

**NORTHEAST CITIZENS PATROL  
COORDINATORS MEETING  
NOTES  
November 18, 2008**

- Elizabeth Galea the Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Coordinator for Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland, Inc. Discussed the Meals on Wheels program, and how the program's volunteers are out in the community on weekdays between 11 AM & 1 PM delivering meals. She suggested it might be helpful to the community if they were trained to what to look for and when to call the police.
  - The coordinators received this concept very favorably, and it was agreed that Elizabeth Galea and Mike Hilliard should coordinate the training of Meals on Wheels volunteers
  - Elizabeth Galea can be reached at 515 Haven Street-21214, 443-573-0940, or [galea@mowcm.org](mailto:galea@mowcm.org).
- Report on the following events at which recruitment was performed
  - Westfield Community Block Party, Saturday, September 20, 2008, 12-6 PM, 6427 Harford Road
    - Lisa Daniels and Mike Hilliard reported several people expressed interest in the NECOP at this event
    - Stan Wilkens indicated he had made several attempts to contact a name provided from this event with negative results
  - Greater Lauraville Fair, Saturday, September 27, 2008, 11 AM – 6 PM, Columbus Memorial Park, Harford Rd. & Parkside Dr.
    - Rose Ratajczak, Mike Hilliard, & Estella Ellwood reported the heavy rain throughout the day of this event made recruitment of new members very difficult. No new members were identified.
  - Glenham-Belhar Yard Sale, Saturday, October 4, 2008
    - Estella Ellwood, who was present at this meeting, & John Whalen, who reported via E-mail, indicated no new members were recruited at this event.
  - Cedmont, City Neighbors Charter School, Epiphany Lutheran Church Community Carnival & Family Celebration, Sunday, October 5, 2008, 2 PM – 5 PM
    - Pat Huebner was unable to attend the meeting due to the illness of her husband Roland. The recruiting efforts of this event are unknown at this time.
- Mike Hilliard reported several new members of the NECOP from the Hillen Road Improvement Association were trained on October 18, 2008. This core group has expressed an interest in improving Hillen Road's participation in the patrol.
- Mike Hilliard reported that he gave a presentation to the Greater Homewood Corporation's Neighborhood Institute on November 15, 2008. The Neighborhood Institute is a gathering of community leaders from across the city sponsored by Greater Homewood.

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- Mike Hilliard reported the following equipment has been purchased through a grant from Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice:
  - 8 batteries for Motorola HT 1000 hand held radios we currently use
  - 4 magnetic roof mounted high gain whip antennas
  - 5 new Motorola radios with batteries and chargers
  - Adapters and the connectors necessary to connect the coaxial cable from the magnetic mounted roof antennas to the new radios
    - The HT 1000 batteries, the 4 high gain antennas, and the 5 new radios were delivered to the Northeast District on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.
    - The new radios were tested by patrollers that evening without any significant issues
    - The adapters for the 4 high gain antennas were on order as of Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>
  - As of Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> all the equipment had been delivered and should be available for use on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>
- Mike Hilliard reported there is the potential for the NECOP to apply for a grant of up to \$3000.00 from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
  - After discussion the coordinators suggested the following priority for the use of this funding if it is received:
    1. To purchase more new radios to replace the aging HT 1000 radios that are starting to experience frequency drift
    2. To purchase magnetic signs for the passenger doors of patrollers personal cars to replace the aging roof top signs
    3. To purchase magnetic revolving dome lights with a yellow plastic covers to be placed on the roofs of patrollers personal cars
- The coordinators discussed future planning for the NECOP's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010
  - The coordinators decided that between now and the next meeting coordinators should brainstorm in a creative fashion to develop ideas as to how to best celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary
    - Lisa Daniels urged us to think outside of the box and stated no matter how outlandish the idea, there may be a component of it that would be worthy of implementation
  - The coordinators decided to hear and review ideas for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at their next meeting and to create a committee at that meeting to initiate planning for the celebration

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- Issues from coordinators
  - The issues brought up at the September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of a lack of available radios and sign in sheets have been addressed with Officer Blumberg by Mike Hilliard. Officer Blumberg was somewhat perplexed that these issues had arisen. He attributed them to an officer deploying the patrol who may not have been familiar with where the equipment and the sign in sheets were located. Officer Blumberg has taken action to ensure these issues do not arise in the future.
- Next Meeting Date
  - The coordinators discussed changing their meeting date of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month as it conflicts with several community meetings and with the necessity of Officer Blumberg attending community meetings on that evening.
    - Several alternative meeting nights were discussed, and all were identified as having similar conflicts.
    - The coordinators decided not to change their scheduled meeting pattern
  - **The next NECOP Coordinators Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at HARBEL at 5807 Harford Road**
- The meeting was then adjourned