

THIRD-PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
3000 MINNEHAHA AVENUE, COMMUNITY ROOM (FIRST FLOOR)
JANUARY 31, 2011 MINUTES

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 21 people mentioning neighborhood and/or affiliation with the 3rd Precinct.

Minutes from the November 22nd meeting were approved as written.

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

- \$1117.28 in the savings account, \$171.82 in the checking account and all bills are paid to date.
- An update on the \$100 gift card for Officer Lopez's, he chose Red Lobster and Olive Garden.

UPDATE FROM THE DECEMBER OFFICERS' HOLIDAY DINNER: A lot of great food, volunteers and officers. They really appreciate the effort. We raised \$300 in cash in addition to a lot of food donations from area businesses.

INSPECTOR LUCY GEROLD, COMMANDER OF THE THIRD-PRECINCT:

STATE OF THE PRECINCT

- Some statistics on how we ended last year; Part 1 crimes ended up being up by 7% (robbery, burglary, homicide, aggravated assault, rape, theft, arson) but our violent crime was down 9% (homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault).
- Where we saw the increase was in property crimes (burglary and theft) and we have talked about that at a number of our 3-PAC meetings because those are the crimes that are most easily prevented by reducing the opportunity. We still see burglaries in this precinct through unlocked/open doors and windows and things left on car seats in plain view and taken from cars. We can always use for help in prevention and encouraging people to write down serial numbers so when stuff is recovered we can make sure you get it back.
- The good news is that since we focused on a couple of specific things this fall and officers were incredibly responsive, very proactive making lots of proactive stops we reduce crime the last 4 months of the year by 5%. We were seeing a 13% increase in September and we ended the year at a 7% increase so that last 4/5 months we really reduced it by 6%.
- As the patterns continue this winter, we're just 1 month into this year and we continue to see the burglaries. We've gotten out a lot of information on what to look for and we're getting calls on suspicious activity and the officers are making arrests, we're making progress but we still want people calling on anything suspicious.

STAFFING CHANGES

- We've had some very senior Sergeants retire, John Runer and John Pielow. Lieutenant Rick Duncan was elected Chisago County Sheriff. We have a new Lieutenant C.J. Johnson; some may have known her from SAFE you may have known her from her work with vulnerable adults. She is on Day Watch.
- One of the changes this year has been a change from Sector Lieutenants which had responsibility for a piece of the precinct (a geographic area) plus a shift. Now they are just responsible for a shift. So they are working 10 hour shifts, not 8 hour days. So they are not here 5 days a week they are here 4 days a week. So CJ works from 5:45 A.M. to 3:35 P.M., Lieutenant Edwards works from 3:30 P.M. to 1:30 A.M. and Lieutenant Night, who was at the F.B.I. academy and temporarily replaced by Lieutenant McGinty, works from 8 P.M. to 6 A.M. So those Lieutenants now are providing that consistency of leadership on the shift don't have the sector responsibility but you can call and there will be one of them here around the clock. The CPSs are still your contact for neighborhoods and crime prevention and they're reporting now to the

CRT Lieutenant who is instead of a Sector Lieutenant who is Lieutenant Ostlund. We also have the problem property reporting to him and the CRT Officers. The shifts are going from having 3 Sergeants to having 1 Lieutenant and 3 Sergeants.

- There have been some arrests from the 2 homicides in the precinct, 3 were arrested for the homicide of Mr. Rogers and there was an arrest in the Guadeloupe shooting. There was excellent communication in the community and excellent police work in those investigations.

CITIZENS AWARD OF APPRECIATION

- One of the things that we like to focus on often is the police community partnerships; we don't do this job alone. We do it with good citizens who call on suspicious activity and who work with us as partners. So I've invited Ed to receive an award. I have to say that we often don't have a meeting this close to an award recommendation. This happened last week. This was an incident where a woman was stabbed 3 times by her partner, this was a domestic assault, she grabbed the knife from him, threw it and ran outside. She wound up in the street bleeding; Ed was walking by, saw her and started putting pressure on the wounds to stop the bleeding until officers arrived. In addition to him providing medical assistance to this woman (a complete stranger) the woman also told him that the boyfriend had stabbed her and he stabbed himself, so that provided some critical information. So are presenting Ed with the **CITIZENS AWARD OF APPRECIATION**.

