

## CPAW

April 12, 2010 Meeting Minutes

1910 - Meeting called to Order

Roll Call – Representatives from Brookside, Robscott Manor, Scottfield, Chestnut Hill and Coopers Run communities in attendance.

The minutes of January, 2010 CPAW meeting read. A motion to approve January minutes made and seconded.

Community Crime Statistics - Cpl. Mike Snead read the crime statistics:

Cherokee Woods had 44 calls, 17 crimes reported. 12 of the 17 were graffiti, 5 were theft from vehicles.

No crime was reported in Fox Chase.

Rutherford community reported 4 crimes, 28 calls were made. All of the crimes involved graffiti.

Harmony Woods had 44 calls, 2 crimes were reported. One was for harassment, the other for a smashed in passenger side window (GPS stolen).

Cpl. Snead attributes the increase in graffiti crimes to Easter (spring) break.

Presentation - Mr. Will Wightman was introduced by Bill Wheatley. Mr. Wightman gave a presentation about domestic violence and awareness of domestic violence. The presentation covered the following:

Domestic violence crimes are underreported

The myths/beliefs behind the causes of domestic violence are not true.

The more appropriate name for what has been called domestic violence is Intimate Partner Violence. The clinical description is the pattern of behavior used by one partner to control the other.

Representative Mike Barbieri spoke briefly about recent changes to the Protection from Abuse (PFA) legislation. The first change is the extension of the time the PFA is in effect – from one year to two, and the possibility to extend the PFA order beyond two years. The second is that in some extenuating circumstances, an indefinite or permanent PFA order can be put in place.

Mr. Wightman resumed his presentation, and handed out the Power and Control Wheel information. An emphasis is placed on recognizing trauma, avoiding victim blaming and becoming involved. Becoming involved may seem pointless, it is easy to become discouraged, but helping a victim is a long term process, not a short term solution.

Other Matters -

Iron Hill Park needs volunteers and visitors.

There will be a fundraiser held by the Friends of New Castle County Mounted Patrol on May 8, 2010 between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at Carousel Park. There will be canine and equine demonstrations, as well as activities for kids. Volunteers are needed.

Pencader Museum will hold its 4<sup>th</sup> annual Retirement of the Flag Ceremony, honoring deceased servicemen, on June 12, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Tattered Flags will be retired.

8:40 p.m. - meeting adjourned.