

OUTREACH UPDATE

July 3rd, 2011

The Downtown Winnipeg BIZ have been holding a series of meetings with the Winnipeg Police Service to discuss the transition of our Outreach Program into the Winnipeg Police Service – CADET Program. These discussions are ongoing and we will do everything we can to keep you updated.

The priority of the BIZ is to do all we can to make this transition as smooth and easy possible and to do all we can to allow our staff to have an opportunity of applying for these positions. The target date for this is January 1st, 2012 but with that said it could take 3 to 6 months longer.

Here are some of the issues we have discussed

1. This compliment would be in addition to current and future Cadet numbers (we would want this in writing).
2. Daily communication with the Watch team, Watch directing the Cadets to the "troubled" areas via radio dispatch or a communication process.
3. Participate in the 958-SAFE (#SAFE) campaign, engaging the public, proactive approach.
4. Our funding (TBD) would be based on current response times and IPDA levels goals being achieved.
5. Cadets would have to engage in Outreach functions, including but not limited too:
 - a. Connecting clients with service providers (housing, social & mental health workers, employment etc.)
 - b. Working with the Downtown Crown Prosecutor
 - c. Handing out supplies which will help people survive on the street
 - d. Engage in community building
 - e. Other
6. WPS absorb all of our current Outreach staff. WPS can't guarantee as there's no leveraging or moving of the WPS process – standards are standards. However we are looking at providing coaching for our staff to assist them through this process into successfully becoming a cadet.
7. WFPS vehicle – goals established with them to reduce their waiting times.

At any time if you have any questions or concerns we would ask that you speak with me.

As always thank you for your patience.

Rick Joyal, Manager of Safety and Development