

Community and Police Partnership (CAPP)

Captain Ridberg, Chairman
David Rabin, Co-Chair



West Sector 2005 Year-End Summary

The West Sector membership elected officers for a one-year term at the December 2004 meeting as follows: Captain Ridberg, Chairman; David Rabin, Co-Chair; Cathy Kenny, Recording Secretary.

The following Mission Statement/Purpose was adopted:

Mission Statement

To create and maintain a forum between the Greenwich community and its police department for the dissemination of information, sharing of ideas and suggesting ways the community can become engaged in making Greenwich a better place in which to live and work.

Purpose

- *Improve the relationship between the community and the police department.*
- *Identify and prioritize community concerns and bring them to the attention of the Police Commanders.*
- *Assist Police Commanders in short and long-term problem solving.*
- *Act as a conduit for dissemination of police information to the community.*

These **criteria** were established to determine CAPP involvement:

- *Multi-agency involvement*
- *Quality of Life issue*
- *Neighborhood issue*
- *Significant local impact*
- *Town liability issue*
- *Can CAPP make a difference?*
- *Consensus of group*
- *Priority compared to other issues*
- *Supporting evidence*

Highlights/Accomplishments

- Targeted identified complaints by CAPP members, resolving most issues.
- Specific speeding/traffic pattern concerns addressed by Traffic Engineering and GPD Traffic Enforcement
- Spanish and Portuguese-speaking citizens volunteered to be police translators
- Spanish-speaking officers addressing community groups
- Implemented Greenwich Avenue Plan devised by NRO Mark Zuccerella
- Assisted with move of Hamilton Avenue School to modular facility at Western Middle School.
- Improved placement of Crossing Guards at WMS.
- CAPP Link to Town Website established; CAPP meeting minutes now published
- Established liaison via CAPP members with Pemberwick Neighborhood Association, Byram Neighborhood Association and Chickahominy Association.
- Information and Statistical data distributed through neighborhood associations, CAPP and concerned citizens' e-mails.
- Citizen Satisfaction Survey – traffic and parking concerns continue to rank high; respondents favored School Resource Officers
- Ride-alongs made available to CAPP members
- Snow Removal Flyer created and distributed

Pending

- Planned media blitz and GPD Open House postponed due to upcoming construction issues. CAPP has received a fair amount of publicity but not in a coordinated fashion.
- Gathered resident support for additional Parking Enforcement Officers in Chickahominy/Byram/Pemberwick areas. Captain Ridberg will present issue to Parking Services Director and First Selectman's Parking & Traffic Committee.
- Sector Captains to videotape GPD/Community Policing presentation on Channel 79.
- Logo to be finalized.
- Possibility of CAPP attaining non-profit, charitable organizational status.

Membership Updates

We thank the following former members for serving a one-year term: Cathy Kenny, Donna Rundel, Ivonne Zucco, Tom Reale.

We appreciate existing members, Dave Elliott, David Rabin and Amy Spaeth agreeing to stay on for a second year.

We welcome aboard new members, Ron Brien, David D'Andrea, Sue Frano, Laura Kelly, Rob McCready, Jeanette Monick, Rob Roina and Pete Ryan.

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