

Meeting: Community Leadership Council on Gun Violence Meeting

Date: Thursday, July 2, 2015, 3:00 p.m.

Location: Fire Station #4, 2899 Pensacola St

In attendance: Deputy Chief Darrell Furuseh, Annie Harris, Gloria Pugh, Rudy Ferguson, Edward Clark, Akhenaton “AK” Thomas, Nancy Daniels, Wilson Barnes

Absent: Jack Campbell, Buck Chambers, Betsy Henderson, Pam Hightower, Twanetta Rollins, Rick Flagg, Pamela Marsh, Eva Mannings, Steve Harrelson

Community Attendees: Roseann Scheck, Claudia Blackburn, Brandi Knight, Arianna Waddell, Karen Clark

Deputy Chief Darrell Furuseh called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Deputy Chief Furuseh thanked the Council members that have been participating in the neighborhood walks and encouraged others to participate. A copy of the walk schedule is attached.

Cure Violence Update:

During the Cure Violence orientation, members learned details of the Cure Violence model as well as visited CEASE FIRE. CEASE FIRE has implemented the Cure Violence model in their respective neighborhood and serves as a multi-purpose center. Members had an opportunity to hear firsthand stories from Interrupters and tour the neighborhood the interrupters guard. The facility fills many voids including providing food to those in need and resource information for various services offered in the community.

The centers are placed in areas that have the most high risk individuals and in areas that see the most violence. They are staffed with the following individuals:

Program Manager: The program manager is responsible for tying together resources and ensuring the interrupters, community outreach workers and community stakeholders are well-informed of the resources, needs and the program’s success.

Interrupters: These individuals are interviewed and selected by a hiring panel. To be considered individuals must be ex-offenders with “street credibility” and have proven that they have completely divorced themselves from their former lifestyle. These individuals are out in the streets at odd hours (when gun violence is likely to occur) and provide weekly reports to document incidents that they break up. It should be noted that most people serve up to 5 years due to their age and the stress of being in the streets all the time.

Outreach Workers: These individuals act as a life coach or mentor. They provide high risk individuals resources and alternatives to life in the streets.

Upon return to Tallahassee, members learned that Cure Violence was interested in sending a team to Tallahassee (at their expense). While in town, they will conduct an assessment of our high incident areas (South City and Greater French Town) to test the flexibility of their program. Their hope is to be able to tweak it to fit the needs of our communities' challenges. There will be a meeting with the Council, City and County Commissioners, and other community stakeholders. A conference call has been scheduled for July 8 to further discuss their visit.

Communications Update:

There are currently two projects underway.

1. The subcommittee is working to determine the financial impact of a shooting.
2. The subcommittee sent a brief survey to communities that have implemented a Cure Violence program. One response has been received.

The next meeting date and location will be announced at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

OPERATION SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

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Tallahassee.

“Neighbors on the Block” Summer Walk Schedule Walk Times: 7p-10p

June 27	Springfield Community 1700 Joe Louis Street
July 11	Providence Community 1908 Highland Street
July 18	Wilson Green area Ridge Rd @ Ridge Haven
July 25	4495 Shelfer Road
August 1	Frenchtown Macomb @ Georgia St.
August 8	Bond Community 3201 Pasco Street
August 15	Seminole Manner 3535 Roberts Avenue

The TPD Mobile Command Unit will stage at the
above locations and serve as the meeting point
for all walks.