

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

Meeting 14-05

**Held at the New Lenox Village Hall / Community Room
1 Veteran's Parkway New Lenox, IL 60451
Wednesday June 25, 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, Allison Anderson/Will County Health Department, Arnie Pilmonas/AVP Counseling, Bill Byerley/Illinois Radio League, Will County ARES and New Lenox ESDA, Emily Johnson/New Lenox Chamber of Commerce, Joe Enzenberger/Dryer Vent Wizard of Will County, John Mitchell/American Red Cross, Kathie Johnson/New Lenox Township, Lauren Lotz/New Lenox Community Park District, Lisa Kline/SBT Bank, Liz Schwenke/Presence St. Joseph Medical Center, Marisa Schreiber/New Lenox Fire Protection District, Noe Santiago/Pinnacle Physical Therapy, Patricia Hensley/Senior Services of Will County, and Rachel Ridge/Rosecrance Health Network.

Also in attendance was Cindy Staskiewicz, Chair of the Workplace Safety Task Group.

Approval of the May 28, 2014

The minutes for the May 28, 2014 meeting were sent to members via email prior to the meeting. Lisa Kline made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Bill Byerley. After no further discussion, the motion carried and the minutes were approved.

New Business

Dan Martin provided everyone in attendance with a copy of a booklet from the National Safety Council entitled, "The Safety Agenda." The document outlines five core issues that the National Safety Council has deemed priority areas. These areas are as follows:

- Safety at Work: A Journey to Safety Excellence
- **Safe Communities: A Model for Community Prevention**
- Prescription Drug Overdose
- Distracted Driving
- Teen Driving

Dan went on to explain that he was pleased to see that our Safe Communities Coalition is addressing these core issues through the work of its Task Groups. Dan asked everyone to review the document to gain a better understanding of Safe Communities as well as the core issues outlined by the National Safety Council.

Annual Safe Communities America Conference

Dan Martin reminded everyone about the Annual Safe Communities America Conference which will be held in Elk Grove Village, IL on August 13th and 14th. The conference is free for Safe Communities affiliates but those wishing to stay overnight must pay for their own accommodations. The date, time, location and hotel information was provided in the meeting agenda.

Old Business

Task Group Reports

Youth Sports, Health and Safety

Lauren Lotz provided a brief overview of the development of sports injury prevention flyer(s), designed to assist youth athletic associations. For example, the flyer(s) would include a description of a particular injury along with signs and symptoms, treatment and prevention. The flyer(s) will contain pictures and graphics, our Safe Communities logo and a disclaimer. Lauren Lotz advised that she would assist with the design of the flyer(s). In addition, Lauren suggested that the flyer(s) could be laminated which will allow coaches to place them on their clipboards and backpacks.

Workplace Safety

Cindy Staskiewicz advised that this Task Group has completed a survey for local businesses, designed to determine what types of injuries are occurring in workplaces. Emily Johnson advised that she would assist with the survey by sending it out to New Lenox Chamber of Commerce members. Cindy advised that she is hopeful that the results will be available for the next meeting.

Suicide Prevention and Awareness

Dan Martin advised that the Suicide Prevention and Awareness Task Group is working with Derek Harris and Sertoma Centre to host another Question, Persuade and Refer (QPR) class for the community. The class is scheduled for July 9th 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. Copies were made available to those in attendance.

Poisoning by Prescription Drug Overdose

Arnie Pilmonas thanked Liz Schwenke and Presence St. Joseph Medical Center for creating a flyer for the Unwanted Medication Disposal Program. In addition to creating the flyer, Liz also provided Arnie with a large stack and made them available to those in attendance.

Dan Martin thanked Rachel Ridge for showing the movie “Anonymous People” on May 28th. Dan commented that there were approximately 35 people in attendance, some coming from as far away as Peoria, IL. Dan advised that not only was the movie excellent, but Rachel’s facilitation of discussion following the movie was outstanding.

Rachel Ridge also advised that this Task Group is working on a Prescription Drug Overdose Symposium, which will be held in the evening on September 24th. Rachel advised that the symposium will have several panel “experts” on prescription drug overdose, including a doctor and a recovering addict. Rachel advised that she would also facilitate a discussion session for those in attendance. As soon as details are finalized and a flyer is created, the information will be passed along to everyone.

Motor Vehicle / Traffic Safety

Marisa Schrieber advised that the Task Group has been discussing an additional car seat event during Child Passenger Safety Week (September 14-20). As soon as details are finalized, Marisa will pass along the information.

Older Adults Falls Prevention

Noe Santiago advised that Matter of Balance (MOB) Class #5, which was held at Encore Senior Village, graduated on May 28, 2014. The class went well and was taught by Monica Alberico and Lain Hammack from Encore. Noe went on to say that MOB Class #6 is currently in session and will be graduating on July 1st. This class is being held at the New Lenox Fire Protection District (NLFPD) Station #1 and is being taught by Marisa

Schrieber from the NLFPD and Kathy Claver from the New Lenox Community Park District. Noe also stated that MOB Class #7 will be starting on July 7th and will be held at the New Lenox Public Library. Class #7 is will be taught by Lindsey Chojnicki from Senior Services of Will County and Paul Lyons from Home Helpers.

In addition to those classes, Noe advised that MOB Classes 8, 9, 10, and 11 will be held as follows:

- Starting August 19th (Tuesdays) thru October 7th, 1:00pm – 3:00pm at The Cottages of New Lenox, 1023 S. Cedar Road, New Lenox, IL 60451.
- Starting September 8th (Mondays) thru October 27th, 9:30am – 11:30am at New Lenox VFW Post 9545, 323 Old Hickory Road, New Lenox, IL 60451.
- Starting September 24th (Wednesdays) thru November 12th, 9:30am to 11:30am at the United Methodist Church, 339 New Lenox Road (Haven Avenue), New Lenox, IL 60451.
- Starting October 9th (Thursdays) thru December 4th, 1:00pm – 3:00pm at the New Lenox Public Library, 120 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox, IL 60451.

Emergency Preparedness

Dan Martin provided those in attendance with an update on the New Lenox Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), New Lenox Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and the New Lenox Search and Rescue (SAR) Team. The update included training and community events that the teams have recently completed. These activities included, but were not limited to the following:

- 5-31-14 New Lenox School District #122 PTO 5K Run/Walk
- 6-2-14 New Lenox SAR - Physical Agility Test
- 6-5-14 New Lenox Chamber of Commerce/New Lenox Community Park District Chasing the Sun 5K Run/Walk
- 6-14-14 New Lenox SAR Training - Evidence Preservation Training
- 6-18-14 New Lenox CERT/MRC Training – Shelter Exercise with pets
- 6-21-14 New Lenox SAR Training – H2O Awareness

Dan also advised that New Lenox CERT / MRC volunteers will be assisting with the Trinity Triumph 5K Run/Walk on Saturday June 28th.

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 July 30, 2014 / 2:30pm**. The meeting will be held in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:45pm.