

**RHODE ISLAND CITIZENS COMMISSION
FOR THE SAFETY AND CARE OF THE ELDERLY**

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 23, 2011

Chairman Rick Susi called the Meeting to order at 10:15am at the RI Dept. of Elderly Affairs, Director's Conference Room, 74 West Road, second floor, Cranston. Mr. Susi circulated an Attendance Sheet.

Attendance: Chairman Susi; Secretary Ciano, Gloria Heisler, Janice Zeichner, Vincent Quintero, Tommy Magill, Martha Crippen, Terry Haydt

Excused: Melody Rodrigues, Norm Chapman, Jack Quigley, Roger Demers, Michael DiMascolo

Absent: Ann Assumpico, Stephen Dresner, Dan Ormond

Old Business:

- Chairman Susi reported that Lou Brennan has stepped down from the Commission due to health reasons.
- Chairman Susi will review the Commission membership, namely to recruit new members. The Commission currently has 12 (twelve) members.
- Chairman Susi will work with the President of the RI Police Chief's Association, since currently there is no representation from this Association on the Commission.
- Vincent Quintero provided an update on the "Remembering When Program", a Fire and Fall Prevention Program for Older Adults. Mr. Quintero recently completed the Annual Report for this Program. To date, the RI Program collaboration between Mr. Quintero and Oscar Elmasian of the East Providence Fire Dept.) has made contact with 3200 people. This is an ongoing Program, and outreach will continue, according to Mr. Quintero.
- Terry Haydt provided an update on the progress of the DEA Website with the Safety & Care Commission link. Ms. Haydt circulated a comprehensive handout detailing the updates. The goal is to launch this new website in March 2011. Mr. Quintero recommended that the State Fire Marshal website be added to this website. Mr. Quintero also recommended that Ms. Haydt explore the feasibility of a video website.

New Business:

- Chairman Susi said at this time, to his knowledge, there is no new legislation that will impact the Commission. He will continue to monitor this, however.

- Secretary Ciano provided an update on the 2010 Annual Training of the Senior Police and Fire Advocates. There were 85 participants and a variety of topics were presented. The \$1300 Commission budget was spent on the Training. The RI Fire Chief's Association also provided financial assistance to cover the total cost of the Training. This discussion prompted Members to begin to strategize for the 2011 Training. More than likely the Commission Budget will remain at level funding. Thus, members recommended other options of an all inclusive training (location and food service) for the 2011 Training—i.e.—possibility of holding the 2011 Training at the RI State Fire Marshal's Office (can occupy 100 people; no cost for room); Amica in Lincoln, Johnson and Wales University. Members were asked to provide input at the next Commission Meeting on presentation topics for the 2011 Training.
- DEA Director Catherine Taylor came at the end of today's Meeting and used the forum for introductions. Director Taylor verbalized her support of the Dept. of Health (DOH) Grant on injury and falls prevention. Mr. Quintero expressed a willingness to partner with DOH. Secretary Ciano will assist Mr. Quintero in making the appropriate contact in order to follow up.
- Martha Crippen of the RI Dept. of Attorney General (DAG) noted that a six hour Elder Abuse Training will be provided at the Police Academy on April 11, 2011. The DAG Elder Abuse Prosecutor Roger Demers will partner with two local senior police advocates on this Training. On June 22 and 23, 2011 an Elder Abuse Law Enforcement Training will be provided.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:40am. The next Commission Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 8, 2011, 10:00am. The location will be at South Kingstown: The Center, 25 Dominic Road, South Kingstown/789-0268. Members are asked to enter the building through the main entrance and to see the receptionist for directions to the conference room. For driving directions to The Center, Members can check the website: www.southkingstownri.com/seniors

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Ciano
Secretary