

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

Meeting 15-01

**Held at the New Lenox Village Hall / Community Room
1 Veterans Parkway New Lenox, IL 60451
Wednesday January 28, 2015 / 2:30pm**

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 Emergency Management Agency, Arnie Pilmonas/AVP Counseling, Erin McClintock/Chiro One Wellness, Gary Cheney/ShareFest, Holly Pierson/Lincoln-Way West High School, Jeannine Prucha/Lincoln-Way Central High School, Joe Enzenberger/Dryer Vent Wizard of Will County, John Harper/Providence Catholic High School, 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, Marta Keane/Will County Waste and Land Use, Mary Jo Button/St. Jude Parish, Noe Santiago/Pinnacle Physical Therapy, Paul Lyons/Home Helpers, Phil Pfeifer/Baseline Operations, Rachel Ridge/Rosecrance Health Network, and Tracy Simons/Silver Cross Hospital.

Also in attendance were the following:

- Patricia Steinkamp, Chair of the Suicide Prevention and Awareness Task Group
- Analiese Moyer with the American Red Cross
- Kimberly Koning with AVP Counseling
- Dr. Byron Waller with Decision Point Counseling
- Jho Moraga with JBMA Martial Arts
- Anthony Velut with JBMA Martial Arts
- David Hausman with Freedom Haus
- Stephen Kehoe with Silver Cross Hospital
- Anita Lewis Schmoll
- Amirrah Abou-Youssef with Guardian Angel Community Services

Approval of the October 29, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the October 29, 2014 meeting were sent to members via email prior to the meeting. Lauren Lotz made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Liz Schwenke. After no further discussion, the motion carried and the minutes were approved.

New Business

2015 Severe Weather Spotter Training / Health and Safety Expo

Dan Martin provided an overview of the 2015 Severe Weather Spotter Training / Health and Safety Expo, which will be on April 21, 2015 at Lincoln-Way West High School. The Health and Safety Expo will be from 5:00pm to 7:00pm, followed by the Severe Weather Spotter Training at 7:00pm (to 9:00pm). Dan encouraged those in

attendance to let him know if their organization wished to have a table at the event. The offer is available to the first 50 organizations due to space constraints.

Old Business

New Lenox Patriot Weekly Column

Dan Martin advised that he was very pleased with the (eight) articles that have been written for the Patriot thus far. Dan thanked the writers for their contributions and encouraged everyone to keep up the good work. Dan reminded everyone that the articles should be approximately 500 words with topics related to the missions of each of the task groups. Writers should include a photograph (head shot) when they submit their article to Dan, who provided everyone in attendance with an updated schedule.

New Lenox Safe Communities America Re-Accreditation in 2015

Dan Martin advised that the Village of New Lenox and its Safe Communities America Coalition is scheduled for re-accreditation in 2015. Dan advised that the original accreditation was in June 2010 and re-accreditation is required every five years. Dan provided those in attendance with a synopsis of the guidance document that he had recently received from the National Safety Council. It was noted that one of the more difficult sections in the application will be the (injury) data collection. Dan will be reaching out to Silver Cross Hospital and the New Lenox Fire Protection District to assist with this portion of the application.

Task Group Reports

Youth Sports, Health and Safety

Dan provided everyone in attendance with a handout that Phil Pfeifer created for the February 11th workshop entitled "Understanding Concussions In Youth Sports...What You Need To Know." Phil provided a brief synopsis of the speakers and encouraged everyone to share the information with their colleagues. Erin McClintock advised that the task group is also in the process of planning a workshop on Overhead Throwing Injuries. The workshop is scheduled for April 8, 2015 at 7:00pm in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall.

Workplace Safety

No report.

Suicide Prevention and Awareness

Patricia Steinkamp advised that the next meeting of "Healing Hearts" will be Monday February 16, 2015 / 7:00pm at the New Lenox Police Department 200 Veterans Parkway.

Dan Martin advised that the task group, in partnership with Sertoma Centre, will host another QPR Class on March 11, 2015 at 7:00pm in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall.

An 8-hour Mental Health First Aid Class will be offered on April 15, 2015 from 8:00am to 4:30pm in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall. The class is being offered in partnership with Sertoma Centre and Linden Oaks.

Poisoning by Prescription Drug Overdose

Arnie Pilmonas provided a synopsis of the Unwanted Medication Disposal program's collections in 2013 and 2014. Arnie advised that in 2013, 664.3 pounds were collected at the New Lenox Police Department. In 2014, 728.3 pounds were collected, representing a 9.6% increase from 2013 to 2014. Dan Martin thanked Arnie and Kimberly Koning for their hard work marketing the program throughout the year.

Motor Vehicle / Traffic Safety

No Report.

Older Adults Falls Prevention

Noe Santiago advised that he and Kathie Johnson were planning a (new) Matter of Balance (MOB) Coaches Class as well as a Refresher Class for Matter of Balance Coaches. The (new) MOB Coaches Class will be in Joliet, IL on March 6th. The Refresher Class for MOB Coaches will be held at the New Lenox Police Department on March 11th from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Noe also advised that the Spring 2015 New Lenox MOB Classes have been firmed up and will be held as follows:

- MOB Class #12 – Mondays, 9:30am to 11:30am, March 23rd thru May 11th at the VFW
- MOB Class #13 – Wednesdays, 1:00pm to 3:00pm, April 8th thru May 27th at the New Lenox Public Library
- MOB Class #14 – Tuesdays, 9:30am to 11:30am, April 28th thru June 16th at the New Lenox Police Department

Emergency Preparedness

Dan Martin advised that the New Lenox Citizen Corps Council Semi-Annual Report was submitted on January 2, 2015 as a requirement of the Illinois Citizen Corps Council. In addition, Dan reported the following CERT / MRC / SAR activities:

- January 8th – Annual SAR Meeting was held
- January 12th – Two emergency preparedness presentations given by New Lenox CERT members
- January 17th – Monthly multi-jurisdictional SAR training was held
- January 20th – New Lenox CERT / MRC Semi-Annual Meeting was held and included a presentation from the Mayor of Diamond, IL Therese Kerncz
- January 25th – SAR call-out in Symerton, IL for a missing person (found deceased)
- February 3rd – Emergency preparedness presentation for St. Jude Women's Club

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 February 25, 2015 / 2:30pm**. The meeting will be held in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:50pm.