

# **Community Wellness & Public Safety Council (CWPS)**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**Committed to leading the community problem solving-efforts that improve the quality of life for all citizens. Work assertively with the community to address the underlying conditions that lead to crime, disorder, and public safety concerns. Develop creative and innovative approaches designed to address all facets of community wellness, safety awareness, and education to protect all citizens of our community.**

## **Meeting Minutes May 19, 2010**

Chief Bergamine called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm. This meeting was conducted in the First Floor Assembly Room at the Fayetteville Police Department.

Attendance: David Adams, Cumberland County Schools  
Val Applewhite, Councilmember, City of Fayetteville  
Bill Belvin, ABC  
Chief Tom Bergamine, Police, City of Fayetteville  
Jackie Blue, Advisory Council for People with Disabilities  
Captain Mark Bridgeman, Police, City of Fayetteville  
Sergeant Tracy Coleman, NC State Highway Patrol  
Bill Crisp, Councilmember, City of Fayetteville  
Lieutenant Christopher Davis, Police, City of Fayetteville  
Michael DeValve, Fayetteville State University  
Captain Kenneth Eaker, Police, City of Fayetteville  
Deanne Gerdes, Rape Crisis  
Robert Grover, Fayetteville Police Foundation  
Dan Grubb, Police, City of Fayetteville  
Joe Hafner, XVIII Airborne Corps, Accident Investigations  
Chief Deputy Paul Hinson, CCSO  
Bobby Hurst, Councilmember, City of Fayetteville  
Rebecca Lemings, Citizen  
Jason Locklear, NC Alcohol Law Enforcement  
Katherine Marable, Citizen  
George Olavarria, Fort Bragg DES  
Major Mike Parsons, Fort Bragg PMO  
Kathleen Ruppert, Police, City of Fayetteville  
Captain Jeff Stafford, Spring Lake Police Department  
Janie Pinkston Sutton, SBI  
Jackie Tuckey, City of Fayetteville, PIO  
Haus Vogel, MADD Sandhills  
Lisa Vogel, MADD Sandhills  
Arnold Williams, Citizen

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Chief Bergamine welcomed all attendees and explained why he believes this committee is so important. He expressed that the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) conducted a study of the Police Department and recommended that we establish a "Community Crime Council". By expanding the Safety Over Speed (SOS) Council and incorporating the "Criminal Justice Council" (Captain Bridgeman, Fayetteville Police Department; Dr. DeValve, Fayetteville State University; and Dr. Champion, Methodist University) to also join the Community Wellness & Public Safety Council (CWPSC), also excited to see the participation from Fort Bragg. Chief Bergamine introduced Mr. Joe Hafner and Joe executed a Powerpoint presentation (attachment).

Joe discussed the mission statement; the four guiding principles of the Community Wellness Plan; and the sub-committees that branch from this committee.

The four subcommittees consist of: Legislative; Marketing & Promotions; City & Military Relations; and Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (new component). Captain Bridgeman spoke to the group regarding the purpose of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. He explained that it resembles the Governor's Crime Commission at the community level. It started with the topic of "jail overcrowding". He suggested that attendees look at "Operation Red Hook" as a good sample to go by.

Chief Bergamine expressed that the Fayetteville Police Department is not the "owner" of this committee. We need this to be a grass roots effort and should involve the entire community, especially with BRAC coming into town (80% of Fort Bragg lives in our community).

After the Powerpoint presentation, Chief Bergamine opened the floor for questions. Where do we go from here? Subcommittees will provide updates at CWPSC meetings every 6 weeks.

Councilmembers Applewhite & Crisp asked questions about subcommittees.

Mr. Hewett spoke briefly regarding the previous efforts of the Legislative subcommittee (would like to see speeding through a school zone treated like speeding in a construction zone). He expressed that we've been continually working on getting the community more involved and invitations are presented at each City Citizen Academy, the Citizens Police Academy, Community Watch meetings, etc. Chief Bergamine reiterated that ABC laws and cell phone usage laws are also being discussed at Metro Chief's meetings that he attends.

Councilmember Crisp asked what he considered a basic question, how do we continually emphasize this information to the general public? Chief responded that the Crime Prevention Specialists, the City PIO, and the Police PIO continually share this information at all available opportunities. It was also mentioned that the newspaper is invited to each of these meetings (SOS meetings) in the past; however, they do not attend.

Joe Hafner stressed that he'd like to see all of the attendees at today's meeting join in this liaisonship and mention this committee to everyone that they meet. Councilmember Applewhite expressed that she would definitely like to see that 80% of soldiers living in our community get involved and that we need to find a way to get our message out there and fine tune the needs to meet all involved.

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The four subcommittees were discussed again, and new members were added to the existing committees:

Marketing & Promotion, new members: Dan Grubb, PIO; Robert Grover, Police Foundation; and all six Crime Prevention Specialists. Possibly Ms. Blue with her creative mind for new slogans. It was suggested to involve more youth and Captain Eaker suggested cooperation with our members from the school system. Lead person for this committee: Jackie Tuckey & Dan Grubb.

Military/City Relations, new members: Fort Bragg PMO office. Lead person for this committee: Joe Hafner.

Councilmember Crisp suggested that Community Watch groups are definitely interested in reading the crime stat sheets; possibly we can add a "fact sheet" on the flip side of those crime stat sheets.

Legislative, new members: Charla Suggs, Operation Ceasefire Coordinator; Chief Deputy Paul Hinson, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office; Bill Belvin, ABC; and Chief Bergamine, Fayetteville Police Department. Lead person for this committee: Doug Hewett, Assistant City Manager

Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee, members: Captain Bridgeman, Fayetteville Police Department; Dr. Michael DeValve, Fayetteville State University; Dr. Darl Champion, Methodist College. New member: Deanne Gerdes, Rape Crisis. Lead person for this committee: Captain Bridgeman

\*\*\*All attendees: as a new committee, we need to establish our measurements for success and establish some goals for 2010.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact Kim Gardner, Secretary to Chief Bergamine, at (910)433-1819; or one of our Crime Prevention Specialists: Campbellton Bureau at (910)433-1034 or Cross Creek Bureau at (910)433-1033.

Ms. Vogel announced that there will be a MADD Sandhills meeting on June 7 at 6 pm at the Bordeaux Regional Library. All are welcome to attend.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

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**ACTION ITEMS**

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- Consider goals & objectives, and measurements for success
- Subcommittee team leaders need to schedule a meeting and bring an update to next CWPSC meeting (June 30).

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 2010:**

June 30, 2010	Council Chamber, City Hall
August 11, 2010	TBA
September 22, 2010	TBA
November 3, 2010	TBA
December 15, 2010	TBA

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