

## Ideas of Solutions to Problems of Crime in MidTown June 26, 2017

Participants: Approximate 50 for Presentation:

Residents in MTCC area: 3-4

Property/Business in MTCC area: 16-18

Residents outside MTCC: 20-22

Property/Business outside MTCC: 8

Approximately 25 participated in the breakout groups.

### **Trespass & Illegal Camping Group: - 3 people signed up to continue to work on issues**

1. Campground hosts for our parks in the summer. Campers are often trying to find overnight parking.
2. Assertiveness training for neighbors so they will be assertive when people are trespassing on property or being a nuisance in the park.
3. Report
4. Talk more about these things at home owner's and neighborhood groups & strive to get all neighbors interested in helping to stop it.
5. Buy a gun and learn to shoot people below the torso.
6. David S lives in a nearby trailer park area. He's willing to speak at our neighborhood meetings to try to drum up interest in community patrols, etc.
7. Have a phone tree of neighbors who will walk with you to deal with an issue, such as trespass.
8. Fencing around the park and locked during closed hours.
9. Residents complained that they were afraid to go look at possible new camps in their neighborhood. They are often aware of these new camps based on recent theft etc. in their areas. If you call APD this is a very low priority unless you 'know' of a violent crime in process. So, I suggested that we might try and organize a two or three member 'recon' team of combat veterans in the area. These guys can handle the stress and take photos and prepare a report as part of a neighborhood watch initiative.

### **Public Inebriation (alcohol and other drugs) – 7 people signed up to continue to work on this issue and 1 on Panhandling**

1. Reactive ARBRA's (Anchorage Responsible Beverage Retailers Association) sponsored clean-ups of homeless camps. Brown Jug had been the lead in this until they were sold.
2. Work with the stores selling alcohol to reduce access to cheap liquor and to reduce straw purchases. Especially the stores on West 36<sup>th</sup> around Arctic. Walmart has changed their policies to do this.
3. Encourage the ABC Board to warn or pull sales licenses.
4. Public campaigns to encourage people not to give money to panhandlers.
5. Pressure the Native Corporations to be involved in helping to reduce the problem.
6. Enforce the Red Stripe Law
7. Put resources into the vice squad to help reduce hard drugs available for sale.

8. Increase enforcement of drug smuggling at the airport. TSA.
9. Need to enforce laws on public inebriation = jail time. Need to consequences to actions of breaking the law.

**Business, Vehicle, and Residential Theft – 8 people signed up to continue to work on these issues**

1. There are organized groups that steal and resell stolen goods.
2. Some residential areas want to “gate” their community. There are many regulations that are an obstacle to implementation of this.
3. Change the consequences. Change the law to make more severe.
4. Too many stolen autos. Put some “bait” cars out and trap the thieves.
5. APD Dispatch & response attitudes should at least be encouraging to the “reporting person”. Give a feeling that the Police will take the report seriously.
6. Focus on “Crime of the Week” and ticket EVERY violation. (i.e. Red light running, speeding, tailgating, bicycle and pedestrian violations.)
7. Update the “stolen property” database. Use volunteers to enter data & keep it current.
8. Run some “sting operations” with business owner help.
9. Make more information available for “stolen goods list”.