

PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION COMMISSION

October 5, 2009, 5:30

Administration Conference Room

Present: Chairman Lillie Kay Mitchell, John Arth, Chuck Baker, Alderman Mark Billingsley, Dot Ewing-Stagich, Jonathan Frase, Nikki Gast, John Gregory, Susan Hirsch, Suzanne Jackson, Donald Nolbert, Ron Roberson, and Scott Sanders.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Lillie Kay Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm and a quorum is present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the September 2, 2009 meeting were approved as distributed.

REPORTS:

National Night Out – The Germantown Night Out is being moved to next Tuesday October 13 due to weather concerns. A few neighborhoods may still have theirs and move indoors. Lillie Kay will send out a listing of the neighborhoods who will be holding their night out with a location etc via e-mail. Materials will be in the round conference room so those commission members that can visit those neighborhoods drop by and get the educational materials and pick the neighborhoods you want to go to. Several commission members will be out of town so Lillie Kay encouraged all that could participate to show up between 5:30 and 6 to coordinate.

Disaster Planning - Susan Hirsch said we are still waiting for an emergency preparedness pamphlet for us to review. She advised that she had seen an advertisement from Memphis advertising a 2 hour seminar on CERT classes they offer. Susan requested that several of our members try to attend, and suggested that it would be good for us to see what information they are putting out at this seminar and how they are garnering interest in their CERT training. She will try to e-mail all with date/time etc to see who may be interested in attending.

Speakers Bureau: Ron Roberson told the commission that we have received four requests for speakers. The requests have been e-mailed to the commission e-mail address so our advertising seems to be working. Ron will be giving one presentation Wednesday morning to the Heritage Women's Club and to "Retired Officers' Wives Club" on January 14th. Ron has already given another at a school (not in Germantown). Lillie Kay, Jody and Dot will be giving a talk to Pegasus in January.

Ron has worked diligently to prepare a PowerPoint slide presentation for our use in giving talks, and there are handouts to go along with the talk. These hand outs and the PowerPoint has much information from www.readyshelby.org since the City Web-Site also points citizens to that site. He did this so we are "all on the same page." Ron gave us a preview of the slide show and will finalize the show with statistics from the police department and e-mail it to all members later this week.

Police Department - Angie Lewis was not present so there was no report.

Fire Department - Jody Dwyer was not present so there was no report

Website - Dot Stagich reported that the conversion has been completed by the vendor. Stacey Ewell is working on templates etc for the other pages. Dot volunteered to write the template for PSEC once the template is complete. She believes the City site will "go live" by the end of November.

Board of Mayor and Aldermen – Alderman Billingsley provided a brief report on the items covered at the September 28, 2009 BMA meeting. Details will be published by the City once the minutes are approved.

Germantown Festival – The festival was a success. The commission felt it was very beneficial to move the police and fire to one area. It was suggested, however, to move our tents further east, toward the sidewalk so we will have more festival goers viewing our materials. Jody Dwyer did an excellent job providing educational information in the Safety Trailer.

The drawings for the emergency preparedness kits were won by Chad Farmer, Chris Wilson, and Cory Boatman. Thanks to Jerry Ferguson for providing the second emergency kit for the drawing.

Child Safety Seat Check – The seat check is still a go on October 17, we will meet at Hobby Lobby parking lot at 9 am to set up and will work till 2 pm. Nikki Gast may not be able to attend, but we should have several checkers from Safe Kids and Scott will check also. Once we see how many checkers we have from Safe Kids we will request the police department and fire department to provide a couple of checkers each to round out the team. Dot is working on some volunteers, but we still need additional. If you know of a group from school or church that could act as scribes and/or entertain the children during the 20 minute check please get them to come.

Fraud and Identification Seminar – Dot Stagich reported that the seminar is set for October 27 @ 8:30. Two sessions will be given and we need some commission members to volunteer to help set up, register attendees, and provide information to the guest. She completed the brochure and is working to advertise in the newspaper. All speakers are confirmed.

Emergency Kit – Chuck Baker has been researching items to put in an emergency kit for your vehicle or home. He has spent much time conducting research from sources such as military, government, and civilian companies and has developed a nice kit for a reasonable cost. He displayed the kit and explained the uses for the various items. He will continue to refine the kit, and provide us with a detailed list of items, vendors, and cost etc. It was suggested that we might publish the list on our web-site at a future date as a "suggested kit."

Buildings for Safety City – Nikki Gast reported that she contacted Joe Moore, at the Village of Germantown for assistance in this regard. Moore stated that there is a woodworking shop at the Village and several residents are interested in assisting us with updating and building new buildings for Safety City. She will keep in touch with Mr. Moore and hopefully work will begin on some of these in November.

PSEC Storage Unit for Safety City/Child Seats etc – Chuck Baker is still working on the storage unit information for us and will report at a later date.

Gun Safety and Runners Safety – Donald Nolbert is still researching ways we can promote gun and runners safety in our community. In the interest of time he told commission members that he would e-mail us some of the information he has gathered.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Lillie Kay Mitchell, hearing no objections, announced the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.