Neighborhood Watch
Minutes
Monday, Oct 12, 2026
Molly Bowden Police Station

"Our vision is to be the safest city in the state of Missouri."

"The mission of Columbia Neighborhood Watch is to inform, train and encourage residents to work together to establish neighborhood watch programs with the goal of reducing crime and increasing public safety."

Attending: Herb, Jeff, Sue, Larry, Keith, Ed, Kyle, Ibraham

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

President's Report

- COAD
  - State and Fed level organizations. Herb and Jeff attended. COAD is the state version. Office of Emergency Mngt and Central Missouri United Way. Just getting started in MO, established in other states. Organizational meeting. We are now a member and will now be a partner. We have the disaster preparedness handbook as part of our packet. Very little effort on our part except participation in communication as requested.
  - A follow on meeting occurred ,with faith based organizations that Herb attended.

Vice President's Report – Jeff

- Grants update.
  - Two grants pending.

    - LOI, letter of interest, Jeff also submitted with NFL. They want to improve police and community communications. It will require participation with CPD. Need ideas from the board. Jeff suggested ideas such as …. Coffee w a cop. Elementary school visits are ideas for the grant. Xbox with a cop. Shop with a cop.
- Neighborhood outreach – HOA or community associations. Jeff contacted 14 and one has responded. Will have a board meeting sometime this fall.
- Westlawn: The folks that attended special training. They are missing 8 houses before they can get signs.
- Board opening – going down list of trainees. Contacted 9 people so far and none have responded.

Secretary's Report – Susan

- Approval of Sep minutes – no minutes since it was the annual meeting.
- Remaining captains work.

Treasurer's Report – Keith

- Status of storage unit
    - Everything moved to our new unit.
    - Thank you to Keith and Ed who moved everything.
- Working on discrepancies in the report.
- Dickies not doing anything right now.
- Paid Sam for computer support.
- Opening a CD every month
- $256.80 interest year to date.
- $11,672.15 in CD's
- $21,960.90 Total resources
- Herb will order additional disaster brochures as they may be needed for COAD.

Board Reports

- Ed – Signs
    - Still waiting for letter to approve CNW to install and remove signs.
- Ibrahim – Technology/Social Media.
    - Nextdoor, Instragram, Facebook.
    - Need flyer for next training
    - Get a lot of hits on Facebook and Nextdoor.
- Larry – Captains activity.

    - Flyer for training in Thornbrook. Jeff will resend.
    - Christian fellowship or community methodist for training
    - Westlawn – getting the remaining 8. Need captains.
    - Herb has inserted a slide for the Back the Blue signs.
- Kyle - Block party at Broadway Farms was the same night as the Ready Festival.
    - Couple of patrol officers that went to Broadway Farms – well received.

Old Business

- Ready Festival – Sep 17
    - Hot and miserable, low turnout. Weeknight and high temps kept folks away.
- Annual Meeting – Sep 14
    - Turnout has been consistently low.
    - Annual meeting is part of our bi-laws. Do we want to continue making them a major event? Think about it and discuss next mtg.
- Private Training for Westlawn at Community United Methodist Church – Sep 24
    - 23 people trained. Officer Elizabeth attended.

New Business

- Will need another folder stuffing scheduled before next training.
    - Stuff folders Oct 15, THU 12:00
- Next newsletter will be in December so start thinking of articles.

Upcoming Events

- Training on Oct 19 at Molly Bowden. Starts at 6:30 so board members there at 6:00.

Meeting adjorned at 6:44