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Mayor's Crime Prevention Commission
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Highlights for the Three Years Ended June 30, 2012

Preface - The City of Newton Crime Prevention Commission, established in the late 1960s, is an organization of civic and business leaders committed to focusing attention on the quality of community living through improved safety and security initiatives. It operates with education and outreach programs, collaboration, leadership and advocacy. Membership in the group ranges widely across the business, education, civic, law enforcement and legal communities. In order to accomplish its civilian objectives, it works in tandem with the uniformed City of Newton Police Department (referred to below as NPD).

NPD is represented by Lieutenant Bruce M. Apotheker, an accomplished veteran of the Department. Since 2005, he has been in command of the Community Service Bureau, where he oversees the department's youth officers, domestic violence officer and elder affairs officer. The Community Service Bureau investigates hate crimes, youth issues/crimes, domestic violence and elder affairs/abuse. Additionally, the Community Service Bureau is in charge of all juvenile incidents and investigations within the City, which includes being responsible for approximately 15,000 children in the Newton public and private schools. The youth officers have direct contact and an excellent rapport with the superintendent, principals, counselors, psychologists, and support staff of the public schools. Lieutenant Apotheker is also designated as the Civil Rights Officer for the City of Newton.

The Chairman, speaking for the community, is grateful for the hard work and meaningful contributions of the following NPD Officers, CPC Commissioners and CPC Consultants (formerly called Visitors) for their efforts in achieving the following record. Each had his or her own favorite issues, yet they are all part of the team that makes CPC work. Each of them understands very well that there is dignity and pride in trying to make the community a little better. Accordingly, each of them is commended for his or her service. They are (alphabetically, except for NPD):

NPD Lt. Bruce Apotheker, representing NPD
NPD Auxiliary Dep. Chief Jeff Sifton

Commissioner Richard Catrambone
Commissioner Debra Darcy
Commissioner Marc Epstein
Commissioner Bernard Goulding
Commissioner Colleen Rosenbaum
Commissioner Scott Rosenbaum
Commissioner Fred Winer
Commissioner David Winer
Commissioner Frank Wolpe (Chairman)

Commission Consultant Debbie Belt
Commission Consultant Katie Davis
Commission Consultant Erin Miller
Commission Consultant Margie Kern
Commission Consultant Steve Konowitz
Commission Consultant Bill Renke
Commission Consultant Terry Sauro
Commission Consultant NPD Sgt. Bill Spaulding
Commission Consultant Barbara Wong

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- 1. Branding** - In a move to better project the Crime Prevention Commission's proactive approach to its mission, the Commission will begin to describe its imprint with the affirmative statement that "**Newton Cares!**" This is a declaration and symbol that was spontaneously, but thoughtfully, brought into existence during a recent meeting. It is very much consistent with the CPC guiding principle, which is to work collaboratively with other City of Newton stakeholders to never diminish the effort placed upon preventing crime and enhancing public safety. There is considerable pride, of course, in being voted time after time as among the safest, and in some years the single safest, city in the United States. Nevertheless, members engage in meaningful agenda building each year to implement or support education and outreach programs and services, which address developing resident problems and concerns.
- 2. Home Invasion** – There was a meeting in the Mayor's Office in September 2011 to discuss a recent home invasion. In attendance with the Mayor and his staff were the NPD Chief, the CPC Chairman and several concerned neighbors. Neighbors came to request a "pilot program" for some kind of neighborhood alert system.

A follow-up meeting was later held in the NPD Headquarters Community Room. Once again, attending neighbors asked for some kind of an alert system. Speakers included about 20 residents, the Mayor's Citizens Assistance Officer, the NPD Chief, the NPD Commander of Detectives, and the NPD Commander of the Community Service Bureau. There was universal agreement that Newton needed to find a way to develop an alert system within the limits of the City's financial resources, etc. After this meeting, there were several other such Village meetings for continued community outreach, including Newton Highlands, Lower Falls, and Nonantum.

One quick response to these meetings was the writing a City Website – Checklist of "Tips for Preventing the Home Invasion." Another response has been the drafting of a comprehensive "Local Option Neighborhood Watch" program (alternately called a "Local-Option Good Neighbor Look-Out" program) for offering to all neighborhoods in all Villages where residents want to activate such a collaborative effort. Either model program can become a pilot for residents who may choose to work with NPD as their neighborhood's eyes and ears of law enforcement. One neighborhood group (at Stearns Park) has already accepted the offer and is currently activating a

neighborhood watch. Still another response has been the City-wide adoption of the NIXLE resident alert system.

