



## Enforcement Team

### Meeting Notes

Wednesday, October 27, 2010 1:15-2:45 p.m.

**Present:** Paul Beaumaster (Rice County Attorney's Office); Dan Collins (Faribault Police Department); Richard Cook (Rice County Sheriff's Office); Troy Dunn (Rice County Sheriff's Office); Jeff Eckhoff (Northfield High School); Becky Ford (Faribault Drug-Free Communities grant); Tami Langlois (Bethlehem Academy); Chelle Marquardt (Rice County Community Corrections); Dave Osborne (Morristown PD); Zach Pruitt (Northfield Healthy Community Initiative); Kathy Sandberg (Rice County Family Services Collaborative); Martha Schultz (Faribault High School); Jim Severson (Discovery School); Terry Swihart (Rice County Attorney's Office); Mark Taylor (Northfield Police Department)

#### Minutes Approval

The group reviewed and approved the minutes from September. *Becky will post the notes to the Enforcement Team webpage.*

#### Updates:

##### Agency Updates:

##### Law Enforcement –

Sheriff's Department – Two significant vehicular crashes occurred in the county over the weekend; both involved alcohol. One individual was charged with Criminal Vehicular Homicide in the first case; Troy is anticipating a charge of Criminal Vehicular Operation in the second case. Seat belts would have made a difference in both incidences.

Drug Task Force – The task force has been busy...prescription drugs, meth, marijuana and several cases where they are still putting all the evidence together. Synthetic marijuana (known as Spice, K2 and Buddha) is available locally and on the internet; there are some legislative talks around adding the substance to the schedule 1 list.

Lonsdale Police – Nothing new to report.

Northfield Police – Nothing major to report. There was an overdose in Northfield last night; person is in serious condition at Hennepin County Medical Center. It appears to be the result of mixing various drugs including alcohol, marijuana and prescription medications.

Morristown Police – Dave reported that things are pretty quiet in Morristown. He is anticipating activity related to Halloween.

Faribault Police – Some illegal consumption tickets, but no big parties.

**Community Corrections** – Chelle mentioned that K2/Spice is popping up more often with use among both adults and juveniles, but they cannot test for the drug. Officers have to find it or get an admission from individuals. Corrections broke up a party on the weekend of Northfield Homecoming. The parent denied knowing about it and no charges were filed against the parent. The BAC content of juveniles ticketed was 0.22 - 0.33 indicating regular alcohol use. This is a good example of where a social host ordinance would have been helpful.

**County Attorney's Office** – The office has filed a Criminal Vehicular Homicide charge against a juvenile from last winter and also the charges from the last weekend. No updates on current provider cases.

##### **Schools:**

Bethlehem Academy – Had the drug dogs come out in the fall; nothing was found. Have put some kids in touch with Family Focus for treatment.

Discovery School – Student enrollment is higher than it has ever been at 72 and truancy is down. It's been pretty quiet. Jim suspects there may be some drug activity in the area of the school recently and is requesting Faribault Police Department patrol during the noon hour.

Northfield ALC – No one present to report.

Northfield High School – Recently had the drug dogs in the school parking lots and didn't find anything. The school also got wind of a party and made a call to the parents. The parent called and said she appreciated the heads up and the gathering was safe and substance free. Having some truancy problems, especially with 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Some cases have been sent to the Rice County Attorney's Office. Dealing with sexting activity involving photos. Law enforcement is able to recover some messages even if they have been erased.

Faribault Middle School – No one present to report.

Faribault High School – Quiet, especially with the students Martha interacts with.

## **Social Host Ordinance**

### Draft Feedback:

Terry reported that he had drafted the original Rice County ordinance and purposely defined “reasonable steps” in the draft. He had some discussion with Chief Taylor about concerns. Faribault's attorney is comfortable with the ordinance. Keeping the language of “reasonably know” makes the ordinance easier to prosecute. Terry also commented that listing the elements separately makes it easier to prosecute. Reasonable steps are covered in the Rice County version that is not contained in the Attorney General's version so that portion is clearer. It could cut off some arguments against the ordinance. Terry provided some rationale for use of the terminology “should reasonably know” relative to parents' knowledge of the event. There was also discussion about Subdivision 4b and whether it is necessary or not. One thought was in including that statement, it creates more dissent for the ordinance.

It seems that Lonsdale may not be supportive of the ordinance from the administration and council's standpoint. Mark reported that he has called Gordy in Dundas a couple of times but has not heard back. It may be a bit easier to judge the receptivity for this ordinance once the election is over. Dave reported that the upcoming elections will impact the interest level in Morristown. The group felt it was important to push ahead even if not all of the cities will participate at this time. It was suggested that all the attorneys get together to agree on a final draft and then move forward.

### Education Materials for Social Host:

Once the final draft is approved by the various attorneys, the team can set up an education time with the County Board and other decision makers. Dan reported he could bring this as early as December to the council's committee. Paul will send out the final agreed upon version. Members were asked to provide feedback on the educational information to Becky in the next two weeks so the printing can get done and also get it on the website.

### **Other:**

No other issues were brought up.

### **Next Meeting Date:**

***Wednesday, November 17, 2010***  
***Rice County Government Services Building, Commissioner's Room***  
***1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.***