Safety committee meeting, 3/2/21

1. Introductions
2. Presentation by Buck Squad members: Two kinds of employees: Outreach workers and violence interrupters. Violence interrupters seek to do conflict resolution. Outreach workers try to get people involved in their programs.
	1. Match team members based upon relationship to person in distress
	2. Structure: different zones in the city based upon hot spots. Focus on South First Street area because it’s a hotspot. Informally doing assessments to address the problem. Be preventive. Don’t want to catch things after it happens. Structure brings accountability.
	3. Recruit team members from local neighborhoods.
	4. Questions: what are the other two zones? Blue Ridge Gardens. Westhaven. Prospect/Fifth street on the green
	5. What’s the training Buck Squad took and is it available to others? Buck Squad can now train others.
	6. Buck squad members have a uniform. Have an emblem and badge on the side.
	7. What happens next if you don’t diffuse the situation? Remove themselves from the situation and the law enforcement comes in. But have been successful thus far. Do a follow up if there’s been violence
	8. What about when women start the violence? Have women on the squad and seeking to recruit more women.
	9. How to reach you? Hotline: 434-284-3111, 434-373-0399. Always confidential. No direct relationship with the police. Do something very different than the police.
	10. Meet at south first street for the public meeting 6 pm at church on corner of Lankford and south first street every Thursday. Food at 5:30 pm
	11. What’s an example of the commitment that people were asked to sign? Got man to one location and the other guy to another location. Got them to sign a resolution that they would meet without conflict and talk about the issue. Signed resolution and one of the men joined the team.
	12. What happens with the guns when Buck Squad comes across guns? Buck Squad is trained not to take guns. Participants put the gun in a vehicle or put it in a safe place. Trying to buy back guns, melt them down, and sell them as jewelry. Want to raise money for victims families.
	13. Do Buck Squad members wear gun protection? No because don’t expect to be part of the violence.
	14. Can email at Gunsdowninc.va@gmail.com
	15. Women in leadership, know in some situations they can’t confront violence. Glad to have them around. Lots of gambling and big money—anything in the Buck Squad program to address this? Yes Buck Squad is working to address
	16. Pertelle Gilmore is Khalil umar al-ameen on Facebook. Can send a friend request to find out more
	17. South first street wants to buck squad to be full time
	18. PHAR wants CRHA to give them some resources. Don’t put demands or restrictions on them but make sure it remains highly successful. Support CRHA offering resources to them
	19. Mr. Gilmore will try to be at the Thursday meeting at S. 1st St. at 6 pm to give his testimony