- 3. NIXLE** – After considerable CPC on-line research and NPD collaboration, NPD enrolled the City in a new resident alert service called NIXLE (www.nixle.com). The service is free-of-charge. Thus, every resident who registers on-line becomes eligible to sign up immediately to receive, often-daily, trusted and important notices sent by NIXLE as text messaging, email, and/or otherwise through the web. Registrants not only get NPD generated alerts and advisories, but may also get messages from other community groups choosing to be involved.

To date, a reported 1,000 residents have enrolled. Communications from NPD will range from emergency alerts to routine day-to-day information, including traffic advisories, missing persons reports, public safety announcements, press releases for high-profile cases, and other relevant information.

Founded in 2007, Nixle is the national leader in trusted notification services for law enforcement and government agencies. More than 4,800 government agencies throughout the United States use Nixle to communicate with residents via SMS mobile text messaging, email, the Web, and mobile applications. Over 700,000 people already rely upon the system. Nixle is strategically partnered with the National Law Enforcement Telecommunication System (Nlets) to offer the only public messaging service on the International Justice and Public Safety network, a system owned by the fifty states and serving every criminal justice agency in the US and Canada. Nixle is a privately held company based in San Francisco, CA.

- 4. Local-Option Good Neighbor Look-Out (or Neighborhood Watch) Program** – In response to an apparent increase in home invasions, as noted above, the Commission developed a draft of what can become a comprehensive local-option Neighborhood Watch (now, alternately referred to as a Good Neighbor Look-Out) Program for all areas where residents want to activate such a collaborative effort. The purpose, simply stated, is to provide a vehicle for neighbors who want to take care of each other.

After careful reconsideration of a traditional Neighborhood Watch, the decision to provide an alternate Look-out Program was premised upon two pieces of information: 1) the original Neighborhood Watch Program draft

may have been too long and complex to secure a buy-in of some neighbors, and 2) the brand “Neighborhood Watch” may have been damaged by recent events in Arizona so it might be wise to change it to something simpler and less controversial. Program objectives include empowering neighbors:

- To become the cooperating eyes and ears of law enforcement,
- To recognize and more efficiently report potential lawbreaking, suspicious activities, unsafe street conditions, etc., and
- To avoid diminishing the quality of life in an area by promptly abating nuisances, keeping areas clean and free of graffiti, and providing a safe environment for children, families and property.

Accordingly, the purpose here bears repeating. It is to provide a vehicle for neighbors to take care of each other.

5. RAD (viz. Rape Aggression Defense) – One memorable CPC meeting was televised by NEWTV as the Commission Chairman introduced Steven Konowitz, Esq. of the new *Lilly Konowitz Foundation for Women’s Safety* and Sgt. Bill Spalding of the NPD, who together delivered an impressive report about the NPD-RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) program. In attendance also were the Co-president, NSHS Parent Teachers Organization and the Community Project Manager, Boston Area Rape Crisis Center. Steven then introduced his daughter Lily who at the age of 17 credited the Newton RAD program as saving her life during a recent overseas incident reported in the press. With pride, her father reported how she had become a hero instead of a victim. All present heard the tearful story about how:

“In April of 2011, Lily Konowitz, then a senior at *Newton South High School*, went to Aruba with family friends for her vacation break. While there, a stranger began to beat and attack Lily in a restaurant bathroom. Lily fought back. She used techniques she had learned in a self-defense class, sponsored by the NPD just three weeks before. The class was part of a program called RAD (Rape; Aggression; Defense). Lily escaped with injuries that would have been far worse if she had not taken the RAD self-defense class and fought back. She credits RAD with having saved her life! The *Lilly Konowitz Foundation for Women’s Safety* was established in the summer of 2011.”

TV Viewers and meeting attendees alike all learned from Lily how RAD is realistic and comprehensive program, which begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training. Courses are taught by nationally certified RAD Instructors.

