

COMBAT Commission Meeting
August 11, 2022, 10:00 AM –11:13 AM
Zoom Meeting
Minutes

Present:

Larry Beaty, Dr. Joseph Spalitto, Alfred Jordan, Elizabeth Williams, Lanna Ultican

Also Present:

Vince Ortega, Jamie Brown, Jay Haden, Jim Giles, Joseph Loudon, Justin Horton, Keron Hopkins, Shannon Bobo, Venisha Pendergrass, Dan Cummings, Winnifred Jamieson

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

Minutes Approved:

Elizabeth Williams motioned to approve May 12, 2022, meeting minutes; Lanna Ultican seconded; motion was approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION:

COMBAT Director-

- Application window for 2023 Funding opened on August 4
 - Applications for reviewers have also been received and reviewed
- COMBAT Strategic Plan Completed for 2022-2027
 - Began with surveys from COMBAT administrative staff, Legislators, Commissioners, and other key stakeholders
 - Process included a 2-day in person work session with COMBAT staff and Commissioners to develop new mission, vision and value statements as well as set long-term goals
 - Established Priorities
 - Raising Awareness in the Community
 - Collaboration with Funding Partners
 - Measure and Demonstrate Effectiveness
 - Enhancing Technological Resources
 - Goals
 - Increase STRIVIN referrals
 - Increase community engagement
 - Facilitate greater collaboration among law enforcement agencies and COMBAT-funded departments
- COMBAT's Communication Marketing Administrator, Joe Loudon, is raising awareness about Fentanyl and the risks through means of social media postings, information on COMBAT's website, as well as a Brochure (which is also available to download on the website)
- Also created a "What is COMBAT?" brochure
 - Explains a brief history and overview of what COMBAT is and what it is not

- Midtown Crime Data and STRIVIN Referral Updates from COMBAT's Crime Analyst, Shannon Bobo
 - Midtown STRIVIN Hub location- 3735 Wabash, KCMO
 - Violent Crime stats: July 2021-June 2022 within a 2-mile radius from 3735 Wabash
 - 52 Homicides
 - 840 Aggravated Assaults (including Domestic Violence)
 - 293 Robberies
 - 59 Rapes
 - Will report back to show the changes on stats since the establishment of the Midtown STRIVIN Hub
 - STRIVIN Referrals Update
 - 291 referrals have been submitted between June 2021-August 2022

Jackson County Drug Task Force-

- 2022 2nd Quarter Statistics
 - 35 new investigations initiated, 233 Federal Cases filed for Prosecution, 28 State Felony Cases filed for Prosecution, 21 Municipal cases filed for Prosecution, 57 Drug Purchases, 20 search warrants, 47 Federal Warrants, 1 State Felony Warrant, 10 Municipal Warrants, 114,408.57 g (252 pounds) methamphetamine, 9,306.46 g (20.5 pounds) cocaine, 4,529.26 g (9.98 pounds) heroin, 9,905 g (21.8 pounds) Fentanyl, 4,445 Counterfeit M-30 pills (Fentanyl), 142 Prescription Pills (Adderall, Xanax), 6,309 g (13.9 pounds) THC/Edibles/Vape Cartridges, 50,337.70 g (110.88 pounds) marijuana, 55 firearms and \$294,525 cash U.S. Currency
 - Approximate Street Value of seized drugs: \$19,041,160
- The Task Force conducted a controlled purchase of approximately 2 grams of carfentanil. Detectives arrested the seller immediately after the transaction recovering additional carfentanil. Field tests confirmed the presence of carfentanil. The suspected carfentanil was sent to the laboratory for further testing.
 - Veterinarians use carfentanil to anesthetize large animals and is an analogue of fentanyl. Carfentanil is reportedly 100 times stronger than fentanyl.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

MOTION:

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 AM.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Next meeting is September 8, 2022