



Community Wellness & Public Safety Council (CWPSA)

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 January 26, 2011

Chief Bergamine called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm. This meeting was conducted at the Fayetteville Police Department, 467 Hay Street, First Floor Assembly Room.

Attendance: David Adams, Cumberland County School System
Chief Tom Bergamine, Police, City of Fayetteville
Major Daniel Bjorklund, PMO Office, Fort Bragg
Jackie Blue, Advisory Council for People with Disabilities
Rachael Draughon, Police, City of Fayetteville
Captain Kenneth Eaker, Police, City of Fayetteville
Amber Fite, Police, City of Fayetteville
LaToya Gordon, Police, City of Fayetteville
Joe Hafner, XVIII Airborne Corps, Accident Investigations
Officer Darwyn Hudson, Police, City of Fayetteville
Connie King, Police, City of Fayetteville
Rebecca Lemings, Citizen
Michele Lindo, Police, City of Fayetteville
Kimberly Richards, Police Crime Analyst, City of Fayetteville
Mercedes Rodriguez, Region 6 Coordinator for Nuestra Seguridad
Kathleen Ruppert, Police, City of Fayetteville
Captain Jeff Stafford, Spring Lake Police Department
Captain Roger Sullivan, Fire, City of Fayetteville
Lisa Vogel, MADD Sandhills

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Chief Bergamine asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting; Kathleen Ruppert responded; David Adams seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted from the last meeting.

Goals & Objectives for 2011: There was some discussion regarding the proposed goals and objectives. Jackie Tuckey, chairperson for the Marketing & Promotion Sub-Committee explained that a brochure is being designed. She suggested that it might be nice to list the phone numbers for the partnering agencies on the brochure. The brochure will be a tri-fold document and can be distributed by all partnering agencies, at crime prevention meetings, community crime meetings, etc. This topic was put to rest with the concept that everyone would email Jackie Tuckey with their respective contact numbers to add to the brochure. Jackie will bring the finished product to the next meeting.

Ms. Blue brought a t-shirt that displays her slogan: Don't Talk, Text or Tweet from the Driver's Seat. She also mentioned that tickets are being issued for "distracted walkers" and if you change the words around, slogan can be modified to: Don't Tweet, Text or Talk While You Walk. Ms. Blue purchased 20 t-shirts out of her own pocket. Chief Bergamine suggested that she work with the Police Department Crime Prevention Specialists, Connie King & LaToya Gordon to look into grant funds. Ms. Blue is aware of a Pepsi.com grant application that becomes available on March 1.

City/Military Relations Sub-Committee: Joe Hafner reported that LTG Helmick is deployed, along with corps headquarters, and they'll be gone for 12 months. MG Anderson is the "acting" manager. Division headquarters and one brigade will deploy soon; which will leave three entire brigades back here so there won't be much of a flux of personnel like last year when we had the entire division deploy.

Fort Bragg is doing what they refer to as "Saturation Day" about once a month. This is where all law enforcement on Fort Bragg work together and concentrate on "speeding". Two Saturdays ago approximately 150 citations were issued. Fort Bragg continues to announce the availability of crime prevention and traffic to brief units that are deploying.

Joe provided a flyer that listed locations that check to see if child safety seats are installed properly. Chief Bergamine indicated that he'd like to see this information added to the social networks.

Chief Bergamine explained that Dan Grubb has resigned his position as the PIO as the Fayetteville Police Department. He accepted a similar, better paying position at FTCC. Because of Dan's resignation, our social networking capabilities have slowed down. We're hoping to get someone hired quickly and have things back up and running smoothly in the near future. New equipment has already been purchased to enhance the Community Policing TV program.

Legislative Sub-Committee: Chief Bergamine informed the group that he was appointed as a member of the Governor's Youth Accountability Task Force and they just completed their work product (168 page report). North Carolina and New York are the only two states left that prosecute 16 and 17 year olds as adults. The bottom line, it will cost the State of North Carolina approximately \$71 million to implement this change and it's a recurring cost every year. My recommendation to the Chief's Association and the Metro Chief's Association at this particular point in time was to not endorse this final work product, but tapping into a process already in place to have certain felonies expunged from a 16 or 17 year olds record, if they show they're doing the right type of things.

Another topic Chief Bergamine discussed was the goal to promote legislation for ABC Boards.

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Because of budget issues, there are difficult times to come.

Chief Bergamine also discussed the expansion of the Detention Center; hoping to add 376 beds. There are currently 568 beds, for a total of 944 (in the next three years). Here at the Police Department, we've started keeping track of how many people we've arrested and how many are being released. We're starting to see a lot of the people we arrested in 2007, 2008 & 2009 back out on the street and we're re-arresting them for more felonies (repeat offenders). We are working diligently with the DA's Office to get the Magistrate's to set "secured bonds" for the repeat offenders.

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Sub-Committee (CJCC). Captain Bridgeman out of town, death in the family. No one present to give an update.

New Business:

Lisa Vogel, representative from MADD Sandhills Chapter, has learned of some interesting practices being done on Facebook and other social networking sites that expose criminals and list they're names. There are several different names being used for these sites: "Name for Shame", "Mug Shot Page". Sometimes these pages are posted by family members of victims. In California, a lady posts daily. Lisa mentioned an article posted by the commander of Fort Drum, New York a few years ago who published the names of his soldiers because he was upset about the numbers for drunk drivers. We believe that Dan Grubb was looking into this with the Police Attorney; however, as mentioned earlier, Dan has recently resigned. It was also mentioned that obviously, any posting of persons arrested must include a statement proclaiming that the persons featured are "innocent until proven guilty". Alternative: only post names/pictures of those who've been convicted; however, some cases aren't prosecuted for years.

Upcoming Community Crime Meeting dates were announced: January 27 and February 15.

David Adams reminded the Council members that the new buses have cameras installed; and all of the Recreation Centers have cameras that are monitored by the School System. David Adams can assist with collecting data. Cameras have already assisted with arrests.

Chief Bergamine reminded the sub-committees to meet and bring updates to the next meeting (March 9, 2011). We will invite our Special Victims Unit to provide an update regarding the Family Justice Center at the next meeting.

It was suggested to host the next meeting at the North Regional Branch Library. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:03 pm.

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ACTION ITEMS

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- Consider goals & objectives, and measurements for success
- Establish “goals & objectives” for 2011.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 2011:

March 9, 2011	Cliffdale Regional Branch Library
April 20, 2011	TBA
June 1, 2011	TBA
July 13, 2011	TBA
August 24, 2011	TBA
October 5, 2011	TBA
November 16, 2011	TBA
December 28, 2011	TBA

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