Steven Konowitz, Esq., Lily's father, reported that the mission of the new *Foundation* will be to empower women through self-defense education. It was formed as an *Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3)* organization for the purpose of fund raising to achieve its stated objectives. Among other things, it will buy, and donate the use of, equipment to organizations, like NPD, for teaching RAD self-defense and rape prevention classes. It will also help women by offering grant to attend such classes and by providing information on awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance. Classes have already been offered, or are on the drawing board to be offered, to teenage and adult women at such institutions as the Newton high schools, the Newton Jewish Community Center and the West Suburban YMCA.

One *Foundation* immediate goal is to co-sponsor certain fund raising events organized by the *Foundation* since Newton has limited financial resources available to acquire necessary RAD equipment and develop program offerings. Some of the items needed are "Red Man" Protective Suits, student gear, pads, a lap top, a video recorder camera, information booklets, awareness flyers, etc. Its first major event was a successful *Foundation* Fundraiser held on June 12, 2012 at the Hotel Indigo in Newton. Guests enjoyed beverages, hors d'oeuvres, networking and the opportunity to win a variety of raffle and auction items. Matt Siegel of KISS 108 was the celebrity auctioneer for the event. The *Foundation* got supporters and sponsors to donate items for the fundraiser's auction/raffle, to become part of an ad-book by purchasing space and to buy tickets for the event.

Moreover, during the course of the year 2011, there were several RAD planning meetings at Newton South High School (referred to below as NSHS). In attendance were CPC Commissioners, NPD officers and command staff, Newton School Committee Chairwoman, Dr. Claire Sokoloff, NSHS Assistant Principal Mary Scott, House Leaders, student counselors, NPD Sgt. Billy Spaulding, NPD Domestic Violence Officer Kim Coney, two youth police officers and others, totaling a group of 20 supportive persons. Initially, 19 girls signed up for NSHSs 1st four (4) week RAD course; and 4 NPD officers were trained and certified to be the

instructors (using mostly *Foundation* funds). This was after 120 students, and some CPC Commissioners, attended a “Junior Year” girls’ RAD assembly arranged by the NSHS Principal and Vice-Principal. Next, NSHS took another 1st step by forming a “student club” to begin helping young women learn about their ability to empower themselves with RAD training. Consequently, what NSHS had admirably done was to provide an expression of its own mission statement that says, in part, that NSHS is “a community of students, parents, faculty, and staff” which “creates a climate of safety ...and nurtures curiosity, creativity, and a passion for learning

Further CPC efforts included working with NPD to press forward with RAD training for adult women. To get started on this track, CPC arranged for Newtonites Joe and Kathy Esposito to offer our 1st NPD/CPC RAD classes for 16 such registrants. Classes were held in at Esposito’s Karate Fitness Center, 230 Adams Street, Newton, MA 02493.

The Commission’s future RAD activity will include pressing forward to work with Mary Kern, *West Suburban YMCA* Vice-President and COO. This effort will be to begin regularly offering YMCA classes for adult women and daughters.

6. Teen Dating Violence and Bystander Education - RAD discussions led the Commission to begin a new 2012-2013 public conversation about teen dating violence and bystander responsiveness. The Commission’s initial focus is expected to include a look at youth stress and efforts to expand the learning experience beyond the schools so that teens have the community and family support they need with better connections between students and adults. This means consideration of how to prevent dating violence and abuse that seems to be an unspoken dilemma. The consensus of opinion here, especially from Commissioners who deal regularly with such problems, is that this would be a fine effort for Agenda planning. Three CPC members (both Commissioners and Consultants) have agreed to serve as leaders and provide materials for early consideration.

7. Elder Affairs – The CPC Mission Statement provides, in part, that:

“The Commission is pledged to be proactive about better informing the population to ensure that older Newtonians will live with dignity, integrity, independence, and without abuse, neglect, and exploitation...”

The NPD Elder Affairs Officer, at a CPC public meeting, spoke impressively about how NPD deals with folks who try to cheat older members of our community. He shared some fascinating experiences with scams like sucker lists, phishing, fake charities, telemarketing misrepresentation, city water and sewer fakers, the “grandchild in distress” game, identity theft, credit card fraud, contractor fraud, Springwell Protective Services, and especially, the Silver Alert Program.

