

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
NEW LENOX SAFE COMMUNITIES AMERICA COALITION**

Meeting 14-03

Held at the New Lenox Village Hall / Community Room

1 Veteran's Parkway New Lenox, IL 60451

Wednesday March 26, 2014 / 2:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Dan Martin called the meeting of the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition to order at 2:30pm.

In Attendance

Daniel Martin/NLPD, Arnie Pilmonas/AVP Counseling, Bill Byerley/Illinois Radio League, Will County ARES and New Lenox ESDA, Emily Johnson/New Lenox Chamber of Commerce, Erin Hunter/New Lenox Public Library, Gary Cheney/ShareFest, Holly Pierson/Lincoln-Way West High School, Joe Enzenberger/Dryer Vent Wizard of Will County, Kathie Johnson/New Lenox Township, Lauren Lotz/New Lenox Community Park District, Leslie Newbon/Silver Cross Hospital, Liz Schwenke/Presence St. Joseph Medical Center, Marisa Schreiber/New Lenox Fire Protection District, and Paul Lyons/Home Helpers.

Also in attendance were the following:

- Lindsey Chojnicki/Senior Services of Will County
- Adam Runkle/American Red Cross
- Charletta Lutchter-Hayes/Crisis Line of Will-Grundy County
- Cindy Staskiewicz/Chair of Workplace Safety Task Group
- Rachel Ridge/Rosecrance
- Melissa McClintock/Silver Cross Hospital (Intern)
- Jeannette Park/New Lenox Resident
- Alain Murry/New Lenox CERT and Chair of the Emergency Preparedness Task Group
- Noe Santiago/Pinnacle Physical Therapy and Chair of Older Adults Falls Prevention Task Group
- Lain Hammack/Encore Senior Village
- Dave DeVos/Encore Senior Village

Approval of the February 26, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the February 26, 2014 meeting were sent to members via email prior to the meeting. Liz Schwenke made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Lauren Lotz. After no further discussion, the motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Presentation / Guest Speaker – Joliet Weather Center

Unfortunately, no one from the Joliet Weather Center was able attend the meeting.

New Business

None

Old Business

2014 Severe Weather Spotter Training / Health and Safety Expo

Dan Martin advised those in attendance that the March 5th event was a huge success and thanked everyone that participated for their efforts. Fifty organizations participated in the Health and Safety Expo, which was set-up just outside the Performing Arts Center. Attendees visited the informational tables from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. At 7:00pm the Opening Ceremony for the Severe Weather Spotter Training began with posting of the colors by the Lincoln-Way West High School, Air Force Jr. ROTC. Mayor Tim Baldermann then provided the opening remarks following the singing of the National Anthem by the New Lenox Victory Baptist Church Choir. A meteorologist from the National Weather Service presented the Severe Weather Spotter Training from 7:10pm to 8:45pm. Following a short Q & A session, a drawing for door prizes (NOAA weather radios, first aid kits and a 72-hour kit) was conducted. Approximately 350 people attended the Severe Weather Spotter Training.

Safe New Lenox Web Site

Dan Martin advised that he is in the process of updating the Safe New Lenox Web Site. Updates will include the addition of links to our new organization's web sites, the addition of new CERT forms under the CERT tab, the addition of the MRC application under the MRC tab and more. Dan will keep the group informed of additional changes at the next meeting and also encouraged those in attendance to visit the web site (www.safenewlenox.org).

Task Group Reports

Emergency Preparedness - Al Murry / New Lenox CERT

Al Murry provided a synopsis of the initiatives that his Task Group has been working on. In summary, Al spoke briefly about participating in the following:

- March 5th Health and Safety Expo / Severe Weather Spotter Training.
- March 6th New Lenox Safe Communities America hosting of the Japanese Safe Communities visitors.
- March 13th Trinity Services Leadership Meeting.
- March 15th emergency preparedness presentation at Peace Lutheran Church.
- March 19th presentation for Trinity Services staff.
- March 21st visit of Trinity facilities to check level of preparedness / safety.

Al reminded everyone in attendance to ensure that his or her personal emergency preparedness plans (72-hour kit, family communications plan, etc...) is in place.

