



Citizen Advisors for Public Safety (CAPS) Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 7, 2011, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. • City Hall Conference Room 104

Present: Nora Dooley, Amanda Eggenberger, Savita Katarya, Rene Lafflam, Wayne Norrie, Bob Nowicki (Chair Elect), Susan Todzy (Chair), Zoe Masterpole.

Absent: Kati Berg (Secretary), Ahmed Makkawy, John O'Neil, Jan Thronsdon.

Guests: Sgt. Mike Sadauskis (Rochester Police Department, CATeam), Ron Buzard (IMAA Executive Director), Becky Buzard, Corey Coverston.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION PLAN
Call to Order	CAPS was called to order at 6:32 p.m.	
Minutes	No quorum at the start of the meeting. Members still coming in. Continue with agenda items and guest speakers.	Wait to approve June 2, 2011 minutes at next meeting.
CATeam Update: Sgt Sadauskis	<p><u>Rochesterfest</u>: Quiet and uneventful. Significant changes in Security the past couple years may have contributed to making it a more safer event: snow fences, more police presence, etc.</p> <p><u>Prostitution Rings</u>: Sting operations continue. Dynamic has changed, where outside people are coming into the community to do this line of work. Rochester is lucrative on the street. Sex acts are much higher here without nearly as much competition. Their website for advertisement is known.</p> <p><u>Crimestoppers Program</u>: People today are into social media and more information is coming from photographs, cameras, etc. How do you get that out to the community i.e. "Do you recognize this person?" Perhaps a web page through www.coptalklive.com will be available to address these concerns.</p> <p><u>Beer Bellyz</u>: Calls for service are 390% more than the average bar. CATeam has met with the bar owner and Issues have been taken to the City Council. In the past 6 weeks, crowds have dropped down.</p>	Get CAPS Survey results in to assess community need and concerns.

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<p>IMAA: Ron Buzard</p>	<p>IMAA is a nonprofit organization that's been around since 1984. It began with the influx of refugees from SE Asia and its focus is on immigrants coming into the US. The goal of the program is to 1) create stability 2) provide support services 3) build community. 75% of their focus is on family reunification, 15% on business related immigration, and 10% on parolees (defined as refugees who flee their homeland for fear of persecution. The US accepts a certain number on an annual basis acting as a temporary asylum). IMAA is led and governed by immigrants.</p> <p>The 3 largest immigrant groups represented in our community are Somalian, Latino, and Cambodian. Growing is the Sudanese population - arriving as refugees.</p> <p>It was discussed that some immigrants have a negative perspective of police so having an officer present might help at their focus groups. The immigrant perspective was discussed and how immigrants often feel "We tend to project our feelings onto them."</p>	<p>The IMAA invites anyone in the community to attend their meetings (twice a month) and hear the stories of immigrants whose lives have been affected by the services of IMAA. Contact Ron Buzard at 289-5960 x122 or go to www.imaa.net. Susan is to e-mail Ron to get a list of classes/sessions available at the IMAA and distribute to the rest of the CAPS members.</p> <p>Ron will look at the CAPS survey and have the caseworkers test it since there are illiteracy issues. They will give us feedback. Another pool of people to consider for insight on issues of crime would be interviewing those in jail. They could give us feedback in ways that are different. Would letters need to be written to the judge?</p>

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CAPS Update	<p><u>CAPS Survey</u>: Everyone approved of the 3 sentence statement to be sent to Darrel Hildebrant via Crime E-Alerts.</p> <p><u>Police Ride Along</u>: A sign-up sheet went around.</p> <p><u>Downtown Walking Bar Tour</u>: A sign-up sheet went around.</p> <p><u>Facebook Blog</u>: It was discussed that ongoing conversation and updates among CAPS members might be easier with a FB blog site. Pros and cons weighed. Overall, group said let's try it.</p> <p><u>Next Guest</u>: The United Way Gang Task Force has knowledge and background on gangs in Rochester. They also are working on some projects. It would be good to hear more about this and how CAPS can get involved.</p>	<p>Susan will send this statement out to Darrel this week. Everyone complete the survey yourselves. CAPS business cards advertising the survey link were distributed and encouraged by all to disseminate among your neighborhoods.</p> <p>Susan will get the list of names to Sgt Sadauskis who will then arrange a ride along time with those individuals.</p> <p>Susan will e-mail Jon Eckhoff those interested to see if a time of when we as CAPS members can go as a group might be possible.</p> <p>Susan will set-up and send invite to those interested in joining the discussion.</p> <p>Let's consider inviting them to one of our next meetings.</p>
Next Meeting	Thursday, August 4, 2011 at the City Hall Conference Room 104.	Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.