Notably, one CPC Commissioner now serves each year as the “Elder Affairs Liaison” person responsible for arranging education and outreach on such matters as “elder fraud.” In 2010 and 2011, the Commission distributed elder fraud pamphlets to various senior citizen facilities across the City. The Commission also successfully sponsored a joint NPD/CPC Elder Fraud Conference held on April 6, 2011 at the Newton Jewish Community Center (JCC). Working with the JCC Senior Adult Coordinator, CPC joined the NPD Elder Affairs Officer in making an NPD presentation to around 100 senior citizens who greeted the event with gratitude and applause. Accordingly, the JCC invited CPC to make this an annual event. Planning is also underway to extend this effort to other venues.

8. Adolescent Addiction, Crime, Recidivism and Recovery – Richard J. Dyer, Esq., a noted expert, spoke to the Commission at a CPC public meeting about adolescent addiction, crime, recidivism and recovery. He reported on the national drug epidemic, adolescent abuse and the resulting public health problem. With children dying, he said, casual drug use needs to be better understood as simply unacceptable. Yet, there is still the danger that too many parents and youngsters are in denial. Dyer’s message was that prevention, intervention and rehabilitation saves lives, communities and money.

He shared his experiences as a mentor at the Home for Little Wanderers in Boston, speaking at a variety of organizations, including ROCA in Chelsea, Massachusetts, the Northeastern Family Institute in Vermont, Learn to Cope in Raynham, Massachusetts, the Middlesex County Fatherhood Program, the Massachusetts Department of Youth Services, and at various jails and prisons in Massachusetts. He also reported on his experiences with numerous individual and family interventions and on his service as a mentor, sponsor, and recovery coach for many people struggling with drug and alcohol addiction.

One Commission member also shared his perspective from within the school system. He reported the recent good news that the City schools were seeing a dramatic reduction in drug and alcohol use. Nevertheless, he suggested that that CPC should still revisit and consider taking a position on the potential threat of teenage legalized marijuana and its use as a gateway drug. All present agreed that this is a worthy matter for one of our upcoming meetings. Keep drugs out of the school zone was considered a sensible objective.

Somewhat related, at another public meeting, Ellen Manning, who worked at the Newton Community Service Center (The Newton Teen Center), spoke at another CPC public meeting about teen abuse of over-the-counter medicines. Members were completely engrossed as Ms. Manning told the dramatic story about an over-the-counter cough medicine (DXM) near-death teen. After her talk, the Chairman offered a Resolution favoring restricted purchase and/or use of DXM by youthful consumers. It was unanimously agreed to by all present. The Resolution is available upon request. CPC will continue to address the drug issue.

9. Stand Your Ground Laws – There was a long sober discussion about the tragic Trayvon Martin shooting in Arizona, at a CPC public meeting. It included reference to the indictment of the alleged perpetrator for 2nd degree murder. Members expressed their steadfast belief, with their law enforcement experience, that CPC would be most prudent to give our nation’s system of justice time to work. In other words, no formal CPC resolution or editorial stance from the Commission would be appropriate at this time. Our condolences were extended to the Martin family.

10. Bullying – The Commission arranged for the showing of a 40-minute documentary film (DVD) about bullying at a public meeting. “*Bullying*,” as it is called, chronicled one Wisconsin student’s ordeal at the hands of anti-gay bullies; and it offered an inspiring message of hope to those fighting harassment today. Produced to be a cornerstone of anti-bullying efforts in middle and high schools, it was not just those who are gay and lesbian. It was also intended:

- To help all viewers understand the terrible toll bullying can take on its victims, and

- To encourage students to stand up for their classmates who are being harassed.

Most interestingly, the film informed its viewers about the journey of one high school student from his experience as a victim all the way through the Federal courts. The DVD was produced by the Southern Poverty Law Center.

After the show, CPC was pleased to be informed that the Newton School Committee and the Newton Partnership are already doing fine work to counter bullying behavior within the school system. The Commission will return again to this subject if there is any way it might add to that effort.

