

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 June 30, 2010

Assistant Chief Kimble called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm. This meeting was conducted in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 433 Hay Street.

Attendance: Captain Daniel Bjorklund, PMO Office, Fort Bragg
Jackie Blue, Advisory Council for People with Disabilities
Captain Mark Bridgeman, Police, City of Fayetteville
Dr. Darl Champion, Methodist University
Dr. Michael DeValve, Fayetteville State University
Sergeant Eric Dow, Police, City of Fayetteville
Rachael Draughon, Police, City of Fayetteville
Deanne Gerdes, Rape Crisis
Robert Grover, Fayetteville Police Foundation
Dianne Grumelot, Cumberland County School System
Joe Hafner, XVIII Airborne Corps, Accident Investigations
Chanieca Hudson, Police, City of Fayetteville
Bobby Hurst, Councilmember, City of Fayetteville
Assistant Chief Charles Kimble, Police, City of Fayetteville
Connie King, Police, City of Fayetteville
Jesse Kirkland, Citizen
Michele Lindo, Police, City of Fayetteville
Billy Manning, Citizen
Katherine Marable, Citizen
Fire Chief Benny Nichols, Fire, 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
Gary Sutton, Citizen
Jackie Tuckey, City of Fayetteville, PIO
Lisa Vogel, MADD Sandhills
Margie Whitehead, Citizen
Charles Yates, Advisory Council for People with Disabilities

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Assistant Chief Kimble welcomed all attendees and talked about the mission statement for newcomers to explain the purpose of this Council. He expressed that this Council is interested in solving community issues, not just police issues.

In following the agenda, Assistant Chief Kimble started the meeting with updates from the sub-committees starting with Captain Bridgeman explaining the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC). Captain Bridgeman reported that the CJCC met last week and discussed the need to coordinate with the new District Attorney, due to the upcoming change of command at the District Attorney's Office. The CJCC started because of the concerns of jail over-crowding. One year ago, they established a proposed mission statement: The Cumberland County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council facilitates coordination and communication among relevant agencies and entities in order to improve the overall effectiveness and consistency of justice services offered to the community. This Council is similar to the Governor's Crime Commission. Members of this Council are interested in a better way to deal with recidivists. Dr. DeValve is also a member of this Council and expressed that the goal is to solve concerns, maximize on the resources available, and maintain open communication between all interested parties. He's very excited to have the heads of the local law enforcement agencies (policy makers) working together. He's interested in setting 5 year and 10 year goals as well.

There was some discussion among CWPSC members regarding "punishment should fit the crime"; right now, there's no accountability; enforce the crime, do the time; educate people, talk to people; while they are in jail, make them get a GED to help them be better equipped to re-enter society; while they are in jail, they play cards/watch TV at our expense.

Captain Bridgeman expressed that he'll send an invite to everyone for the next CJCC meeting.

Update for Marketing/Promotions Sub-Committee (Jackie Tuckey). This sub-committee is working with Graphics on a new logo; also working to get information on the website easily identifiable. There will be a Marketing/Promotions meeting before the next CWPSC meeting. Goals will be broader now, since we're not just focused on Safety Over Speed issues. Captain Sullivan, Fire, volunteered to serve on this sub-committee.

Update from City/Military Relations (Joe Hafner). Joe has been involved with this sub-committee for the past two years and has watched it evolve dealing with issues other than speed. Joe recently shared information/flyer regarding the 4th of July festival at Fort Bragg. He invited all members to attend the National Night Out celebration at Linden Oaks. On the topic of traffic: educate the public about public safety. Focus of this sub-committee is to build relationships with civilians and military since the majority of the military live in our communities.

Sergeant Dow expressed that the Traffic Unit conducts safety presentations to Fort Bragg on a weekly basis. Assistant Chief Kimble expressed an interest in working with Fort Bragg officials regarding changing direction patterns to/from Fort Bragg during peak traffic times (5 am & 5:30 pm). Councilmember Hurst volunteered to serve on this sub-committee. It was suggested that Councilmembers Crisp & Applewhite would be beneficial on this sub-committee as well.

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Update from Legislative Sub-Committee: no one was present to report. Assistant Chief Kimble explained that recently some ABC laws have changed allowing local law enforcement officers to enforce ABC violations. This is good for local law enforcement as it allows us to address quality of life issues, and night life issues. Other topics being discussed in legislation: collecting DNA from ALL felons. On a local level: we'd like to match fines in construction zones with school zones, put more bite into the punishment. Another area of interest: placing a parking boot for excessive parking violations.

A community watch group member expressed his desire to do away with the ABC Board. Assistant Chief Kimble referred him to the ABC website and advised him he can contact state legislators regarding that issue.

Ms. Vogel, the MADD Sandhills representative invited the group to attend the next MADD meeting, on Monday, August 2 at 6 pm at the Library on Village Drive. She also stated that she has met with Mr. Billy West, the new District Attorney effective January 1, 2011.

Ms. Blue expressed her desire to move forward with her motto/slogan – "Don't text or tweet from the driver's seat".

Meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

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 (August 11).

MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 2010:

August 11, 2010	Bordeaux Meeting Room, Bordeaux Public Library at 4 pm
September 22, 2010	TBA
November 3, 2010	TBA
December 15, 2010	TBA

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