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Minutes of the November 25th, 2013 meeting

Attendees: David Shaw, John Bogasky, Loy Shaw, Stu Carlow, Peg Beck, Dorinda Danneman, Curtis Zeager.

Approval of the minutes was deferred.
Treasurer's Report : Balance is \$190.00.

Meeting December 3, 6-8 pm: Walmart Minor Master Plan, Aspen Hill Library.

The speed limit on Randolph Road has been lowered from 45 to 40 between Glenallan Avenue and Tivoli Lake Drive. This took about a year.

Guest Speaker: Curtis Zeager, Assistant State's Attorney, Montgomery County.

Most crimes in our area are essentially flat, except Robberies are up and Auto Theft/Theft from Auto are down. The 4th District (Wheaton) has had a detective assigned to Theft from Auto for past 2 years. Theft from Auto is mostly from unlocked vehicles. Auto Theft sentences are up to years from (formerly) months.

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013 (to 10/31/13)</u>	
Robberies	139	151	
Aggravated Assault	85	80	down 5.9%
Residential Burglaries	294	279	down 5.1%
Commercial Burglary	58	50	
Theft from Auto	566	312	down 44.9%
Stolen Vehicles	167	94	down 43.7%

Gangs in the 3rd (Silver Spring) and 4th District: Three or more people with a common symbol, committing a crime are considered a gang. Montgomery County has had a gang unit for 5 years, using aggressive prosecution, prosecuting the crimes. Most gangs are local. Gangs develop organically from early youth. Kids are starting to be recruited in Middle School. Montgomery County has a program to go into the schools and do preventive education.

The county has a graffiti cleanup program – call 311.

Call in any concerns, calls can be anonymous. Statistics are kept on number of calls about a specific location and police will respond more to a location with more complaints.

A HOA has standing to bring nuisance case. "Decay of Morals", a very old law, is used. In a nuisance case, proof of nuisance is the number of complaints

Each Police District has a Statistician. John Dassoulis is 4th district statistician.

Newest problem – Increased Heroin use throughout county, mostly white males over 18. Starts with Oxycontin (street price \$60) or Percocet, then when money runs out, moves to Heroin (street price \$15). Heroin is being cut with Fentanyl, which is 100 times as strong as Morphine, the Fentanyl is too strong and can stop the Central Nervous System.

Curtis will come back with a community police officer if requested.

The next Glenmont Exchange meeting will be held on January 27th, 2014.