10-07-2024 / City Council Update(s)

- 1. My last update was back in the first week of August so there's a lot to cover. Our Back to school events on Aug 26th at both elementary schools were a great success in collaboration with DEA Agent X, their Hummer & lots of handouts. Team ONE Volunteers also cooked up over 250 hot dogs!
- 2. We enjoyed attending the Stampede Parade with our first ever Team ONE float and our Volunteers ran out of candy!
- 3. Our initial Crossing Guard program is up and running and working well two days a week. To date we have assisted almost 100 pedestrians crossing the street at Eastside Elementary and the intersection of Ash & Central near Legion Park.
- 4. We completed our first "Drug & Alcohol" awareness class in collaboration with Mid Valley Hospital, Lifeline Ambulance, and OCSO back on Aug 21st with almost (20) people in attendance and enjoyed a fun K9 demonstration.
- 5. Program stats and updates:
 - a. Garbage & Graffiti: (We have completed (54) man hours of graffiti cleanup throughout the City and have now repaired approximately (26) locations previously covered in graffiti.
 - i. We were also able to work with a local business owner to clean up the largest encampment so far and hauled off three truck loads of garbage, repaired their fencing, resecured their building, and also cleaned up some graffiti.
 - b. Office: Our reception Counter is also routinely open for contact and typically manned at least three days a week.
- 6. We completed our second "Basic Training" class for new personnel and got them spun up for program involvement and now have a total of (11) officially vetted and trained Volunteers.
 - a. As of today's date we have a total of (941) volunteer hours already logged in the program = ("Independent Sector" figures show a fiscal equivalent of: \$34,590.00).
- 7. We are continuing to work with Omak PD to implement and produce some traffic emphasis events for things like pedestrian and bicycle safety now that the SRO is back from training.
- 8. We had good interactions with those who turned out for the Community Wellness events at the PAC on Sept 20th & 21st and had a booth available with lots of information about our program.

- 9. We have a "Home Security" class scheduled for Oct 10th for the Community to assist people in making it harder for their residence and properties to be the victims of criminal activity (see flyer).
- 10. We should know sometime in October about the "Confluence Health & WVMG" grant offered by Community Foundation of NCW in that we applied for.
- 11. We have a Mental Health and Suicide Awareness event coming up on October 21st that is free to the public (see flyer).
- 12. We launched our bicycle registration week back during the week of Sept 23rd and now offer Bicycle Registrations full time any time our office is open (see flyer).
- 13. We have a new website page for the program (www.omakcity.com/team-one) and are able to provide more information, event details, and photos out to the Public; including having our Onboarding Process and Volunteer application available for people to download and turn in.
- 14. We are scheduled to provide some Volunteer help at the Zombie Fun Run and Harvest Festival scheduled for October 26th.
- 15. We've been working on updating a database with local business owners to assist the PD in having updated contact information for alarm calls and updating who currently owns working video surveillance systems.
- 16. I was able to attend the WSCPA's annual conference down in Wenatchee back on September 16th with our Code Enforcement Officer to gain some valuable information and resources.
- 17. And last but not least, I have been working on obtaining a nonprofit status for the program and have also been pursuing further grant writing possibilities for future funding.

Please feel free to reach out to me any time with any questions or comments you might have about the program; and thank you for your support of the work that we do for our Community.

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