



Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition (RCADC) Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2023

Members/Guests Present: Nathan Wray (prevention coordinator), Sarah Harrison (executive director), Ashley Freeberg (prevention coordinator), Ben Briley (volunteer coordinator), Laura Buckingham, McKayla Gallaher, Matilyn Lands, Courtney Briley, Patti Johnson, Victoria Knipp, Cheryl Sanders, Demerius Bunch, Leonora Spangler, Grady Massey, Michelle Massey, Mike Barber, Cody Christopher, Keith Kile, Marty Stanley, Sandy Leavell, Terry Stevens, Beth Sams

Our monthly coalition meeting was a hybrid meeting held in person at the RCADC office at 151 E Race St, Kingston, Tennessee and via Zoom.

Ben Briley began with opening remarks and introduced the meeting's speaker, Trooper Maleah Human.

Trooper Human delivered a presentation labeled "We Are THP." Her jurisdiction includes Morgan, Roane & parts of Loudon County.

She began her presentation by explaining the various divisions & responsibilities of the Tennessee Highway Patrol that includes:

- -East (Cookeville, Knoxville, Fall Branch, Chattanooga) & West (Memphis, Nashville, Jackson, Clarksville)
- -Criminal Operations, Drug Recognition Experts, various task forces, forgery division and the Critical Incident Response Team (CRIT)
 - -CRIT are the first responders to multi-vehicle crashes, which also includes forensic mapping & reconstruction and safety protocols on traffic enforcement.
- -Special Operations Unit, emphasis on aviation tactics, such as helicopter rescues in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park
- -Dignitary Team, tasked with protecting Governor Bill Lee and First Lady Maria Lee
 - -Also includes protection of visiting dignitaries and security for University of Tennessee coaching staff
- -Vehicle Inspection, manages truck scales on Tennessee's interstates
- -Research & Planning Division, advisory boards and the Tennessee Highway Safety Office

Trooper Human acknowledged the THP's involvement with the recurring DEA National Prescription Take Back Days held on the fourth Saturdays of April and October each year.

Other topics mentioned by Trooper Human include:

- TDOT construction safety & traffic management
- the large protests at the Tennessee State Capitol & surrounding areas in 2020
- notifying family members of the death of a loved one.
- Naloxone training & inventory

Ben opened the floor for discussion on community events in Roane County. He reminded members that Prescription Take Back Day will be held on Saturday, October 28th from 10am-2pm. There will be four sites in Roane County including Kingston City Hall, Walgreens in Harriman, Rockwood Police Department and Food City in Oliver Springs.

Terry Stevens mentioned the Roane County Battle of the Bands at Midway High School on October 11.

Trooper Human advertised their "Coffee with a Cop" program held at the Drivers' License building in Rockwood on October 9.

Sandy Leavell invited everyone to participate in Zaxby's "Spirit Night" sponsored by the United Way of Roane County

Leonora Spangler mentioned the Roane County Community Advisory Board started their "Teen Stocking Project".

Meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held in person at 12pm on Wednesday, November 1 at the RCADC office (151 E Race St., Kingston).