

Hampden Public Safety  
Citizen Advisory Committee

Minutes

11-17-16

- Committee members present: Nicholas Raymond, Rev. David Nicol, Jamie Sinclair, Terry McAvoy, Daryle Carter and Cameo Dunton. Also present was PSD Joe Rogers, Sgt. Chris Bailey, and FF/Paramedic Matthew Thomas.
- Special Agent Joseph Burke of the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency discussed drug trends and answered questions.
- Welcomed new committee members: Daryle Carter and Cameo Dunton.
- Sgt. Stewart is still attempting to find a teen to join the committee. The goal is to have a teen member by the next meeting.
- Committee members discussed issues in their neighborhood.
  - It was suggested to partner with the American Red Cross to assist citizens with obtaining and installing smoke detectors. (This partnership has already begun. The American Red Cross will provide smoke detectors to citizens who request them. They will also be going door-to-door to facilitate the distribution of smoke detectors)
  - A member was having a difficult time contacting Hampden Public Safety on the non-emergency line. The number to call is 862-4000. If the call isn't answered by a public safety employee, it will be transferred to the Penobscot Regional Communications Center.
  - A member discussed how some police departments are utilizing video surveillance at a particular location in their parking lot to provide a safe place for citizens. This could be used for various reasons such as child custody issues etc.
  - A member questioned the number of accidents on Rt. 202 particularly in the area of Main Trail. Accident statistics will be discussed at the next meeting.
  - A member stated it was difficult to see when turning left onto the Kennebec Road from the Mayo Road due to tree limbs and brush etc. Sgt. Bailey will check the area and notify the public works director if necessary.

- A member discussed the continued vandalism to the grass area at the intersection of Canaan, Meadow and Patterson Road. It was suggested to place a camera in the area to identify the driver of the vehicle.
- Sgt. Bailey and FF/Paramedic Matthew Thomas discussed public safety trends over the last year. It was mentioned that Hampden Public Safety receives requests throughout the year from elderly residents who need help shoveling snow or are unable to pay for heating fuel etc. A member stated the Congregational Church (862-5248) is the gatekeeper for programs in Hampden designed to assist citizens with various needs such as food and heating oil. A member stated student groups at Hampden Academy may be able to assist with shoveling. He will get back to me with information.
- We discussed the Hampden Public Safety strategic plan. Members suggested the need to have pre-incident plans for an ice storm, industrial hazards and waste management institutions such as Fiberright. Members also discussed identifying resources in the community and helping businesses with security. It was also suggested to have a Tip Line. Sgt. Bailey stated there has been one in place for some time but under-utilized by the public. The Tip Line needs to be publicized more aggressively.
- Members discussed a desire to have information on Drug Courts and the use of a K-9.
- **The next meeting is scheduled for 1-19-17 at 6:00 p.m. at Hampden Public Safety.**