



Winter 2007 Edition Sentinel

~From the President~
Ritchie Coleman

Greetings from the CPAM Board members, we hope you and your family are well as we begin addressing crime prevention in this New Year. Let me first thank each of you for your CPAM membership and your promotion of the work we do for our communities. Michigan communities will be challenged as never before with addressing the fiscal impact of our state's economy. The Governor's recent State of the Union clearly states that budget cuts, consolidation, and sharing resources are at the top of her agenda. The leaders of our municipalities, department heads, and chiefs of police, sheriffs, and public safety directors will all be asked to do more with less. This also means that we (crime prevention practitioners) will be challenge to find ways to maintain our effort such as neighborhood, apartment, and business watch programs.

I would like to recommend reviewing the Emergency Fiscal Advisory Panel Report on Michigan's Spending. The 20-page report is available at: http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-23442_27297---00.html

CPAM Board members are on the path of redefining who we are as an organization. We are seeking ways to maintain current members while recruiting new members from all sectors of law enforcement, loss prevention, and security. I'll be recommending to the Board that we find ways to attract members by offering one-day training sessions by regions, recruiting of loss prevention personnel from the corporate locations within our community, expanding our training to be inclusive of their needs in addition to law enforcement, and working with our local media to promote who we are, and what we can offer to local community groups and organizations seeking our expertise.

In November of 2006, The Board was advised by our partner MSU's Regional Community Institute Policing (RCIP) that infrastructure support from C.O.P.S funds was no longer available to the various RCPI Institutes around the country. As a result Michigan RCPI staffing levels would be decreased (layoffs). The Board thanks Audrey Martini, and her staff for their continued support of CPAM through hosting our 800 telephone number, receiving our mail and limited support staff assists.

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We will be reaching out to each of you throughout the state for input via email to keep everyone involved with our efforts. Please make sure that we have your current email address. This is an election year and the offices of president and treasurer will be open. We need candidates with the heart and passion to carry the mantel forward. I've enjoyed the challenge and appreciated everyone's support over the past four years.

It is the Board's goal to get a bi-monthly ENewsletter out with updates, as we get them from the Michigan Chiefs of Police and the state regarding the fiscal impact on our agencies. We are also updating the CPAM website and will be sending information from the NCCP newsletter with free resources and great links for supporting your crime prevention program.

2007 Membership Dues
\$30.00

Discounts are available for members of the Central Michigan/Western Michigan. Membership applications can be found at the website. You can also find the 2006 Membership roster in the member's only section of the website. To access the members only section use the following; user name "michigan" and password "community".

"Quarterly Meeting"
~Retro Bill~

March 2, 2007, 8:30am registration
9am-5pm, \$40.00 before 2/23/07,
\$50 @ the door

Location: Timber Ridge Golf Club, 16339 Park
Lake Rd, Lansing, MI 48823

Boosting the strength and effectiveness of a crime prevention program will be the focus of the full day training offered to CPAM members on March 2, 2007. Participants will receive a copy of the award winning DVD DARE Safety Tips and be provided with insight in using the tips for your community presentations. Retro Bill will provide a "train-the-trainer" workshop format with a discussion on issues facing our communities, how to engage all levels of audiences with promoting crime prevention.