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Subject: Community Policing Committees

Good Morning,

At the last Police Services Board meeting, there were questions about community policing committees. Currently, the Southwold Community Policing Association (SCPA) is the only active policing committee in Elgin. A few of our members expressed interest in hosting an information session on policing committees and how to start one. Inspector Jennifer Neamtz has volunteered to speak at an information session about how the OPP works with local policing committees. The PSB also suggested inviting the SCPA to discuss what makes the Committee successful.

The SCPA is not an official committee of Council and operates independently of Southwold. Southwold appoints a council member to sit on its Committee, who forms part of its board. The Committee relays information to Southwold staff and Council. Southwold also helps promote its events or share social media campaigns it's interested in advancing.

The Committee has helped advocate for important issues in Southwold and support the OPP in their work. The Committee has also advanced communication between the OPP and Council and is another tool for advancing community relations.

The Police Services Board is happy to coordinate an information session and open it to all Elgin residents. Before we plan an information session, we would like your feedback. Do you see any value in an information session? Would you like to participate in a centralized meeting or host a meeting in your community?

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you,

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