Motor Vehicle / Traffic Safety – Marisa Schrieber / New Lenox Fire Protection District

Marisa Schrieber advised that she recently applied for and received a \$1000.00 grant related to child safety seats. Marisa went on to say that the grant requires that 75% of the monies be spent on the actual seats which should yield 30-40 seats. Marisa went on to say that she is planning a Child Car Seat Safety event from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on April 22, 2014. The event will be held at New Lenox Fire Protection District Station One. Marissa advised that she will send the event flyer to Dan who will pass it along to the group.

Older Adults Falls Prevention – Noe Santiago / Pinnacle Physical Therapy

Noe Santiago advised that the Older Adults Fall Prevention Task Group met at 1:00pm, just prior to the Safe Communities / Citizen Corps Council Meeting. Noe advised that the Task Group discussed guest speakers for future Matter of Balance Classes, which include local pharmacists, doctors, and physical therapists. Noe also provided a brief overview of a recent MOB Coaches class that was held on February 19th at Encore Senior Village. Noe (MOB Master Instructor) taught the class which graduated 12 new coaches. Noe also advised that the Task Group is planning another three local MOB classes, taught by the new coaches. The classes will be as follows:

- MOB Class 4: Starting March 24th (Mondays) thru May 12th, 9:30am – 11:30am at New Lenox VFW Post 9545, 323 Old Hickory Road, New Lenox, IL 60451.
- MOB Class 5: Starting April 9th (Wednesdays) thru May 28th, 9:30am – 11:30am at Encore Senior Village, 1023 S. Cedar Road, New Lenox, IL 60451.
- MOB Class 6: Starting May 13th (Tuesdays) thru July 1st, 1:00pm – 3:00pm at New Lenox Fire Protection District Station 1, 261 E. Maple Street, New Lenox, IL 60451.

Lastly, Noe advised that Task Group members, including MOB Coaches, will staff the a MOB table at the March 5th Health and Safety Expo at Lincoln-Way West High School. It is hoped that seniors attending the event will sign-up for the classes while visiting the table.

Poisoning by Prescription Drug Overdose – Arnie Pilmonas / AVP Counseling Services

Arnie Pilmonas advised that the Poisoning by Prescription Drug Overdose Task Group is currently working on an Action Plan related to the Unwanted Medication Disposal Program. Arnie advised that he drafted an Action Plan that includes a 10% increase in unwanted medications by the end of 2014. Arnie advised that he will be working with Dan Martin and other Task Group members on this Action Plan. Arnie also advised that he has ordered materials from the National Institute on Drug Abuse that he'll have available at the March 5th Health and Safety Expo. The materials include pamphlets describing the brain's response to prescription drugs as well as posters about prescription drug abuse. Lastly, Arnie advised that he was going to recommend that the New Lenox Police Department participate in the next National Take-Back Initiative, which will be held on Saturday April 26, 2014.

Suicide Prevention and Awareness – Dan Martin / NLPD

Dan Martin advised that the Suicide Prevention and Awareness Task Group is working with Derek Harris and Sertoma Centre to host a Question, Persuade and Refer (QPR) class for the community. The class is scheduled for April 10, 2014 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall. Martin advised that a flyer has been created and is being distributed throughout the community. In addition, Derek Harris advised that he will be at the March 5th Health and Safety Expo and will be distributing the flyers at the Sertoma Centre table.

Workplace Safety – Cindy Staskiewicz

Cindy Staskiewicz provided a synopsis of the January 14, 2014 Task Group meeting. Cindy advised that she is currently looking for statistical data related to workplace injuries, which will help in providing guidance to the Task Group. In addition, Cindy advised that she is also drafting an Action Plan related to the creation of a (voluntary) survey, which can be used locally to help determine what types of injuries are occurring in the workplace environment.

Youth Sports, Health and Safety – Jessica Jepsen / Chiro One Wellness

Jessica Jepsen advised that the Task Group was currently working on identifying the leaders of the various athletic associations in New Lenox. Lauren Lotz advised that the New Lenox Community Park District has a listing of the associations and their contact folks on their web site. Jessica advised that Chiro One would be willing to put together a presentation(s) related to various sports (boys and girls) with the immediate focus on Spring sports.

Announcements / Organization Updates

Those in attendance shared current news and events relevant to their organizations. Dan advised that he would be willing to forward electronic copies of materials that would be beneficial to the group.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday March 26, 2014 / 2:30pm**. The meeting will be held in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.