11. Transportation Safety – The Commission carefully reviewed portions of the report on “Recommendations from the Newton Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), dated September 27, 2010. In response to TAC outreach, CPC made 15 proposals for TAC consideration and invited NPD Safety Officer Jo Gourdeau to a CPC public meeting. She spoke impressively about her experiences in dealing with traffic safety. Then, she and the Chairman led a discussion about an array of CPC proposals that were promptly reported back to TAC, through its Sub-Committee on Outreach and Engagement where CPC held a seat. Emerging from that dialogue, was the following list:

- A campaign should be undertaken to remind young people that it is a **privilege and not a right to drive a motor vehicle**, ride a bicycle or coast on a skateboard.
- **Bicycle riders at night should be required to have “lights” on their bicycles and wear “brighter clothing”**, subject to NPD fines for violation. For young people, education and outreach should be achieved through the school system, particularly in classrooms using teachers to spread the message. For adults, outreach might be achieved through the usual media for public service announcements. Since there is now a Massachusetts General Law allowing the citation of bicycle riders, it should be enforced.
- **Driver education should be expanded** in the schools to include skate boarding and bicycling.

- **Helmets should be required for skateboarders as well as bicyclists.** Parents should be fined for not providing a helmet.
- More **unmarked police cars should be used** for traffic enforcement.
- Crosswalk stings should be employed and advertised to apprehend and discourage violators. This could contribute to a positive behavior modification. Also, **more marked and/or elevated cross walks and moveable cones** should be accepted as a basic public safety requirement.
- **Streets should be better illuminated** in some areas at night.
- Since school campuses tend to be heavily congested areas, there needs to be **more extensive parking restriction near public schools** since young drivers are inexperienced at moving safely through such a “target rich” area. Crosswalks need to be better monitored by more crossing guards and/or meter maids because of the visibility problem with small children afoot. Incident reporting by school officials that is fact-based, not blame-fixing, also needs improvement.
- In school assemblies and parent/teacher (PTO) meetings, there should be **more watching of the documentary movie “Smashed”** to alert people of the extreme danger when a car becomes the most dangerous weapon young people will ever handle.
- **Repeat offenders** who have been convicted of driving under the influence should be more carefully monitored by the increased use of ignition locks.
- Since too many parents are unaware of the **proper installation of their “child booster and/or car seats”**, there should be more “Certified and Trained Installers who are NPD officers. Certifying one officer, who in turn trains others, would be a good start. Such training is available through the National Highway Safety Administration.
- The issue of **school-bus seat belts** should be revisited.

- A campaign should be undertaken within the schools to strongly remind students of the **statutory prohibition against underage cell phone use and texting** while operating a motor vehicle.
- All two-wheeled forms of motorized street transportation should be considered for **license plating**. Apparently, there are some that do not now have the requirement.

As noted above, one special “concern” deals with safety at crosswalks. Thus, the Commission encouraged the City to have many more painted crosswalks, some even elevated, with more moveable cones that say “State Law Yield within Crosswalk”. These might be put in places where there are now no stop signs or traffic lights.

Another matter on the list is “the issue of school-bus seat belts, which CPC members thought should also be revisited”. One CPC Commissioner, therefore, asked State Representative Ruth Balser, our 12th Middlesex District Representative, about whether there had ever been legislative movement in that area. In answer to that question, on December 15, 2010, Balser wrote in part that:

“I did check, and there was legislation filed this session, as in many past sessions, to require seat belts on buses. To date, it still has not become law. I have supported this legislation in the past, and will continue to do so. I will co-sponsor, or sponsor such a bill this upcoming session.

“I remember that there has been discussion of this in the past, especially in the wake of the tragic accident when Oak Hill Middle School students died in a crash on a bus in Canada.”

12. Youthful Offenders and Restorative Justice – The CPC Mission Statement also reads, in part, as follows:

“The Commission is pledged to be proactive in support of programs designed to prevent and remedy youthful bad behavior. It will work with ... the Newton Public Schools to advocate formal activities such as **Restorative Justice (healing)**. Offensive acts which invite some form of healing may involve physical assault, damage to property,

bullying, harassment, verbal abuse/insults, offensive graffiti and/or written messages (hate mail). Restorative justice emphasizes repairing the harm. Of course, it is not a substitute for appropriate police and prosecutorial activity when warranted. It is simply something different.

“One way this is done is the “restorative circle” where all involved parties tell their side of the story respectfully in a structured format. The circle has assumed prominence as a preferred approach for working with children and youth at risk.”

In conformity with this charge, and in response to a formal request by the Newton South High School (NSHS), the Chairman was sent as a Crime Prevention Commission / Human Rights Commission joint representative to participate in a Restorative Justice event involving a serious incident of racial discrimination at NSHS.