OFFICER OF THE MONTH

- **SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT: Officers Lazarchic and Blackwell** responded to the rape in Powderhorn Park, followed the tracks in the snow for several blocks, following them around the building to the garage where the victims of the second rape came flying out of that garage followed by the suspect who had gun in hand and they then were able to make that arrest. For that they got a **METAL OF COMMENDATION**. Then in the next month had a couple of spectacular arrests in a robbery of a convenience store on Chicago and 34th Street and the robbery suspects split up and so the officers had to split up. Arrests were made despite the kind of weather we'd been having and the officers had been running in — this was after the big snow storm so lots of ice, snow and lots of snow banks. So they were **OFFICER OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER** for the rape arrests and then were nominated for **OFFICER OF THE YEAR** for the combination of those 5 arrests which later became 6.
- **THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD, Officers Garvin and Greeves:** this is a new award, which doesn't necessarily fall into the enforcement category but is for distinguished service. Officers responded to a check welfare where they found 4 children (2, 3, 6 and 7) who were unattended. The home was dirty there were human feces in one room and you could smell urine throughout the house. They didn't have anywhere to sleep, the bathroom was filthy and there was no food in the house. The officers determined that the 2 yr. old had not had his diaper changed in a while and they noticed that his diaper was so full it was almost dragging. The officers managed to find some diapers and managed to change the kid themselves. They found out the kids were hungry and they asked them when they ate and they couldn't remember. They thought they had eaten yesterday or the day before and there was some partially eaten peanut butter that they had all been sharing. So the officers went out and bought groceries for them and fed the kids. They were able to locate an adult aunt or relative who ended up staying with the kids otherwise those kids would have gone to St. Joe's. This was incredibly compassionate and great service.
- **Officers Tammy Friestleben and Blayne Lehner**, were responsible for the Peavey Park drug arrests, which has come to a conclusion. Essentially, these two officers recognized a lot of the drug activity in and around the Peavey park area and started doing numerous details and tracking some of the primary offenders. They created their own book and started gathering a lot of their own information they went to the ATF office for assistance and they opened a large yearlong investigation that started in April 2010 and wrapped up at the end of 2010. It included surveillance, wiretaps, following vehicles and cell phones. For that these officers received the **OFFICER OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER**. From that effort, as of December 3rd, there were 9 federal charges, 59 state felonies (15 pending) 285 misdemeanor arrests 11 recovered stolen hand guns and various amounts of marijuana, crack cocaine and cocaine. There were additional guns, drugs and more federal charges since December 3rd. For that **Officers Tammy Friestleben and Blayne Lehner** also received the **OFFICER OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER**.

REPORT FROM COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM (CRT) for Nov, Dec and YTD:

	CCN's	SW's	CB / Rips	Guns	Crack (g)	MJ (g)	Powder (g)	Meth (g)	Khat-Graba(lbs)
Nov	55	3	35	1	34.8	116.7		34	
Dec	46	8	31	3	23.3	49	1050.3	60	245
YTD 2010	759	102	455	33	512.43	4440.88	1129.8	851.6	248
	46	8	31	3	23.3	49	1050.3	60	245
	Drug Court	Herion (g)	Pills	Cash	Veh	Fel	GM	Misd	Prostitution Arrests
Nov	17		55	740	0	8	21	11	24
Dec	20	0.5	20	18,884	3	17	11	16	11
YTD 2010	109	66.7	875	100,356	32	209	160	354	198

QUESTIONS ASKED:

- **What happens to the cars that are confiscated?** Cars are seized whenever they are used in a felony and a person at the county attorney's office handles all the seizure for us. They have so many days to file a claim and to get their car back and at that point it goes through a court process and determined whether or not they get the car back. If they don't get it back it will be auctioned off. If it's returned it can take a sometimes up to a year. Sometimes the car may be sold back to the owner.
- **What happens to the money that is confiscated?** The money goes into a state seizure fund and out of that fund the department gets money for different needs such as buy money, training, help victims of some of the crimes but it's pretty much related back to training or equipment or use in going after more narcotics.
- **What happens to the guns that are confiscated?** If the guns were stolen they can be returned after the case is done. Some will be destroyed depending on who has them. If a gun is confiscated for a crime and the conviction doesn't stick the guns go back to the owners.
- **INSPECTOR LUCY GEROLD noted:** Sometimes the extra effort leads to big things and sometimes it's just enforcement to let people know that we're there and they can't do what they think they can do. We thought we had a pretty good handle on Peavey Park. Someone mentioned at a community meeting last week or so about some things that were going on at the Crossing (Franklin and Chicago) and she had told each shift about it and we put out 1 car on dog watch 2 different nights last week and each night there were 14 arrests, that's 28 arrests, this also means 14 reports each night.

