

COMMUNITY POLICING

13 October 2009

Location: United Way of Greater Lima
616 S. Collett Street
Lima, Ohio 45805
Phone: 419-227-6341

Present: G. Garlock, G. Schock, J. Blauvelt, D. Adams, D. Barnes, J. Neighbors, R. Rohrbaugh, J. Lowe II, M. Stewart, W. Richard

Absent: M. Johnson, T. Lauck, R. Friedman, A. Anspach,
T. Lauck, Fr. S. Blum, D. Blauvelt, C. Dershem, J. Schneider, B. Kidd,
B. Leary, B. Prueter, R. Hammell,

Meeting convened at 4:00 P.M., adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Chief Garlock opened the meeting to discuss the last community forum that was held on 15 September 2009 at Unity Elementary School. Facilitators for the forum were Pastors D. Hughes and D. Harris. The meeting was attended by 58 personnel. The topic of the forum was drugs in the community.

Presentations were made by Chief Garlock, Sheriff Crish, and County Prosecutor J. Waldick.

Present at the forum were member of the Allen County and Lima drug task force.

After the presentations questions were taken from the audience which was followed by one on one table discussions.

A survey was taken from those in attendance and the results are as follows:

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| 1. Information was easy to understand: | 89% positive |
| 2. Information was interesting: | 83% positive |
| 3. Speaker helped participants understand the information: | 74% positive |
| 4. Speakers made the information interesting: | 77% positive |
| 5. Facilitators related well to the audience: | 71% positive |
| 6. Facilitators kept the discussion on subject: | 71% positive |
| 7. I learned some important information: | 66% positive |
| 8. I would recommend this forum to friends: | 80% positive |

Responses to Other Questions by Number of Mentions

9. Best thing about the forum: Community participation (11); Informative (6); Table discussions (3); speakers; format; release of frustration (1).

10. The forum would be better if: more time for questions (6); Stick to discussion guidelines (4); More detailed information (3); More people attended (2); no media; less talk about prosecution (1).

11. Future forum topics: More on drugs (4); Property maintenance (4); Gangs (3); Robbery and theft (2); Neighborhood safety (2); Police procedures; migrants; economy; overall community improvement; schools; fines (1).

The committee discussed the topics for another forum and the people we were reaching with the forums. The team discussed ways to broaden the outreach to a more diverse group of citizens. Particularly how to reach the youth of the community and open a dialog with them.

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