

Lakeview Crime Prevention District Meeting

August 24, 2017

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: St Dominic Rectory Meeting Room

Brian Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM. Roll was called, in attendance were: Reid Raymond, Brian Anderson, Ann Leblanc, Nancy Lytle, Martin Landrieu, Michelle Douglas, Val Cupit, and Freddy Yoder. Also in attendance were LCPD Commander Rene Benjamin, board accountant Larry Jacobi, and board attorney Richard Bordelon. A quorum was established with 8 board members present. Also present were approximately 50 members of the community.

Opening Comments:

Approval of minutes: Brian called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2017 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes of the June 2017 meeting was made by Freddy and seconded by Ann. The motion passed with all in favor.

Crime Prevention Report & Statistics: Sgt. Benjamin reviewed the August Crime Prevention Report (attached). There were 14 crimes in Lakeview in August, one was a person crime. He spoke of the incident in General Haig in which a resident saw people pulling at car handles in his drive way via cameras he had at his house. He went outside with a gun and started after the individuals and one of the them fired a shot at the resident. Police were notified, and a total of 17 police units responded, six of them from LCPD. The individuals were chased, and wrecked the car they were driving in on Marconi and were all arrested. Two had multiple felony arrests.

All persons crimes this year in Lakeview have been cleared by arrest. Most crimes continue to be car burglaries. 93% of the vehicles were unlocked. Year to date, compared to last year, we have had 176 property crimes, and nine persons crimes; last year there were 156 property crimes and four persons crimes.

In response to questions from the audience, Sgt. Benjamin said crime cameras are a big help to law enforcement. Also, when a resident sees a suspicious person, the best thing to do is to call 911.

He also gave an update on video cameras in LCPD vehicles, stating they are now all equipped with them as required by the Consent Decree with the federal government. He said body cameras for officers are also going to be installed down the road. He provided a status of LCPD vehicles.

Legislative Session Update: Representative Hilferty provided a review of the past legislative session as it pertains to reforms in the criminal justice system due to Louisiana having the highest incarceration numbers in the country.

Financial Report: Larry Jacobi reviewed the monthly financial statements (attached). Larry also reviewed for the board the updated 2017 procedures for the legislative auditors, and the balance of the 2017 budget for patrols. A preliminary discussion was held of the 2018 budget. Next year's budget calls for additional costs of the newly required audits, about \$100,000 more for patrols than 2016 but approximately the same that was spent in 2015, money for more decals and possibly two newsletters. The reason is because of an increase in officer pay. The budget also includes purchase of two more vehicles. Sgt. Benjamin stated they may only need one. There will be a surplus of \$152,000 carried over from this year if the numbers stay the same.

Administrative Agenda:

LCPD Administrative Calendar: Michelle Douglas completed the LCPD administrative calendar which Ann will keep track of and others can as well. (it is attached).

LCPD Crime Camera Program Update: Brian reviewed the current status of the LCPD Crime Camera Program. There are fifty cameras at strategically placed areas that can see ingress and egress into the neighborhood and other key spots. Brian is also working with the Office of Homeland Security to get us to the point where we can monitor certain cameras. There were a number of questions and comments from the public about needing a live monitoring camera program whereby an LCPD officer can be scheduled to monitor live camera feeds. This would be a more proactive way of dealing with crime. Some even mentioned raising the parcel fee to \$150 to cover what would be needed to fund live monitoring. The board agreed to look more into live monitoring at a future meeting.

City License Plate Reader Program: Brian provided an update on the City License Plate Reader Program.

Newsletter and Reflective Decals: These items were deferred due to the lateness of the meeting.

Brian then called for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Ann, it was seconded by Freddy, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m.