Crime Commission Meeting Madison Heights, Michigan February 11, 2025

A Crime Commission Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 2:30 PM at City Hall - Executive Conference Room, 300 W. 13 Mile Rd.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 2:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT
Martha Covert
Alexandra Iaquinto
Anthony Roberts
Council Representative Sean Fleming

ABSENT
Beth Scott - Unexcused
Alternate Jeffrey Hilliard – Unexcused

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Addition to new business from Councilman Fleming to purchase magnets that have emergency contact phone numbers listed to hand out to the community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made to approve the October 8, 2024 meeting minutes made by Covert, seconded by Roberts.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None present at the beginning of the meeting. Resident Margene Scott stopped into our meeting at 3:24 p.m. and wanted to remind everyone about random acts of kindness week.

REPORTS

Chief's Report

Staffing updates: We are currently one employee short of full staff for our dispatchers. We are budgeted for 10 and we currently have 9 and 1 in the background process. We are fully staffed for police officers now. We are in the middle of a command restructure because everyone is now going to 12 hours shifts. We have 8 road patrol sergeants and 2 road patrol lieutenants. We will

be moving a Lieutenant into the administration office who will oversee the accreditation, fleet maintenance, records bureau and many other tasks.

Co-Responder program update: The co-responder program is off to a fantastic start. In the 1st quarter, from October 1 – December 31, the City of Madison Heights had 92 referrals and a total of 300 referrals among all 4 communities.

Re-Accreditation update: We just got re-accredited through the state of Michigan. We have maintained our accreditation status, and we will go through the re-accredited process every 3 years.

School Resource Officer update: We have been in talks with Lamphere School District about getting a second school resource officer assigned to Page Middle School. The current and new school resource officer will work together to cover all the schools in the district. We will be working on an MOU to get the new officer started for the 2025 – 2026 school year. Lamphere will pay 60% of the officer's wages and benefits and the city will pay the other 40%.

Human Trafficking Task Force update: Oakland County and Southfield Police department have assigned a full time Sergeant and a police officer to work along with our SIU staff on the Human Trafficking Task Force. We now have a 4-person unit working Human Trafficking. We are waiting for more agencies to join the task force.

Council Report

Councilman Fleming said that the only thing reportable is that the city of Madison Heights is not a sanctuary city. There have been some comments made by residents and a resident attended the City Council meeting and asked what our stance was on illegal immigrants. We, as a City, will be abiding by the law for illegal immigrants. The Chief stated that the stance that the PD has is, we will not obstruct ICE and we are not going to assist ICE. If we arrest or encounter someone who has a detainer through ICE, the PD will contact ICE and they will make a determination if they want to pick this person up. If they asked for a temporary spot to use at our PD, we would assist them like we would any other agency.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The board added a Crime Prevention social media post to their 2025 workplan to complete the 2025 workplan.

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2025 Work Plan

Name of Goal/ Project	Benefit if completed	Timeline for completion	Resources needed	Measure of success
Crime Prevention Campaign	To educate the public on how to protect themselves from a crime	Spring 2025	Social Media Accounts	Number of people who commented on, liked the post or shared the post
Police Department Bike Rodeo	Educate Public to Bicycle Safety	June 2025	Educational Materials / Additional Vendors and more bicycle groups	Report from Police Chief on Success of the event
Police Dog Demonstration	To educate the public on the importance of the police K-9 units	Fall 2025	Location needed to host event and additional departments to bring their K-9 unit	Number of people attending the events and report from Police Chief on Success of the event

NEW BUSINESS

The board members that were present at this meeting signed the handbook sign off sheet.

Addition to meeting: Councilman Fleming suggested to purchase emergency contact magnets to hand out to the community. The magnet would include the non emergency phone numbers for the PD, FD, 211, 988 and poison control. He spoke with our City Manager and he will look into a CAB Foundation grant to cover the cost of the magnets. The magnets could be handed out at the Bike Rodeo, the Fire Station open house, Festival in the Park, the Memorial Day parade and any other community events that are held. The magnets will be sponsored by the City, PD & Crime Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Iaquinto, Seconded by Covert

Voting Yea: Roberts and Council Representative Fleming