

P.A.C.E meeting for Feb 15th 2024

The synopsis for the first P.A.C.E meeting will include the following sections. *Opening remarks* followed by *Discussion and Questions*. *Stat Review and Suggestions* for the next meeting. I'll also add reminders for upcoming events and topics to follow up on. The categories and layout might change as I attend more meetings and come up with a general layout

Opening Remarks

On Feb 15th at the Neuse Regional Library our agency conducted its first P.A.C.E meeting for the year. Prior to the meeting our agency changed the name from D.M.C. (Disproportionate Minority Contacts) to P.A.C.E. (Police And Community Engagement)

Around 20 individuals attended the first meeting...Major Jenkins communicated the following objectives for this year.

- Our agency would like to focus on adult outreach, touch base on juvenile stats and maintain our progress with our youth. And add an official agenda on the KPD website.

Discussion and Questions

* School Attendance – Why are kids in the library during school hours?

- 10-day Suspensions are being overlooked by the parents or they don't find out until after the notification is sent out.
- Incentives for the children to attend and actively participate in class is low due to the accessibility of vapes and other smoking devices.
- Participation in free seminars and activities for the children remain low.

* *Possible action* - Revise library policy. Continue to implement the book "Tools for Teens Transformation" by attendant and author L. Williams in elementary and middle school.

* Transparency and Accountability in the City – Can our agency provide dash cams in all vehicles?

- Major Jenkins explained our current body-cam policy and the procedure for concerns with active patrol.
- Major Russell explained the funding needed for storage of video footage and the pricing complexities.

** Possible action* - Review product funding with City Council.

* Homeless rate and disproportionate housing - How can our city provide more resources to the homeless?

- The homelessness rate has increased and shelter space is limited. Our agency released a resource list to assist our businesses and social programs.
- Around the new year our agency implemented a Blessing Box for our citizens.

** Possible action* – Neuse Regional Library mentioned sharing the resource list with surrounding counties.

* Super 8 Motel on New Bern Rd – How can the city enforce squatting and protect the citizens that end up staying there?

- Substance abuse is rampant in the abandoned motel yet citizens find themselves there with little protection against the dangerous environment. The Lenoir County Jail might be a temporary avenue for the citizens safety.

** Possible action* – While the road located at the back of the motel is hazardous, all Captains will be notified to frequent the area as safely as possible.

* Juvenile curfew – What is being done about the proposed juvenile curfew and how can our social programs assist with pushing this through? Can the court system implement something to assist parents that have children involved with Juvenile Justice.

- Social media in society has created a barrier between our students learning and focusing while in school. Phones are currently allowed in school classrooms. As there is no city-wide policy it creates an opportunity for misbehavior and misappropriated learning.
- Our agency is working on becoming fully staffed so we can hire two full time SRO's to assist Kinston High School.

- City Council is floating around the idea of implementing more cameras in the school or surrounding spots in the city.

Stats and Review

* *Homicides* – tips from the community have continued to aid our agency forward to reduce overall crime.

* *VCAT* – Fentanyl in particular is at a troubling percentage.

* As our agency implements our officers based on data the current breaking and entering's is a main concern followed by violent crimes.

Suggestions for the next meeting...

* Go over any Super 8 resolution and touch base about whether the City Council is revising the juvenile curfew.

Upcoming Events!

- Freedom Classic Feb 23rd-25th
- Spoken Word Event sponsored by SAFE Feb 29th 1800-2000 at The Hometown Exchange 118 W North St
- Reading Across America Day at Northwest Elementary School March 1st

Reminders!

- Send out resource list to Neuse Regional Library so they may disseminate to surrounding counties.
- Give out Freedom Classic tickets to local shelter.
- Set up Gun Safety Seminar at Neuse Regional Library.
- Reach out Code Enforcement and owner of the Super 8 on New Bern Rd about demolition or options.

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