**PCRC Minutes**

**November 13, 2019**

Meeting called to order by Linda Taylor at 7:00.

October minutes - Tom made motion to approve.  Walter seconded. Ayes have it.

October treasurer’s report - Kitty made motion to approve.  Grace seconded. Ayes have it.

Captain’s Report

Trending down on auto thefts. Also trending down on thefts from unlocked vehicles.

Carjackings were up (some involving firearms) but all recent incidents have been ended with arrests.

Carjacking is defined as a robbery where assailants threaten you with force and take your car (or take your keys and then take your vehicle).  Captain suggested not fighting back (so that you don’t risk getting hurt). Don’t fight back. Let officers know any technology in your car, lo-jack, cell phone, etc.  That may help them get the vehicle back.

Be aware of your surroundings.  Talk to someone on the phone. Do as many trips to your car during the daytime.  Not a huge rash of incidents, about one a week across the precinct.

Officer of the Month – In September, Captain cited the outstanding work of all of the SROs.  September - Officers Womack and Young, SROs at Woodlawn. Because they’re so involved, students trust SROs and come to them to let them know about potential situations. SROs help with de-escalation.

Officer Carlone is October’s officer of the month. 6 felony arrests is an incredible monthly total for a new officer. He just completed field training in August.   Highlights from the month include:

Recovering 300 grams of marijuana and $10,000 after a traffic stop

While responding to a call for disturbance, Officer Carlone was approached by person in crisis who threatened him, swinging at him with a shovel. Officer Carlone  gained distance, got dialogue going, and deescalated situation. The person got to the hospital and is receiving treatment.

Officers are continuing to work on enforcement of abandoned vehicles and unlicensed mechanics in the area.

Question about Fairview Road homicide in September - Captain was not sure about whether formal charges had been filed, but there was a person of interest. He will confirm for next month’s meeting.

Rashida White

Baltimore County Bureau of Solid Waste Management oversees trash and recycling pickup for all of Baltimore County.  About 300,000 homes and 80,000 apartment/condo buildings.

Most areas are one day trash, one day recycle pickup, though areas with heavy rodent infestation may get a second trash day pickup.

Tours of the Materials Recycling Facility are provided for community groups. Maximum 30 people, minimum of 10.

Plastic, metals, paper, cardboard are accepted for recycling.

*Please do not put recycling in plastic bags.*  It jams the equipment up frequently.  You can’t stop one portion of the machinery, you have to shut the whole thing down.  Staff may have to climb in and cut the bag out when it gets tangled in machinery. Haulers have been advised that materials in bags should not be picked up.

*No Styrofoam - no packing peanuts, no restaurant containers.*  There’s no market for styrofoam. Costs more money to dispose of from recycling than just putting it in the trash. Someone has to sort it out manually.

*No clamshells (type of plastic used at salad bars, strawberries, blueberries)*

*No clothing, no cords, no twine, or anything else that would be able to wrap around machinery.*

Lids and labels can stay on.  Request light rinse, it does not have to be washed fully.

Ms. White requested that people use a lid on their containers.  Staff have to pick up cans and load them manually, so a lid that is fastened to the can would slow them down.  County so far has not provided.

Recycled materials go through manual and machine sorting.

There is one recycling facility for the county.  There are 3 drop-off centers (Halethorpe, White Marsh, and Cockeysville – recycling facility is here).  The landfill is located in White Marsh.  Freezer or other appliances are accepted at all three drop-off centers.  Electronics including large CRT televisions are also accepted at drop off centers.

Recycling is good for the environment as well as for economic reasons. It is costly to find and build a new landfill. Our landfill is almost full. Disposal of trash costs $62 a ton.  Recycling avoided $3 million. You can keep a lot of money out of the landfill.

We currently accept some Harford and Cecil County trash. This is the result of an agreement reached during the previous county executive’s administration. In exchange, Harford County funded the construction of a drop off center and Baltimore County previously took trash to that county’s landfill.

Once sorted, recycled material is baled.  The Solid waste marketing team will then market material to manufacturers. Companies buy bales to make their products. Markets for bales range and goes up and down, like gas prices.  Baltimore County does it monthly and tries to get the best price.

Haulers who pick up trash are not county employees.  These are a variety of contractors - some are large, some are small operations.  The size of the companies means there is a range of truck sizes. Not all trucks can support a large, heavy wheeled can because contractors have manual pickups.

**New Business**

*Thank you from Johnny O.*

County Executive Johnny Olszewski sent the group a thank you card in care of Linda. It read:

*Thank you for allowing me to address the Woodlawn Police Relations Council.  I enjoyed meeting your neighbors and hearing their suggestions and concerns. Our team is making every effort to address the issues raised the other night.  I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish together in the years ahead.*

He added that it was great to join us and thanked Linda for all her leadership.

*Shop with a Cop*

Shop with a Cop will be held on December 7, at 7:30 AM at the Timonium Wal-Mart on York Road.  Walter made motion for PCRC to donate $100. Tom seconded. Other donations can also be submitted.  Checks can be made out to Timonium Optimist Foundation Inc and mailed to Timonium Optimist Club SWAC, P.O. Box 262, Timonium, Maryland, 21094.

In addition to Shop with a Cop, Woodlawn precinct SROs have been identifying kids in schools who need additional assistance.  These are kids who may be in need of a coat, a new pair of shoes, etc.

The precinct’s outreach department and SROs are going to try to help a few additional kids by buying some of these needed items.  Any individual or organization can make a donation toward this initiative. Contact Officer Sholter or Officer Helphenstine at the precinct for more information or to coordinate a donation pickup.

**Upcoming community events**

Thursday, November 14:  6-8:30 at the Randallstown Library (8604 Liberty Road, 21133)

The county office of planning is gathering community input on the Liberty Road corridor to discover what enhancements to the area community members want to see.  This is an open meeting and all are welcome to attend. More information about the study is available here: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/planning/communityplanning/currentinitiatives/libertyroad/index.html>

November 21, at the precinct: Gwynn Oak community meeting, will be discussing upcoming initiatives, meeting open to everyone.  Officer Glass will be attending and presenting. Bonnie said that they are always very educational.

Saturdays, November 16, and December 7 and 21: Food pantry at Jesus House between 11 and 12

**Next meeting**

Next meeting will be Wednesday, December 11.  This will be the annual holiday potluck dinner.  Bring a dish or donate money. Sign up with Bonnie Winstead - 410-336-5964 or bonnie.winstead48@gmail.com.

In advance of that meeting, Linda requested assistance setting up the holiday decorations at 10 AM on Saturday, November 30.  Just show up at the precinct, no registration needed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58.

Submitted by Sarah Smith, PCRC Secretary