

Responsible Parties Meeting for Theme 3; Agency Cooperation

March 11th, 2009

Members Present: Sam Mclean, Michael Gallmeier, Frank Lamar, Kevin Cox, Tammie Colon, Sam Crish, Lisa Merkle, Lyn Shock and Tony Swygart (LPD) for Dick Shade

We did an overview of our last two meetings to bring Sam and Tony up to date and explained that we will continue to monitor the progress of our number 1 priority

(break down barriers with other law enforcement agencies) and our number 3 (study & consider law enforcement County consolidation) Sam explained what he is trying to accomplish and that the Sheriffs office, LPD and the Prosecutors office have combined into one drug task force so they are starting to consolidate some agencies. He also said that Central Dispatching is just in the feasibility study period and we will have to see how the study comes out. Tony agreed that there is more cooperation between the departments. We then explained that we had discussed our last priority (Develop a county wide strategic plan to address crime with the social service agencies)

What can the social service agencies do to help law enforcement and the public? How are these crimes handled now? Sam and Tony said that after a domestic violence call that the victims are referred to Crossroads. They also said that the report packet is huge and that it takes the officers a long time to fill everything out. Discussion on how can this all be made simpler? Sam and Tony think a task force could be the answer, consisting of members from Sheriffs department, LPD, the prosecutor office and all the social service agencies. Then when there is a call the officer would respond and then contact the task force to take over. If we could turn the packets over to the task force we could have the officer back on patrol. Cost would be a major hurdle for everyone and are there grants for these kinds of programs? We all agree that this needs further study and would like more information at our next meeting. We plan on inviting Tammy Hirsh who works with the City on some of these issues.

Next Meeting: April 8, 2009 at 3:00

Location: 200 W. Market

Enter on Elizabeth St. and go to 4th floor conference room