

# THE BRIEFING



**WICHITA METRO**  
**CRIME COMMISSION**  
EST. 1952 INC.  
*WORKING WITH YOU TO PREVENT CRIME*

**November 2022**

## Upcoming dates to remember:

- **November 28, 2022 Holiday Social**  
Botanica, Illumination tickets included
- **No Monthly Meeting in December 2022**
- **January 26, 2023 - Monthly Insider Briefing**  
Dawn Shepler - Mental Health & Substance Abuse Coalition
- **February 23, 2023 - Monthly Insider Briefing**  
Chief Joseph Sullivan
- **March 21, 2023 - Annual Awards Dinner**  
Mark Arts

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We would like to recognize Todd Ackerman, with the Augusta Dept. of Public Safety, as the Crime Commission's newest member.



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# TEEN DRUG SUMMIT A BIG HIT!

Nearly 200 middle school students filled the halls and meeting rooms of Central Community Church on November 9 at the Teen Drug Summit. The students spent the day visiting various vendors that included EMS, SCSO, WPD, WFD and SCFD as well as youth oriented organizations. After a welcome by WMCC “Make Good Choices” committee chair Ben Burgess, the students watched the impactful “Dead on Arrival” film and then visited two different “break out” rooms – one which focused on prevention and education and one where they heard from parents who have lots children to Fentanyl as well as others affected by addiction. The message was loud and clear: MAKE GOOD CHOICES because a bad choice can cost you your life.

The Teen Drug Summit is held in partnership with USD 259, the DEA, Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Office and the Wichita Police Department. After a rousing competition playing “Jeopardy”, students enjoyed Pizza Hut pizzas, then assembled to brainstorm on ways to take the “Fentanyl – ONE PILL CAN KILL” and other drug education information back to share with their fellow students.

The WMCC is in the process of distributing ONE PILL CAN KILL banners in all middle and high schools in Sedgwick County as part of our support of the Fentanyl Awareness Project



# DONATION FROM VITALCORE



President Jeff Geoffroy and Board member Mike Relihan traveled to Topeka on November 15<sup>th</sup> to attend the VitalCore Awards Dinner. VitalCore is a company that provides healthcare solutions across the country to correctional facilities. At the Awards Dinner, the Wichita Metro Crime Commission was recognized for its efforts to support law enforcement, conduct youth programs helping them “make good choices”, Crime Stoppers, and our campaign against fentanyl. VitalCore presented the Wichita Metro Crime Commission with a check for \$150,000 to continue and expand our efforts. This award reflects on our members commitment to ensuring that the Crime Commission carries out its mission to “...support and sponsor youth programs that encourage and teach good citizenship, self-discipline, and self-confidence”.

**Vote for Botanica to be in the top 10 best holiday light shows in the United States. We were 5th last year. Let's shoot for #1!**

## **CRIME STOPPERS WORKS!**

### **YEAR TO DATE STATISTICS:**

2,232 tips

91 arrests made

\$19,050 in Rewards approved

\$114,700 Property recovered \$114,700

\$145,257 Drugs seized

**Crime Stoppers relies solely on contributions from the community. All donations are tax deductible.**



## IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO RSVP FOR THE HOLIDAY PARTY!

Where can you mingle with fellow WMCC members and their families...enjoy hot soup and charcuterie... and stroll through one of the best Christmas outdoor lighting displays in the country?



*Jingle  
& Mingle*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A  
**HOLIDAY PARTY**  
HOSTED BY

WICHITA METRO  
CRIME COMMISSION, INC.



28 November, 2022  
6 - 9 PM  
Botanica, The Wichita Gardens  
701 Amidon St. Wichita  
RSVP: [Julie@wichitacrimemission.org](mailto:Julie@wichitacrimemission.org)  
OR: 316-267-1235

**YOU AND YOUR GUESTS CAN STROLL THROUGH ILLUMINATIONS  
AND WHEN YOU ARE HUNGRY THERE WILL BE SOUP AND FINGER  
FOODS PROVIDED ALONG WITH WATER AND SOFT DRINKS. CASH  
BARS WILL BE SET UP THROUGHOUT BOTANICA.**

**THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BRING  
PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS!**



**This is a great opportunity for inviting a prospective new WMCC member to see what we're all about!  
Hope you can join us! RSVP to Julie by 11/22.**

## BOY WHAT A YEAR!

If you weren't able to attend the Insider Briefing on Thursday you missed out on our committee chairs sharing what an amazing year the Crime Commission has had. The PowerPoint presentation is included in the email and I hope you will take a few minutes to scroll through and look at what our members accomplished in 2022. I think you will agree...it was a banner year!

We are going to build on that success! Here are the officers and board members for 2023. If you would like to join a committee please call Sharon or Julie and we will get you connected to your program of choice.

### WMCC Officers for 2023

**Chairperson:** Jeff Geoffroy  
**President:** Norris Slupianek  
**Vice President:** Steve Cohlma  
**Treasurer:** Marc Ward  
**Secretary:** Alan Banta

### Board of Directors:

Bill Anderson  
Ken Atnip  
Jack Davidson  
Alan Lieber  
Jeff Longwell  
Lori Marceau  
Terri Moses  
Scott Norlin  
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John Rapp  
Mike Relihan  
Judy Ruesser  
Sophia Sawyer  
Nadine Stannard  
Kevin Steckley  
Maverick Woodbridge



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

**May you have a blessed day with your family and friends.**

### **WMCC Members:**

I would like to thank you for the flowers, condolences and donation to St. Jude Hospital after my mother passed. Your kindness means a lot to me during this rough time.

Julie