Chief’s Citizen Advisory Council Meeting Notes

May 14, 2015, 2:30-4:30 PM

1. Welcome-Chief Harteau
2. MPD Event Update including Police Week
3. Summer Safety Strategies
4. Roundtable
5. Adjourn

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1 & 2. Welcome and MPD event update
Chief Harteau discussed the week’s Law Enforcement Week activities which included the Awards Ceremony, Precinct Open Houses and the joint MPD and Hennepin County Memorial Service. In talking with officers she found them positive given all that has occurred in recent times. They did tell her residents have reached out voicing their support for with they are grat.
Chief Harteau will be working out of the precincts at different times during and summer and asked that you forward events which you would like her to attend.

Due to the proactive efforts of the MPD the Department of Justice has reached out to the Chief requesting her to review another cities efforts.

The National Initiative will be conducting a site visit June 16 and 17 which will include interviews with the committee members. Deputy Chief of Staff Arradondo will reach out to you regarding the time for interviews.

The department plans to have all sworn officers trained in Fair and Impartial Policing by years end. This process started in 2013 when Chief Harteau brought in Dr. Lori Fridell, Associate Professor in the University of South Florida’s Department of Criminology.

3. Summer Safety Strategies
Efforts will range from precinct to precinct but enforcement activities will include Bike Officers, School Resource Officers, new Gang Unit, Horse Patrol, Police Reserves, JET (joint enforcement with City, County and State Patrol) and the Youth Coordinating Board.

Discussion regarding youth -
• The elimination of the arts and sports in the school district hampers the efforts of kids to participate in positive activities.
• Concern that PAL only operates out of North Minneapolis. Need activities such as arts and technology.
• Reach out to private business and organizations such as the American Legion for funding and assistance.
• Reach out to the School district encourage them to engage the kids because if we don’t now then we see them later at Youthlink or in the criminal justice system.
• Continue to work with the Youth Coordinating Board and the YMCA/YWCA.
• What can MCTC do to help?
• Schools must inform the students of the programs available to them. Possibly using the Youth Congress Board as they have a representative at each school.
• Chief doing Public Service Announcements focused on the summer programs available
• Central Clearing House for information regarding activities
• Text Alerts notifying kids about opportunities
• Incident with a Regulatory Services employee and the subsequent interaction with an MPD Officer. Everything was worked out however would the average person on the street receive the same treatment he had. Relationships with the residents are extremely important.
• For later discussion - Text Alerts a way to notify kids of events and reminding them prior to it.
New MPD efforts

- New truancy process where officers will attempt to bring the individual home prior to taking them to the Juvenile Center which then enters them into the system. Goal is also to visit the home the following day and provide information on the various programs available.

- New Gang Unit - sergeant and 5 officers who will focus on intervention after incidents by making contacts with the individuals letting them know we are there and watching. Will work proactively to prevent retaliatory incidents. Information gathered will be funneled to other teams such as Weapons Unit and Safe Streets.

- Free Libraries will be established in each precinct were kids can select books and take them home or read while a family member is interacting with officers. The Crime Prevention Specialists will check the books daily to be sure they are kid friendly. Los Angeles PD currently has about 20 of them up and running.

- 25 officers will be provided with full access to the MPD media avenues such as Facebook and Twitter - better broadcast what we are doing

- MPD has had the best communications in years

- New MPD website is about a month from its debut

4. Round Table

- Cops need words of encouragement.
- How can we help with the Chief’s re-appointment?
- Like the way information is being sent out to the group
- Thanks to MPD for their participation in American Indian Month
- Future discussion regarding the re-building of West Broadway after the fire
- Need to call state senators and representatives regarding the defunding of education
- Youthlink working with DID, Downtown Council and street outreach workers - need to include MPD
- Thank you to the MPD for all that you do
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- Invitation to the May 29th Southside Collaboration session will be sent to CCAC members