

Child Safety Committee

Minutes 1/22/2014

Attendees: Members in attendance Bob Correia, Jeff Downs, Pastor Bill Dudley, Vicki Lowe, Deb Spinelli
Absent, Lynda Walsh and Det. Timothy O'Leary

Guests:

Jim Devellis and Chief O'Leary

The Minutes for the 1/8/2014 were approved: Motion by Deb Spinelli/Second by Jeff Downs 5-0.

Deb Spinelli gave a detailed report on Foxborough Schools curriculum vs. child sex abuse

Sessions on refusal skills

Grade 8 covers the law, dating abuse, how to handle relationships

9th Grade had curriculum on dating also - Description of abusive behavior and lessons on healthy relationships

Schools have decided grade 5 and under need a more developed curriculum sensitive to younger children about touch, and safety.

Bob Correia, then reviewed the "Town Child Safety Initiatives, Jan. 2014"

Deb Spinelli further discussed schools & new Darkness to Light Curriculum, all re-training will be done by February.

Chief O'Leary explained in hiring, there is much more scrutiny than in the past, with background checks. So there are no people who will misuse position as police/fire.

New recruits receive training from DCF in service training then includes various social issues; so every fourth year this issue is covered.

Deb pointed out professionals like teacher/police do get on-going training. Chief would be open, however to training.

Vicki Lowe showed brochures from Michelle at Norfolk Count; said WIC people are also training. "Foxboro Linked Together" ties together some people who are mandated, but also other who may not be Mandated Reporter but need training. We are filling in gap of people who are not covered by state mandated training.

Process for reporting – teacher to principal to DD Form to DCF.

Bob asked Ed to meet with Roger about further training on Section B of "Initiatives" and Section C

Not all inspectors are town employees, but some are contracted – some have not had the training.

Jim Devellis talked to personal Wage Board – New Town Manager should be in place in two months; best to work to this person rather than the interim manager.

Point A is ok, Point C needs to wait due to personal, Point B, chief will meet

There was a long discussion on Personell Wage Board, Town Meeting, Town Employees & Training.

Chief O'Leary suggest presentation 2-3 minutes during Article 2 at Town Meeting to say "there are a few steps we have/plan to take to protect kids" Jim agrees withies prudent. We'll also go before advisory committee.

Vicki will poll department heads to see what town employees have had Darkness to Light Training.

At next meeting Jim will try to have ready an article for Town Meeting, after town council has reviewed.

Jeff has youth league people coming in at the next meeting.

Discussion of many various groups who are single day renters...cannot CORI renters who are only there for one day.