After participating in this extraordinary event, the CPC Chairman wrote a letter, now referred to as the Newton South High School (NSHS) letter, dated February 8, 2010. It tells an inspiring and very readable story of a racial incident and how CPC played a small part in its resolution. A copy is available upon request.

13. Domestic Violence - Kim Coney, NPD Domestic Violence Officer, spoke at a CPC public meeting where she talked about the nature and extent of domestic violence in the City. Involvement with this public safety issue was pursuant to our Mission Statement, which speaks of “our pledge to be proactive in support of activities that center on education and outreach about violence against women.” This is a matter will continue to deserve the Commission’s unyielding and continuing attention.

14. Hate Crimes – Jon Hollander, from the Office of Congressman Barney Frank, spoke at a CPC public meeting about “hate crimes” legislation (passing the House as HR 1913 and folded into HR 2467 the Defense Authorization Act) sponsored by Mr. Frank. He reported how the legislation extended the definition of “*violent*” hate crimes to include gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and disability.

This “hate crimes” legislation, he noted, was just one major bill in what Congressman Frank saw as an essential step-by-step strategy. Earlier, Mr.

Frank had introduced the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which extended workforce protections. After these bills were passed, the Congressman's plan was to take on the repeal of the military's "Don't Ask Don't Tell" policy. (As everyone now knows in 2012, that too has been accomplished.)

Hollander thus provided a most fascinating insight on issue movement within the inner workings of our U.S. Congress. He also reported on how the legislation would complement the laws already in force and being applied by the NPD. A discussion followed about the commendable and aggressive involvement of the NPD in "hate crimes" investigation, especially graffiti and Anti-Semitic incidents.

15. Distractive Driving - Public safety is, of course, intertwined with the so-called "distractive driving" issue, which is about using hand-held cell phones while operating a motor vehicle. CPC discussions, over several meetings, revolved around the dangers of speaking on hand-held cell phones and/or texting while driving. It was observed that:

- Inattention is a leading factor in many crashes; and cell phone use and texting can be a deadly driver distraction,
- Studies from the *Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, the University of Utah and Carnegie Mellon* have indicated all cell phone use while driving is excessively distracting, and
- The City of Newton has historically been at the top of all lists of safest cities in the United States.

At the time of this public meeting, six (6) states (California, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Oregon and Washington), the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands prohibited all drivers from talking on handheld cell phones while driving. With the exception of Washington State, these laws were all primary enforcement, which means an officer may ticket a driver for using a hand-held cell phone while driving without any other traffic offense taking place. (Source: *Governors' Highway Safety Association Issue Brief: Cell Phones and Distracted Driving.*)

Following full discussion, the Commission "unanimously" agreed in a formal Resolution that a complete ban was the right thing to do for public

safety. Accordingly, the CPC position is to support a ban on all non-emergency hand-held cell phone use while driving (with the obvious exception of emergency use by Police and other emergency vehicles). Then, after the meeting, the Chairman learned from State Representative Ruth Balsler that the Massachusetts House had just passed a limited ban on hand-held use and a complete ban on texting. This CPC Resolution is available upon Request.

Nevertheless, despite good intentions, the practical difficulty inherent in “enforcing” such a ban will remain an open issue. This is one breach of public safety that may be hard to prove and may not go away for a long time!

- 16. Holiday and Halloween Safety Guidelines** – In December 2010, the Commission posted a list of “Holiday Season (December) Safety Tips” to its City website. It noted the unique set of challenges for those who work to protect and maintain safety in malls, restaurants and public gathering spaces. The increased movement of people everywhere increases the opportunity for crime and potentially dangerous situations. Accordingly, the Website provides a list of crime prevention tips. Earlier in September 2010, the Commission also posted a list of Halloween Safety Tips. It included 13 ideas for dealing with Trick-or-Treaters, 9 tips to parents for supervising their children, 4 tips for homeowners for home security, and 9 ideas for what to do before Halloween arrives. These postings remain on the website since they have perpetual value.

As is evidenced by the preceding list of highlights, the Mayor’s Crime Prevention Commission is committed, and will stay committed, with its education and outreach efforts, to focusing attention on the quality of community living through improved safety and security initiatives because “**Newton Cares!**”

Respectfully submitted,

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