



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 March 9, 2011

Captain Eaker called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm. This meeting was conducted at the Cliffdale Regional Branch Library.

Attendance: David Adams, Cumberland County School System
Detective Kellie Berg, Police, City of Fayetteville
Jackie Blue, Advisory Council for People with Disabilities
Sergeant T. T. Coleman, NC Highway Patrol
Dell Dekker, CW Coordinator
John Dekker, CW Coordinator
Rachael Draughon, Police, City of Fayetteville
Captain Kenneth Eaker, Police, City of Fayetteville
LaToya Gordon, Police, City of Fayetteville
Joe Hafner, XVIII Airborne Corps, Accident Investigations
Officer Darwyn Hudson, Police, City of Fayetteville
Sergeant Phyllis Jernigan, Police, City of Fayetteville
Connie King, Police, City of Fayetteville
Michele Lindo, Police, City of Fayetteville
Agent Neal McCormick, CID/Fort Bragg
Kelly Narowski, Disability Rights Activism
Kathleen Ruppert, Police, City of Fayetteville
Captain Jeff Stafford, Spring Lake Police Department
Captain Roger Sullivan, Fire, City of Fayetteville
Jackie Tuckey, City of Fayetteville
Arnold "Ed" Williams, CW Coordinator

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Captain Eaker asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting; there was some discussion about making a change to the minutes from the last meeting. With the correction being made, Joe Hafner responded to accept the minutes; Kathleen Ruppert seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted from the last meeting (with correction).

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 the brochure was being passed around the room. The last page of the brochure includes phone numbers. She received a suggestion recently regarding listing one central phone number (433-1FAY) as the source for all information for the Community Wellness and Public Safety Council. The council discussed listing one main phone number for information, or various phone numbers for all partners of the committee. It was also suggested to add a statement on the brochure to indicate that these numbers are provided for informational purposes only, not for emergencies.

There was some discussion about Ms. Blue's t-shirts. Ms. Connie King asked for clarification about the t-shirts: are they Ms. Blue's personal project, or a project of the Community Wellness & Public Safety Council? It was decided that the Marketing and Promotion Subcommittee would conduct a meeting to discuss this matter and bring their recommendation(s) to the next CWPSC meeting.

City/Military Relations Sub-Committee: Joe Hafner reported that Pope Air Force Base is now referred to as Pope Field and there is not longer a gate at Reilly and Armistead. There are now 200+ additional gate guards at Fort Bragg. They're doing heavy saturation patrols out there in masses and a minimum fine of \$100 for people doing 50 in a 25 mph zone. Joe would like for someone to let Sergeant Dow know about borrowing the "gators" for the Dogwood Festival, and making military and gate guards available to assist.

Joe also reminded group that All American week will be conducted in May.

Captain Eaker announced that he has an email to share for those who are interested regarding Department of Transportation projects: future I-95 to Fayetteville outer loop, approximately 60% complete, scheduled to be completed by July 2012; another addition coming from Ramsey Street up to Fort Bragg, coming in 2014, preparation for traffic and all starting now; and widening on Ramsey Street, putting a median down the middle of Ramsey Street on out.

Agent Neal McCormick announced that he brought some "reward" posters for \$10,000 regarding a body found on Fort Bragg on September 12. Deceased was not military connected. Please post these flyers and if you'd like, he can email the information as well to anyone who's interested.

Legislative Sub-Committee: Captain Eaker informed the group about a list of bills that Chief Bergamine passed along to him to share that we're supporting: 1) Laura's Law is to increase the punishment of DWI offenders with three or more grossly aggravating factors, to authorize the court to require continuous alcohol monitoring for certain offenders and to increase the court costs for DWI offenders. 2) Habitual Misdemeanor Law on Larcenies: to increase the status offense of habitual misdemeanor larcenies and one of the convictions may be used to establish habitual misdemeanor larcenies.

