Education

- 1. **Public Forum.** A public forum should be held at the conclusion of the Committee's work to review the recommendations.
- 2. **5-in-5 Communication Strategy.** The Committee recommends that a "5 in 5" communication strategy be adopted, utilizing five different methods of communicating important issues relative to the issues of sex offenders in our community. Such strategies might include the following:
 - a. Printed copies of the report will be available, as well as posted on the City's web site.
 - b. The City of Dover utility bill "stuffers" should be utilized to promulgate important information to citizens on how to become more knowledgeable about the issue of sex offenders in our community.
 - c. An email subscription service should be offered by the City and used to communicate information about this issue to citizens.
 - d. The Committee will ask Comcast to sponsor a short message about the Committee's work, as well as to broadcast the "Safe Side" video.
 - e. The Committee will ask school districts to design and use a special "red envelope" approach to sending information home to parents when notification is warranted.
- 3. **Police Seminars.** The Dover Police Department should hold bi-annual public seminars on the issue of sex offenders, to include enforcement and notification.
- 4. **Curriculum.** The Delaware Department of Education is encouraged to develop curriculum which addresses the issue of sex offenders, and is also encouraged to require an annual awareness day on this issue in all schools in Delaware.
- 5. **Go Ahead and Ask.** The "Go Ahead and Ask" program is recommended for all consumers who do business with contractors for services rendered in their home. The program encourages the consumer to ask two questions:
 - a. "Have you checked the criminal background of all employees who will do work in my home?
 - b. "Can I have their names in order to run my own check against the sex offenders registry?"
- 6. **Safe Side Videos.** The Dover Public Library is encouraged to buy multiple copies of the "Safe Side" video and make it available for borrowing by all library card holders. In addition, it is recommended that Comcast be asked to broadcast these videos as a benefit to the community.

Enforcement

- 1. **Sex Crimes Unit.** It is recommended that a Sex Crimes Unit be established in the Dover Police Department. This would require adding two Detectives to the Dover Police Department and implementing the unit within the Criminal Investigations section.
- 2. **Homeless Ordinance.** The City of Dover is encouraged to adopt a "homeless sex offender" ordinance. This ordinance would require that any sex offender registering him- or herself as homeless be required to confirm that registration on a frequent basis at the Dover Police Department.
- 3. **Homeless registration loophole.** It is recommended that the General Assembly address the current loophole in state law which allows sex offenders to register as homeless.
- 4. **Longer probation for Tier III.** It is recommended that the State of Delaware mandate that all Tier III sex offenders be placed on life time probation, or at least a significantly longer probation period.
- 5. **Failure to re-register.** It is recommended that the State of Delaware implement penalties for failure to re-register as a sex offender be stiffened from the current Class G Felony status.
- 6. **Driver's License and Registration.** It is recommended that the driver's license and vehicle registration for all sex offenders be noted on the documentation issued by the State of Delaware.

Notification

- 1. **Sex Offender Registry.** It is recommended that the State of Delaware include the ability to search the Sex Offender Registry by place of employment, school, and school district.
- 2. **Clearer Pictures for Schools.** It is recommended that clear pictures of sex offenders be sent to schools by the Dover Police Department for placement in their notification binders.
- 3. **Notify our Parks.** It is recommended that the Dover Police Department notify all city parks and the City Library for all Tier III sex offenders in the City.
- 4. **Notify Bus Drivers.** It is recommended that the Dover Police Department develop a strategy to educated school bus drivers on the issue of sex offenders in the community.
- 5. **Private Schools.** It is recommended that all private schools in the City of Dover maintain a sex offender notification binder at their front desks, similar to those maintained by public schools. It is also recommended that the State of Delaware require private schools to maintain such notification binders.

ATTACHMENT #2

Sex Offender Legislation Review Committee Meeting of 03/28/2007

- 1. Charge of the Committee
 - Dispel the Myth
 - ► No "Silver Bullet"
- 2. Complexity of the Issue
 - ► Emotional
- 3. Random Act vs. "Known" Predator
- 4. Serious Crimes have Serious Consequences
- 5. Vigilant, but not Vigilantes
- 6. Definitions/Nomenclature
 - Sex Offender
 - Predator
 - ► Pedophile
- 7. Statistics
- 8. Recidivism
- 9. Composition: Citizens Committee
 - No other Government Approaching it like this
 - ► Emphasis on
- 10. Composite Approach
 - ► Education/Enforce/Notification
 - Responsibility of Parents
 - Solutions are not specific to City Government
- 11. List of Presenters
- 12. Educated to Tell Someone
- 13. What to do if you see Someone
- I. Intro and Education
- II. Recommendations
- III. Re Appoint Periodically
 - Monitoring of Progress
- IV. Appendices
 - Statistics
 - Glossary of Terms
 - List of Presentations
 - List of Resources
 - 20 Questions