

Public Safety Team | *Minutes from 12.10.22 Meeting*



Our Mission & Strategy ... in a nutshell.

This community action program's mission is to watch for and act on solutions that help make our neighborhoods and streets safe. This will be accomplished by: 1) Identifying and surveying the problems; 2) Developing concrete solutions that help reduce death & injury; and 3) Presenting our recommendations to Thom Druffel, D23Metro Council Representative

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Please read through and message back if you find any inaccuracies or have any further thoughts (PublicSafetyD23@gmail.com).

Attended: Lauren Balmer, Thom Druffel, Jim Walton, Rachel Kaiser, Rich McGee, Cam Neal, Alex Apple, Brian Reynolds, Stephanie Sephel, & Tom Wright

Local West Precinct Meetings

Lauren Balmer will attend monthly Local West Precinct Meetings (Tom and Rachel will fill in when Lauren can not). Lauren encouraged others to drop in occasionally—having a presence with the law enforcement folks for our District is important. Their next meeting will be on Jan. 10, 2023, at 7 PM at Chief Joe D. Casey Building, 5500 Charlotte Pk, Nashville, TN 37209. (they meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM).

Attached is a recent newsletter that the Precinct sends out. It is chocked full of safety insight and weekly crime stats—with links to interactive CrimeMapping, showing: Arson, Assault, Burglary, DUI, Homicide, and more. They also have interactive mapping for vehicle crashes and vehicle stops. Check it out. Click here to join the West Precinct email list and receive emailed news and information.

The West Police Precinct web page also has links to:

- Checklist for Violence Prevention
- Child Safety Tips
- Fraud & Identification Theft Prevention Tips

- Business Crime Prevention Tips
- Crime Mapping Tutorial
- Neighborhood Watch Information

West Police Precinct Contact Information:

- Location: Chief Joe D. Casey Building, 5500 Charlotte Pk, Nashville, TN 37209
- Phone: 615-862-7747
- Contact: Sgt. Matthew Valiquette / West Community Coordinator / 615-880-1760

Problem/Solutions

Rachel Kaiser created and reviewed the following Problem/Solution chart.

The plan is to form committees around one more of these issues, study them, and act on solutions that help make our neighborhoods and streets safe. The committee will present recommendations to Thom Druffel, Metro Council Representative / District 23. Thom has pledged to work with us, examine our ideas, and champion all worthy solutions to the Nashville Department of Transportation (NDOT) for enactment.

<u>Problems</u>	<u>Solutions</u>
Speeding	1) Painting Bike Lanes, 2) Rumble Strips/ Audible deterrent, 3) Reflector Strips, 4) Neighborhood Legislation, 5) Signage, 6) Electronic Speed Warning Signs, 7) Speed Humps, 8) Report all crashes
Intersections	1) Plastic Columns/Tubes
Pedestrians	1) Safety Awareness, especially at night: night-wear, 2) Text Chains???
Crime Prevention/Car Break-Ins	1) Education, 2) Report all crimes, 3) Awareness: locking car and removing valuables, guns, etc
Contractor Road Blockage	1) Letters from Neighborhood associations/organizations, 2) Report all blockage violations

Another Solution

Create an ePublic Safety Bulletin Board with the latest news and links on the above. It would also be a place to post, collect, observe and describe

- dangerous intersections or situations
- repeat offenders who speed and disregard traffic laws
- suspicious activity, vehicles, behaviors

ALL gathered info can be used as data to support the severity of the problem and the validity of the solution, when presented to Thom Druffel and Metro Council. The ePublic Safety Bulletin Board could also be used to collect letters from concerned and supportive neighbors.

HubNashville

Lauren challenged all of us to become familiar with [hubNashville](#). It is a resource for info that will help in the prep and study of safety issues facing our neighborhood.

hubNashville is a one-stop shop of Metro Government Services currently available by phone and online, that is easy to use, and doesn't require a user to know which department they need to contact.

Services include: Public Safety; Trash, Recycling & Litter; Street, Roads, and Sidewalks; Trees; Property Violations; Transit; Parks; Planning and Zoning; and more.

Click and see.

Important Links

Public Safety Team email PublicSafetyD23@gmail.com

Nashville Vision Zero Action Plan Website

Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure NDOT Website

West Police Precinct Website

Hub Nashville [hubNashville Website](#)

Thom Druffel's Website

Our next meeting will be 10 am, Saturday, January 28, at [Paneras](#) on White Bridge Road