MWCOG Police Chiefs Committee Briefing to HSPSPC - 2/20/15

2014 Crime Report

* The Crime Rate for 2013 was 23.65 per 1,000 residents
* Total Part I crime decreased 2.6% from 2012to 2013
* Multi-year {2009-2013} Part I crime continues to trend downwards, 12% since 2009
* All departments utilizing long range strategies for safer communities via partnerships with:
  + Other law enforcement agencies,
  + various jurisdictional agencies,
  + community groups,
  + private organizations.

Interagency Collaboration Increased In 2014

* Approved Voice Communications Strategic Plan and developed Radio Cache Strategic Plan
  + Joint Police &Fire/EMS effort on behalf of all Public Safety Partners
  + Provides guidance to ensure radio interoperability maintained
  + Next step is Implementation of ISSI, Regional Encryption Plan and Data Sharing Strategic Plan
* Strong interagency coordination via subcommittees & working groups
  + Chaplains, Communications, Crisis Negotiations, CSU, Intelligence, Investigations, K9, Policy & Planning, SWAT, Technology, Training
  + All pursuing collaborative efforts across region
* Convened new MWCOG Police Investigator Working Group
  + Implementing coordinated investigative model for region wide Investigations
  + Agencies sharing best practices and lessons learned
  + Many cases solved through regional collaboration facilitated through relationships built in the working group
  + Should become full subcommittee in 2015
* K9 and Crisis Negotiators became full subcommittees
  + Increased capabilities with full subcommittee standing
    - Increased access to Police Chiefs Committee, other subcommittees and grant funding
* SWAT Training Fund – A model for others to follow
  + Bringing essential training to NCR through pooled finds
  + Many agencies pay into fund for training otherwise too costly for any one agency

2014 Collaborative Successes

* Further rollout of key systems - AFIS, LPR, Video Sharing & LinX
* Resiliency Working Group surveys member agencies
  + To improve NCR LEOs management of long term exposure to high stress activities
* Identified federal partners for free or low cost resources
  + DHS Office of Bomb Prevention has tools & training for Intel, EOD, SWAT & K9
  + DoJ National Law Enforcement & Corrections Technology Center provides access to technology, technology testing results and surplus Federal equipment
  + Partnered with FLETC {Federal Law Enforcement Training Center} Cheltenham, MD for April 2014 Crisis Negotiators Exercise and May Bomb Squad Demonstration Day
* Public Safety maintained during major events
  + Including, but not limited summer/fall protests and July 4
  + Through collaboration & coordination across all NCR Law Enforcement agencies, as well as effective use of community policing strategies
* Public Safety Chaplains' November Conference - "Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training” How Chaplains May Aid in Preparing Their Communities for a Disaster and What Must a Chaplain Be Prepared To Do In The Event of a Major Disaster In His or Her Community “

2014 Goals

* Increase interagency coordination via subcommittees and working groups
  + Chaplains, Communications, Crisis Negotiations, CSU, Intelligence, Investigations, K9, Policy & Planning, SWAT, Technology, Training, Search Operations
* Implement Voice Communications Strategic Plan, and develop Data Sharing Strategic Plans, via Joint Police/Fire Communications Subcommittee
* Resiliency Working Group to ID products to increase agency resiliency
  + Trainings
  + Smartphone apps for NCR LEOs to help ID symptoms, remedies & resources
  + Posters, Brochures and related media
* Increased training and exercises across MWCOG member agencies
* Documenting NCR LE Agency Roles in preventing and responding to Cyber Cirmes.

Preparations for 2015 World Police & Fire Games

* Fairfax County to host
* 12,000 Athletes from 70 countries coming to NCR
  + June 26, 2015 - Opening Ceremonies @ RFK
  + July 5, 2015 - Closing at Wolf Trap
* Will utilize venues around NCR
  + 5 hockey venues for 2000 players
* All NCR partners cooperating on Planning, Logistics and Security

2015 Crime Report

* Data collection forms to be sent to member agencies in April
* Police Planners Committee will again compile data re: Service Calls involving:
  + Emotionally disturbed people
  + Suicides
  + Domestic violence.
  + Firearm arrests

Note: ability to capture these statistics will vary by agency. Legal definitions, procedures and data collected may vary by jurisdiction and agency.