

Lakeview Crime Prevention District Meeting

April 27, 2017

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: St Dominic Rectory Meeting Room

Jeb Bruneau called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Roll was called, in attendance were: Jeb Bruneau, Val Cupit, Michelle Douglas, Ann LeBlanc, Rory Bellina, Reid Raymond, Joe Landry, and Freddy Yoder. Jeb also pointed out for the record that LCPD Commander Sgt. Rene Benjamin, board accountant Larry Jacobi, and board attorney Richard Bordelon were also present. A quorum was established with eight board members present. Also present were approximately five members of the community.

Opening Comments:

Approval of minutes: Jeb called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 23rd LCPD board meeting. The motion to approve those minutes was made by Freddy and seconded by Joe. The motion passed with all in favor. Jeb immediately moved on to the public interest portion of the agenda.

Crime Prevention Report & Statistics:

Sgt. Benjamin reviewed the statistics in the attached Crime Prevention Report. There was only one auto burglary in Lakeview month-to-date and it was a forced entry with the car window having been broken into. He reported that year-to-date, there have been thirty-nine auto burglaries in Lakeview. Only four of those auto burglaries were forced entry. Each of those forced entry car burglaries, items that were in plain view were stolen. Ninety percent of the vehicles burglarized in Lakeview year-to-date were unlocked. Year-to-date, fourteen vehicles were reported stolen in Lakeview (thirteen cars, one motorcycle). Of those fourteen, thirteen were stolen with keys or key-fobs left in them. Twelve of the fourteen vehicles have already been returned to the owners.

Sgt. Benjamin reported that he had researched the demographics of the victims of Lakeview crimes. He found that fifteen percent of the victims of the auto burglaries were Baby Boomers between the ages of 53 and 71 years of age, twenty-three percent were Generation-X's between the ages of 38 to 52 and sixty two percent of the auto-burglary victims were Millennials between the ages of 17 and 37 years old. He pointed out that Millennials tend not to attend these types of meetings, but that they do tend to monitor social media. Sgt. Benjamin therefore suggested that social media would be a better way to reach out to Millennials about how to keep the neighborhood safe and attributed having already gotten the message out on social media as having reduced auto-burglary crime stats in Lakeview. He concluded with crime prevention tips about how to make Lakeview safer.

Financial Report: Larry reviewed what he identified as another glowing financial report. Approximately sixty-four thousand dollars had been collected last month and that through the month of April, the board was within four thousand dollars of collecting the entire annual budgeted number for collections. He pointed out that on the last page of the report he included the annual cost-per-hour projection for

patrols. Larry reported that the numbers really look good and were tracking well. He concluded by reporting that the draft copy of the audit report was completed, that he would distribute a copy to the board officers and that the final report would be ready for the board at the May meeting to be approved by the board to be forwarded to the legislative auditor. Larry pointed out that two of the eleven board members were not in compliance with ethics requirements and that this was the only remaining issue on the audit. He explained that ethics compliance was included on the legislative auditor's audit.

Neighborhood Electronic Message Board Update:

Nancy Lytle was not in attendance to give an update to this agenda item. Freddy pointed out that the board had previously voted on passing the concept of the message board to Lakeview Civic Improvement Association and that the issue of the message board was no longer being considered by the LCPD. Ann LeBlanc as well as other members of the board agreed with Freddy's comment.

Public Comments:

There was a question from a member of the public regarding false alarms. Her child had received a letter from his alarm company about registering the alarm on line with a company called "cry wolf." Sgt. Benjamin was aware of the registering of alarms online but not with that particular website. Other than a request by Jeb that Sgt. Benjamin stay on top of the issue, no action by the board was taken on this issue.

Administrative Agenda:

Richard Bordelon reviewed that he had sent an ethics form by email to the board members that they must complete and send in on their own. He suggested that the board members submit the forms and that those board members keep copies of the confirmation documentation that they had submitted the form.

Jeb called for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Ann, it was seconded by Val and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30pm.