REPORT FROM CCP/SAFE (community crime prevention/safety for all)

- **CPS Don Greely, Sector 1, EPIC, Midtown Phillips, Phillips West, Ventura Village,** we've been experiencing a welcome relief. Looking over crime stats from the last 5 yrs. we are down somewhere around 30%. We attribute this to focusing more on block clubs. Some of the block leaders in the Phillips area have started a chat network to come up with ideas to generate more interest in block clubs. There has also been a reduction in problem properties working with landlords and Gary Shiff.
- **CPS Karen Notsch, Sector 2, Bancroft, Bryant, Central, Corcoran, Powderhorn Park, Standish (north of 42nd St. E.)** Crime stats: Corcoran neighborhood is down 15% for part 1 crimes. The larceny which really plagued us the year before had been greatly reduced almost 40 points and that's just tremendous. There are two block leader trainings coming and we really want to see an increase in block

clubs. Community involvement is key to success. A Powderhorn Park meeting that took place following the Rape incident has spurred more community involvement and activity.

- **CPS Sue Roethele, Sector 3, Diamond Lake, Ericsson, Field, Hale, Keewaydin, Minnehaha, Morris Park, Northrop, Page, Regina, Standish (south of 42nd St. E.), Wenonah**, Number of burglaries in Sector Three has decreased quite a bit from its peak in November and December in the Nokomis East area.

However, the 4400 block of 29th Av. (Ericsson) just had two burglaries over the weekend and same block had one in December. There are two juveniles who might be suspects. The neighborhood had 58 burglaries in 2010, an increase from 48 in 2009 and 40 in 2008. Hope you will have filled in on the SENA Quality of Life Committee and burglary meetings.

There have also been several burglaries in December and January in Northrop neighborhood and the Field-Regna Northrop Community and Safety Meeting is working hard on recruiting block clubs and new block leader recruiting materials to help educate neighbors about the basics of home security and hardening the target.

Page Neighborhood had an excellent decrease in Pt 1 crimes in 2010---a total of 38 compared to 58 in 2009 compared to 101 in 2008, greatly attributed to the formation and interaction of 16-20 of its block clubs. Burglaries fell from 29 to 16. There were 48.

The Benefitting Bossen task force, initiated last February, has ended its first year. Members feel it's been successful but has a lot yet to do and continues to grow in members. The task force was set up by council member John Quincy of Ward 11 and meets monthly. It consists of several city departments (police, housing inspections, fire dept., Minneapolis Housing, etc.) plus Nokomis East Neighborhood Association (NENA) , Metro Transit, St. Stephen's Housing Program, MPHA, etc. and The Salvation Army. The Salvation Army purchased two ruined buildings, rehabbed them and all units are now fully occupied by previously homeless vets working under close supervision and support of the VA. The task force had four goals for 2010: Improve living conditions, Improve safety, Improve ownership and management stability Create an ongoing process that can be sustained.

There have been successes in each goal. Two of the 2011 goals are increased resident involvement, especially through a network of apartment clubs in the apartment buildings, and development of a pro-active owners network. There are about 55 rental buildings with about 460 units total.

ALL-PAC-MEETING (gathering of other PAC officers): attended by Gwen, Kathie and Michelle – An idea of a 3 PAC brochure that had come out of it. Also mentioned was media coverage both ideas are geared to try to encourage more 3 PAC interest. Val Lies has agreed to be the writer for our local papers. More on this will be mentioned at the next meeting.

Graffiti issues were brought up due to the increase during warmer weather. More community involvement is needed to catch the taggers in the act.

Next meeting will be March 28th

8:00 P.M. Adjourn