

**THIRD PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
3000 MINNEHAHA AVENUE
November 26, 2012**

3rd Precinct Mission Statement:

Reduce crime, establish good relationships with the community

- Call to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Gwen McMahan
- Introductions mentioning neighborhood and/or affiliation with 3rd Precinct

Minutes from September meeting were reviewed. Correction was spelling of Kathie Carlson's name. Minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gwen McMahan

Treasurer's report was approved.

HOLIDAY DINNER AT PRECINCT UPDATE: Gwen McMahan

Sign up sheet available for volunteers. Gwen went over the summary of food being made or donated. This is the 16th year and both Gwen and Inspector stated that it was a very appreciated event at the precinct.

STATE OF THE PRECINCT: Inspector Lucy Gerold

- Part one crime in 3rd Precinct is up 1%. Most of the year it has been 3-4%. Goal is to reach 0% by the end of the year.
- Goal at the beginning of the year was to reduce property crime. Burglaries are down 7% and theft from motor vehicle is down 6%. Other crimes such as theft at up 4%.
- Violent crime is up 15%. Of this, robbery is up 26%. In this area, there have been some recent arrests of juveniles involved in the light rail robberies by CRT as well as a group in the Bloomington/Lake area.
- Proactively, there has been strong prevention efforts by officers, home security checks are up by the crime prevention specialists, and the number of suspicious activity calls by citizens is up which has led to arrests or information leads.
- Use of mobile cameras with lights along with enforcement has been effective, areas like Peavey Park. Some community groups are exploring purchasing of these cameras and have them for specific, dedicated areas.
- Bids for shifts in the precinct are now closed and positions are posted for the officers. Lt's are laying out expectations for 2013 – one being problem solving. Lt's are looking at ways problem solving can have longer term effect.]
- There will be some new promotions in January 2013 but the precinct will have the same Lt's the start of 2013.

- Chief Dolan has retired and it's expected that Janee' Harteau will be approved by the City Council and be the new Minneapolis Police Chief as of December. Whatever changes in the MPD, the precinct will be mission focused.

Question: With the new class of recruits in January, how many will be assigned to the 3rd Pct?

There will be 14 new recruits that will have months working with a field training officer in a variety of duties. In March there will be a new class of 28. It's unknown how many will be assigned to the 3rd Precinct but it is expected that there will be an increase.

OFFICER OF THE MONTH

- September 2012. Officer Steve Lacy from Dog Watch for his aggressive, proactive work in the community, especially Sector 1.
- October 2012. Officer Joel Kimmerle from Dog Watch for his leadership to younger officers on his shift. Officer Kimmerle leads by example with a strong personal drive and strong work ethic.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM UPDATE: Lt. Dan May

The GPS provided by Ventura Village/3PAC has been used mostly for narcotics but hoping to use it for property crimes. It's been used on many occasions. It does require a court order to use it but officers have not been turned down by Judges when they have made the request. It has been great for longer term investigations. Lt Make went over some the highlights of its use by CRT officers.

Statistics from CRT for the past couple of months:

There have been a total of 50 felony arrests, 15 gross misdemeanor arrests, 91 misdemeanor arrests, 14 prostitution arrests, 13 search warrants and 30 special details. They have seized \$132, 392 cash, 7 guns and 5 vehicles. They have also done details with the Metro Transit Police with regards to the light rail that have lead to arrests and information gathering.

One detail involved a large group of dealers working the Phillips/Central neighborhood. CRT Officers made 6 felony arrests, recovered 9/5 oz of meth, 113 grams of marijuana, 1 handgun and cash.

PROPERTY CRIME COURTWATCH: Marcy Tollefson

Last Courtwatch meeting was November 19th with 16 residents and 4 staff attending. Most of the residents were new participants, some have been victims. They looked at 24 chronic burglars with impact statements being submitted. Evaluations are being requested at every courtwatch to see how it can be improved. Monday, January 14th will be the next court watch meeting at 6:30 pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy. All are welcome.

CRIME PREVENTION SPECIALIST UPDATES:

Sector 2 (CPS Karen Notsch). Due to the robberies in Corcoran the past few months and the burglaries in Powderhorn and Corcoran this year, both neighborhoods are sponsoring a home security/personal safety workshop on December 10th at Corcoran Park at 6:30 pm. This will be widely advertised in the Latino community as well with translators being provided by PPNA and CNO.

Home security checks are up in the area and residents having security checks done are passing on the information to their neighbors, helping to improve the quality of life in the area.

Panhandling has been a complaint coming into the office. One chronic panhandler identifies himself and requests money for an emergency or even claims to be raising money for a church. It's suggested that if panhandlers come to your door, call 9-1-1.

Requesting impact statements for two individuals who's cases will be coming up in January 2013. One offended in Central and the other in Corcoran neighborhood.

Sector 3 (CPS Sue Roethele). Another request for impact statements was made.

December 4th, there will be a Level 3 sex offender notification meeting at Morris Park. Victim pool for this offender involved 26 juveniles and large participation at the meeting is expected.

CPS Roethele did a Child Safety Presentation to mothers and children. She encouraged that parents need to work on safety with their children at an early age and it needed to be continuous.

Sector 1 (CPS Don Greeley) Recent impact statement requested for offender in area.

Successful meeting with 60 Somali elders and their families to build relationship with MPD. Continued effort and future meetings being made in this area.

Enforcement efforts in several targeted areas in Phillips being made. Problem property at 28xx 14th Avenue South had conditions abated with the County Attorney. Property is owner occupied and has been a problem for years.

Sector 4 (CPS Don Greeley) Currently addressing a problem address near E. 44th St/44th Ave So. Met with neighbors and working with problem property officers.

Recent robbery of victim on crutches. CPS Tillman, working with the community and victim, provided information that lead to an arrest of a suspect.

Bike thefts are up. Arrests have been made and currently seeing a slight decrease. Be sure to lock bikes up, and record serial numbers of not only bikes but other equipment in case they are stolen.

Question: How many GPS does 3rd Pct have, cost and could they use more?

Lt May & Inspector Gerold answered that they currently have 1. The cost was \$900 but monitoring fee is \$600 per year. At this time, they don't need another one right now but may be in the future as property crimes is exploring the use of a GPW. Monitoring fees a concern in the future. The current GPS funded by Ventura Village with funding from 3PAC also received in account. Discussion on further funding and use discussed.

Question: Gangs of kids causing problems for females at East Phillips community center lead to fights. Did not think Police were called, what can be done?

Inspector Gerold answered that 3rd Precinct works well with the Park Police to address concerns. She suggested a first step would be to talk to Park Staff about calling 911. In the past, a series of criminal events was addressed in the area with enforcement and a camera and it has cleared up the problem that had been existing. Talk to the Park first before taking next steps.

Question: Wondering about success of arrests. Does the MDP track % of arrests to convictions.

City Attorney Heidi Johnston explained that tracking arrests to charging is more effective.

These are cases the MPD have presented to prosecutors for charging. Gwen McMahon also added that there is a city attorney that is assigned to each precinct that assists officers with cases. Inspector Gerold explained that this has been an effective tool that helps bring more cases for charges and has increased domestic charges due to better reporting.

Next meeting Monday, January 28th at 6:30 pm at the 3rd Precinct.

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