

NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2009

Recorded by William Murray

The monthly North Precinct Advisory Council meeting for December began at 7:04 p.m., with Jack Heavner, presiding.

Captain Michael Washburn accepted a Community Appreciation Award from Jack Heavner. Captain Washburn is leaving the North Precinct to head the Violent Crimes Task Force. 911 calls on Aurora Avenue North dropped from 1000 in 2006 to 215 in 2007 under Captain Washburn's leadership. http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2004129652_gain17m.html.

Detective Bruce Larsen of the North Precinct Burglary Unit received his 30-year Service Award and Captain Washburn mentioned he had pioneered the use of DNA and use of media in solving burglary cases.

The North Precinct Anti-Crime Team was honored by community members for their work as part of the Arson Task Force and for apprehending the alleged Greenwood arsonist after responding to a fire in Shoreline. Cindy Potter of GAIN thanked Officers Darren Long, Tom Hanley and Jeff Paige for their work in apprehending the alleged Greenwood arsonist and mentioned the community is collecting money to help businesses impacted by arson damage. The North Precinct ACT team is led by Sergeant Chartrand.

I. Special Presentation Speaker: Sergeant Alvin Little.

Sergeant Alvin Little, a 25-year veteran with the Seattle Police Department, works as a detective with the Narcotics Unit and also leads the Seattle Police Explorers Group. The Seattle Police Explorers are a career and education driven group of teenagers and young adults with an interest in law enforcement. Community members from 14-21 who are interested in law enforcement are eligible to apply. Police Explorers meet twice a month at the Advanced Training Facility and also serve the community in many capacities from guarding hydros at SeaFair to helping terminally ill children on the Ronald McDonald Cruise. Police Explorers Cameron Newstrom, Ashley Webster, John Rogers and Ben LeCourse attended the meeting and discussed their

experience with the Police Explorers and career goals. <http://seattlepoliceexplorers.com/index.php>.

II. Precinct Update: Acting Captain Robin Clark/ Sergeant Diane Newsom.

SPD Blotter: On November 14, 2009 at approximately 2:30 a.m., officers stopped a suspicious vehicle in the 13000 block of Linden Avenue North, and detained a juvenile for a minor offense. It was determined that the suspect would be investigated and released to his mother. An officer transported the juvenile home and while speaking with the mother, she revealed that the suspect had provided a false name. The suspect suddenly fled out the window on the south side of the unit.

The officer gave chase and as he exited the window, he discovered that it was not the ground floor as he believed. [The main entrance is on the same floor as the apartment; it was not obvious that the landscape changed under the affected apartment.] The officer fell approximately 25 feet and was incapacitated. Seattle Fire Department responded and transported him to Harborview Medical Center. The officer sustained injuries as a result of the fall, but is in stable condition. The suspect fled in an unknown direction and was not located.

SPD Blotter: On November 19, 2009 in the 13500 block of 35th Avenue Northeast, officers served search warrants on a house that was a suspected fencing ring. A search warrant was also served in the 4500 block of Leary Way. The SWAT Team assisted in the operation, which has broken up three to four fencing rings in North Seattle.

SPD Blotter: On November 22nd at approximately 7:07 p.m., a 26-year old female victim was walking in the 9000 block of Holman Road Northwest when she noticed an adult male suspect who appeared to be following her. The victim slowed her walk and then stopped to let the suspect go past. He walked past but then also stopped. As she attempted to walk by him, the suspect grabbed her around the neck and chest from behind and then stabbed her with an unknown object in the lower back.

The victim was transported by ambulance to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Updates:

On November 20th, a contractor's van demolished the gas pumps at the North Precinct while backing up.

Sergeant Newsom reported that the Holiday Sock Drive netted over 1700 pairs of socks which will be donated to a North Seattle Women's Shelter and a foot care clinic. The University Chamber of Commerce was instrumental in donating socks, as well as the University District neighborhood groups.

Community Police Team Officer Brian Thomas attended the NPAC and introduced himself as the new CPT Officer for the University District.

A holiday raffle was held and cake was served in honor of Captain Washburn.

Captain Washburn announced that Lieutenant Robin Clark of the North Precinct will be promoted to the rank of Captain and that Captain Clark will oversee the North Precinct. Captain

Clark is a 29-year veteran of the Seattle Police Department. Her recent assignments have been as the Operations Lieutenant at the North Precinct and the Motorcycle Commander. Her career highlights are SWAT Commander, Watch Commander at North and South Precincts, and also as a Detective on the Green River Task Force. Captain Clark has been active in the Community Policing efforts of the Department, participating in conducting training and research projects with the Police Executive Research Forum (“PERF”) and the Department of Justice.

III. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.