellent work resulted in all four suspects being charged with CSC 1.

Officer Meyer also had a high level of proactive arrests that month.

- **August: Officer White & Officer Heger**, Officers were at or near the top in virtually all measures of productivity for the Middle Watch. Nearly all of their arrests were the result of self initiated field activity. The month of August was particularly busy month for Middle Watch and yet these officers were still able to make dozens of self-initiated arrests.

No particular arrest stands out from the rest. The sheer number, however, is remarkable. From curfew violations to narcotics arrests, they did it all!

Special Presentation by Dan Niziolek, Minneapolis Animal Control

- Deal mainly with domestic animals, Dangerous Animals, Animals used in illegal activity And livability issues like barking and feces (Priority 2). All of these have a huge impact on our community. 11 officers that cover the city, M-F, 7:30 A.M. to 11 P.M., Sat & Sun, 7:30 A.M. to 6 P.M. and available all other times for priority 1 only (7/24 operation). Responsibilities include dispatch, shelter cleaning and cover the city
- Priority 1 calls are: a person and/or an animal is in danger of an aggressive animal, animals are being used in criminal activity or an animal has been injured. Animal Control is responsible for investigating and declaring animals:

- Potentially dangerous animals; must be muzzled and kept on a 3 ft leash anytime it leaves the house, micro chipped, registered once a year and kenneled if a non-family member is in the home.
 - Dangerous animals; must have all of the above plus a \$300,000 insurance bond, dog postings in front and back and animal must be spayed or neutered.
 - Ordering the animal destroyed.
 - Declare approximately 300 animals per year in the city of Minneapolis and about 400 bites and approximately 270 incidence of aggression involving dogs and cats.
 - Dangerous animals are listed on the animal control website
 - Dangerous dogs are any type of dog that is aggressive, National studies show that the most likely biters are Chihuahua, Dachshund and Yorkshire Terrier.
- In domestic abuse situations **Animal Control** will shelter animals for up to 5 days at no cost and work with a number of rescue groups for longer term care if needed.
 - All licensing requirements can be found on the Minneapolis Animal Control website <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/animal-control/>

Report from Community Response Team (CRT)

- August has been a really busy month for us we drew more case numbers this month than any other month this year so it's been a good month from a business standpoint a bad month because the business is out there for us to have it. A couple of large investigations going on that started out from smaller things someone called in about. Stats last month: 88 case numbers, 12 search warrants 37 controlled buys, recovered 2 guns, 49.2 grams of crack, 18.9 grams of pot, ½ gram of pure cocaine, 476.8 grams of meth, 13.5 grams of heroin, 199 pills, \$5,000 in cash, 3 vehicles, 21 felony arrests, 38 gross misdemeanor arrests, 22 misdemeanors and 40 prostitution arrests.
- Drug court is new and is set up like DWI court. They can put themselves into an extra supervised probation, an officer can check on them at anytime during the month. 16 people have signed into this in the last month

Report from CCP/SAFE (community crime prevention/safety for all)

- **CPS Karen Notsch, Sector 2**, Encourages everyone to sign up for the email alert system. 3rd & 5th Precincts got hit hard with graffiti, some reports of 13 or SS on garages some are taggers with their logo – report any of it and give the exact address. Owners will usually send pictures and then remove it quickly.
- **CPS Shun Tillman, sector 4**, There were a series of robberies along Franklin Avenue that involving some Somali males, East African males. City inspection was call out to the area for some cleanup cut some shrubbery and make the area more visible and people asked to try to be more observant of things going on in the area.
- **CPS Sue Roethele, Sector 3**
 - Getting ready for the neighborhood policing plans

Chicago Lake Safety Center, John Bauman please stop by and check out all the resources

Next meeting will be November 22nd

8:12 P.M. Adjourn