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3) Sex Offense/Child Witness Remote Testimony relating to remote testimony of the child witness in criminal proceedings relating to sex offenses so they don't have to actually be present for anything. 4) Expunge Non-Violent Crimes, to provide for the expunction of convictions for certain non-violent criminal offenses upon application of a fee, to allow disclosure of expunged information to law enforcement agencies and other specified agencies for employment and licensing purposes, to require those agencies to maintain confidentiality of the expunged information, and to make conforming changes. 5) Unborn Victims of Violent Acts/Ethan's Law, to create criminal offenses for acts that cause the death or injury of an unborn child or are committed against a pregnant woman, and to provide that the act be entitled "The Unborn Victims of Violence Act, which is Ethan's Law". 6) Operation of Mopeds, to require mopeds to be registered with the Division of Motor Vehicles and to have in full force and affect a policy of financial responsibility.

There is a whole list of bills; those are the ones law enforcement is looking at supporting right now. And speaking of mopeds, there was a fatality the other night where the guy ran into a telephone pole.

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Sub-Committee (CJCC). No one present to give an update.

New Business:

Detective Kellie Berg was asked to talk briefly regarding the Family Justice Center. She asked if anyone here has every heard of a family justice center. She explained that there are only four centers that are equivalent to what a family justice center really is. San Diego started them over a decade ago. Basically, a family justice center is a one-stop shopping center for victims. Fayetteville Police Department is coordinating with Spring Lake, Hope Mills, Cumberland County, District Attorney, Judge Keever, the DSS Executive Director, the Rape Crisis Executive Director, and Army Community Services. All are supporting this project. We are in the very beginning stages right now. We need money and a building. We have reached out to some faith-based organizations. Potentially we have some buildings that may be donated. Size is an issue: we need minimally 5,000 square feet. A family justice center would provide all necessary elements to support and help a domestic violence and/or rape victim. Detective Berg explained all of the complicated steps that a current domestic violence victim faces. A family justice center offers the opportunity for the victim to come to one location for all services needed. The advisory committee for the Family Justice Center just had a meeting and have applied for a 501(3)(c), which is non-profit status, in order to apply for grant funding. There's some fear out there that we're going to take grant money from smaller organizations, but that's not the goal. If anyone knows anything about these organizations, it's so much easier to get grant money when you're collaborating with other agencies, and the family justice center is a big way to go. The Family Justice Center focuses on the victim, not the center itself. Another great thing about a family justice center is the data collection. Having all of the organizations working together allows for better tracking to see if/where we're losing our victims. Currently at the Fayetteville Police Department we have domestic violence liaison officers assigned to each squad, and we have a Victim Advocate that contacts victims. Detective Berg has a feasibility report she'll be glad to share (four page document). If anyone is interested, please contact Kim and she'll provide.

Community Wellness and Public Safety Council members asked some questions of Detective Berg.

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Captain Sullivan from the Fire Department mentioned an upcoming Car Seat Clinic at Walmart on Ramsey Street from 10 am – 2 pm. Possibly looking to downsize our Car Seat Clinic stations from nine to five locations due to a shortage of technicians trained.

Ms. Kelly Narowski, a disability rights activist, and guest of Ms. Jackie Blue, asked to address the group regarding a question/suggestion. She moved to Fort Bragg five months ago. She's run into a lot of citizens parking in the wheelchair-accessible parking that don't have a tag or a plate. She's moved around a lot due to the military and Fayetteville seems to be the worst for not enforcing handicapped parking violations.

There was some discussion regarding drug courts vs. sobriety court. Captain Eaker explained that Drug court has been in effect, sobriety court is fairly new.

It was again suggested to try to host the next meeting at the North Regional Branch Library. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:52 pm.

ACTION ITEMS

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

MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 2011:

April 20, 2011	Fayetteville Police Department, First Floor Assembly Room
June 1, 2011	TBA
July 13, 2011	TBA
August 24, 2011	TBA
October 5, 2011	TBA
November 16, 2011	TBA
December 28, 2011	TBA

PLEASE e-mail Kim Gardner at kgardner@ci.fay.nc.us to notify when sub-committees are scheduled to meet.