

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

Meeting 15-05

**Held at the New Lenox Village Hall / Community Room
1 Veterans Parkway New Lenox, IL 60451
Wednesday May 27, 2015 / 2:30pm**

Call to Order

Liz Schwenke called the meeting of the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition to order at 2:33pm.

In Attendance

Daniel Martin / New Lenox Police Department*, Allison Anderson / Will County Emergency Management Agency, Emily Kretler / American Red Cross, Gary Cheney / ShareFest, Kathie Johnson / New Lenox Township, Katie Roley / Will County Health Department, Lauren Lotz / New Lenox Community Park District, Lisa Kline / SBT Bank, Liz Schwenke / Presence St. Joseph Medical Center, Liz Wetmore / New Lenox Public Library, Marisa Schrieber / New Lenox Fire Protection District, Mary Kate Burns / Trinity Services, Inc., Noe Santiago / Pinnacle Physical Therapy, Rachel Ridge / Rosecrance, Stephen Kehoe / Silver Cross Hospital, Teena Mackey / NAMI Will-Grundy County, Tracy Dudek / Trinity Services, Inc. and Tracy Simons / Silver Cross Hospital.

**Arrived at 2:50pm due to a Matter of Balance Graduation at the New Lenox Public Library*

Also in attendance were the following:

- Carrie Carlson from the Will County Emergency Management Agency
- Anita Young from Chestnut Health Systems

Approval of the April 29, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the April 29, 2015 meeting were sent to members via email prior to the meeting. Stephen Kehoe made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Allison Anderson. After no further discussion, the motion carried and the minutes were approved.

New Membership

Tracy Dudek and Mary Kate Burns were in attendance from Trinity Services, Inc. Tracy and Mary Kate have been in attendance at several prior meetings and based on the mutual benefits to our Safe Communities America Coalition / Citizen Corps Council and Trinity Services, Liz Schwenke presented Trinity Services for membership. Gary Cheney made a motion to accept Trinity Services, Inc. as a collaborative partner with the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition / Citizen Corps Council. Lisa Kline seconded the motion and after no further discussion, the motion passed. Welcome Tracy, Mary Kate and Trinity Services, Inc.!

New Business

None

Old Business

Task Group Reports

Youth Sports, Health and Safety

Liz Schwenke provided information about the May 13th workshop held in the Community Room at the Village Hall. The presentation was from Chiro One and was entitled “The Student Athlete – Encourage Your Peak Performance”

Suicide Prevention and Awareness

Liz Schwenke mentioned that Suicide Prevention & Awareness Task Group Member Michele Batara, Executive Director of Crisis Line of Will and Grundy Counties, wrote a wonderful article for the New Lenox Patriot called "Warning Signs to be Aware of Someone Whom Maybe Contemplating Ending Their Life." This article was published in the May 27, 2015 issue of the New Lenox Patriot. Thanks was given to Michele for her efforts.

Information regarding “Healing Hearts Survivors of Suicide Support Group” was provided as follows:

- Last meeting: Monday May 18, 2015 / 7:00pm to 8:30pm
- Location: New Lenox Police Department, 200 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox, IL 60451
- Guest Speaker: Terri Bargewell, Licensed Professional Counselor, Decision Point Counseling & Career Center
- Topic: “Depression”
- Next Meeting: Monday June 15, 2015 7:00pm to 8:30pm
- Location: New Lenox Police Department, 200 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox, IL 60451
- Guest Speaker: Stephen Kehoe, Director Behavioral Health, Silver Cross Hospital
- Topic: “Building on Your Recovery”

Liz announced "World Suicide Prevention Day," which will be held on September 10th. The Suicide Prevention and Awareness Task Group are planning activities during the day (perhaps a QPR Class) and activities during the evening (perhaps a panel discussion at NLPD and something in the New Lenox Commons).

Poisoning by Prescription Drug Overdose

Liz Schwenke provided information regarding the April 30th workshop “What Can I Say to Convince Them to Quit?” The Instructor – David Lee, Board Registered Interventionist, was excellent. Rachel Ridge also added comments regarding this presentation.

Motor Vehicle / Traffic Safety

Liz Schwenke provided details regarding upcoming traffic safety initiatives.

Safe States – An Alliance to Strengthen the Practice of Injury and Violence Prevention
“Taking Steps to Prevent Pedestrian Safety Injuries: New Tools and Resources” (webinar)

To register: http://www.safestates.org/events/event_details.asp?id=586790

Thursday June 18, 2015 2:00pm to 3:00pm CST

Over 4,000 people in the United States die each year from pedestrian-related injuries. This one-hour webinar will highlight resources created by national organizations to advance pedestrian injury prevention and safety. Representatives from America Walks, the National Complete Streets Coalition, the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center, and the Safe States Alliance will share recently developed tools, resources, and initiatives related to pedestrian injury prevention. During the webinar, the Safe States Alliance will also launch its Pedestrian Injury Prevention Portal, which will serve as a hub for connecting users to existing pedestrian injury prevention tools and resources.

Learning objectives of webinar:

1. *Identify leading national organizations involved in pedestrian injury prevention and safety.*

2. Describe new tools, resources, and initiatives that have been recently developed by national organizations related to pedestrian injury prevention and safety.

3. Launch the Safe States Alliance's Pedestrian Injury Prevention Portal to locate tools and resources for pedestrian injury prevention efforts.

Cell Phone Crashes on the Rise

A new report by the National Safety Council suggests that 27% of all crashes are related to cell phone use. This number is up for the 3rd straight year. Statistically, it's as dangerous as drunk driving.

- Employer cell phone "bans"
- Collision avoidance technology (self-driving cars)
- Legislation – increased penalties are needed

Older Adults Falls Prevention

Noe Santiago advised that the following Matter of Balance classes are currently in session:

- Started April 8th (Wednesdays) thru May 27th, 1:00pm – 3:00pm at the New Lenox Public Library
- Started April 9th (Thursdays) thru May 28th, 1:00pm to 3:00pm at Peace Lutheran Church
- Started April 28th (Tuesdays) thru June 16th, 9:30am to 11:30am at the New Lenox Police Department

Noe added that a search is still underway for a location for the first Fit and Strong Class. According to Dan Martin, Bob Nelson from NLS #122 will speak to Dr. Manville about the feasibility of hosting the Fit and Strong Class at one of the schools starting the week of June 15th. Apparently NLS #122 staff work "4-10's" during the summer – Monday thru Thursday. As such, we won't be able to schedule Monday – Wednesday – Friday classes. We will have to do 2 days in a row, if we schedule the classes at one of the schools. Additional information will be available at the next meeting.

Emergency Preparedness

Liz Schwenke reported the following activities on behalf of the Emergency Preparedness Task Group:

- June's Preparedness Month's topic is Vacation Preparedness. IEMA will be putting out a media statement early next week.
- The NWS Lightning Awareness Week – June 21-27, 2015. A preparedness booklet will be forthcoming from IEMA on this topic.
- IEMA's weather radio contest ended on May 22. They had over 2,500 take the challenge. Winners will be announced within the next 10 days.
- National Preparedness Month is the month of September. The next America's PrepareAthon will take place September 30.
- New Lenox CERT / MRC / SAR Training and Community Events included:
 - 5-3-15 Loyalty Day Parade (CERT / MRC / SAR)
 - 5-16-15 Annual Physical Fitness Test (SAR)
 - 5-20-15 Ground Search and Rescue Overview (CERT / MRC)
 - 5-30-15 NLS #122 PTO 5K Run (CERT / MRC)

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 June 24, 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 3:30pm following a motion from Lauren Lotz, seconded by Lisa Kline.