

COMBAT Commission Meeting
October 8, 2020, 10:00-12:00 PM
Zoom Meeting
Minutes

Present:

Larry Beaty
Dr. Joseph Spalitto
Arimeta Dupree
John B. Boyd
Mark Bryant
Dr. Kelvin Walls

Also Present:

Vince Ortega, COMBAT
Jean Peters Baker, JACO Prosecutor
Jennifer Dameron, Prosecutor's Office
Mike Mansur, Prosecutor's Office
Chief Bryon Price, Drug Task Force
Jay Haden, County Counselor's Office
Major Derek McCollum, KCPD
Major Mark Folsom, KCPD
Danny Cummings, Drug Task Force
Major Ed Turner, Independence Police Department
Scott Durst, Independence Police Department
Lisa Pelofsky, Swope Health Services
Jeron Ravin, Swope Health Services
Mark Miller, Swope Health Services
Rodney Bland, Morningstar
Rev. Modest Miles, Morningstar
Ginger Chamas, Swope Health Services
Karen Suddath, Swope Health Services
Theresa Galvin, Jackson County Legislator
Henry Chapman, Prosecutor's Office
Chief Bob Muenz, Blue Springs Police Department
Dawna Shumate, COMBAT
Holli Crowley, COMBAT
Keron Hopkins, COMBAT
Joseph Loudon, COMBAT
LaTasha Bunting, COMBAT

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

Minutes Approved:

Dr. Joseph Spalitto motioned to approve September meeting minutes; John Boyd seconded; motion passed.

New Business:

Prosecutor's Office - 2020 Gun Violence to Date Presentation

Jean Peters Baker presented her 2020 Gun Violence to Date presentation. Many victims for gunshot wounds are 16-30 years old, and the vast majority of those being shot are black males. Most of the shootings occur east of Troost. Most of the victims are shot close to their homes. A 9 mm is the prefer caliber to use in shootings. A lot of the shooting victims go to Truman Hospital, Research Hospital, North Kansas City Hospital, and KU Hospital. January, May, June, and July are the most fatal months for gunshot violence. Both fatal and non-fatal victims are shot in the early hours of the morning. Saturdays and Sundays are when most of the gunshot violence occur. Out of 148 homicides in Kansas City, Missouri, KCPD solved 63 by year's end. Out of 20 homicides in Eastern Jackson County, police solved 19 by year's end. 112 homicides cases were presented to the Prosecutor's Office, for 85 cases charges were filed, and 19 cases are being reviewed. The Prosecutor's Office disposed of 61 homicide cases. Of those cases 20 went to trial with 19th guilty verdicts and 1 not guilty verdict. The average sentence given for a Murder 1st or 2nd Degree conviction in Jackson County in 2019 was 23.3 years.

Jean Peters Baker - New Prefiling Diversion Program

The Prosecutor's Office and COMBAT want to create a prefiling diversion program that provided a good drug treatment plan in the community with a trusted setting and legal representation. The partners will be Rev. Modest Miles of Morning Star Church and Swope Health Services. Drug treatment services will be provided by Swope Health at Rev. Modest Miles Morningstar location. Swope Health will be providing a lifestyle substance program to reduce charges for drug and property crimes. This will be a pilot project. The clients will be provided with treatment and drug testing. These will be cases determined by the Prosecutor's office to either go to Drug Court and a diversion program. They are asking for \$67,000.00. The treatment is every week for a total of 8 weeks, 6 hours a week. Treatment will be on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and a half day on Saturday. There will not be a charged to the participants for this program.

Dr. Spalitto motioned that Swope Health Services and Morningstar be funded \$67,000; Mark Bryant seconded; motion passed.

Kansas City MO Police Department and the Independence Police Department - Law Enforcement School Based Initiative (formally known as DARE)

Major Mark Folsom gave a brief update on the law enforcement school-based initiative program with KCPD.

Scott Durst reported an update on the STEPS program. They do programming on bully, sexting, conflict resolution, and talking with police. They have done 60 classes for 6th grade and 30 classes for 8th graders. Conflict resolution went down from 52 to 21, fights went down from 14 to 6, and bullying went down from 10 to 4.

Reports from Ex. Officio:

Major Derek McCollum reported that there are 147 homicides to date, 54 non-fatal shootings, 348 drive-bys year to date, 204 firearms recovered in August, and 336 drug related arrests.

There were no reports from the Drug Task Force.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

Discussions:

There were no discussions.

Announcements:

The next COMBAT Commission meeting is Thursday, November 12th via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 AM.