

NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

December 1, 2010

Recorded by Bill Doell

The monthly North Precinct Advisory Council meeting for December began at 7:00 p.m., with Curtis Gehrke, presiding.

I. Special Presentation Speaker: Gregory Dean, Chief, Seattle Fire Department.

Chief Dean joined the Seattle Fire Department in 1970 and rose to the ranks of Lieutenant, Fire Marshal, Chief of Personnel, and has been Chief since 2004. He is on the Medic One Board and Vice President of King County Chiefs. The Seattle Fire Department began in 1889 after the Seattle Fire. Now it has 1100 people and a \$160 million budget. He is in charge of the Fire Marshal's Office, permits, risk management, safety managers and has 33 fire stations, 33 engines, 11 trucks and Medic One. Last year there were 80,000 alarms, of which 60,000 were medical calls. Fire calls are down due to sprinkler installations, fire alarms, and education in schools and community meetings.

The Fire Levy made possible the rebuilding or remodeling of fire stations in Lake City, Northgate, the University District, Greenwood, Green Lake, Roosevelt, and Hawthorne Hills. Fremont and Wedgwood will have work done also.

Police and Fire Departments work closely together at all scenes. Police facilitate blood runs and secure the scene before the Seattle Fire Department goes into a scene.

The busiest times are Seafair, Bumbershoot, Apple Cup, and New Year's Eve.

Firefighters have special training for tunnels and special requirements are being built into the new downtown tunnel for safety.

During an average day there are 1.5 million people in Seattle and they have four aid cars available downtown. Weekends there are about 600,00 people downtown.

II. Precinct Update: Lieutenant Ken Hicks.

Burglary rates are back up, but due to the fact that one individual that has left town, they are coming back down. Car thefts are declining due to public education. In the University District and Ballard/Green Lake, prowls went from 13 to one due to a Seattle Police Department project.

The North Precinct is the best in the City. They have led with new ways to prevent crime - Neighborhood Police Program, interaction with the public, and using 30% of officers' time to be proactive. The highest car prowl areas are Green Lake and the Northgate Shopping Mall. Report ALL prowls!

III. Crime Prevention Report: Diane Horswill/Neil Hansen.

Seattle was number 3 in auto theft and is now number 37. Captain Oliver is now running Major Crimes.

IV. City Attorney's Office: Ed McKenna.

The City Attorney will increase penalties for graffiti offenders with changes to an old ordinance.

V. Liquor Control Board: Judy Lewis. No report.

VI. Jeff Seargent.

Reminder to watch the Sex Offender's List.

VII. Committee Reports.

1. Issues: Doug Thiel

Giggles is planning to open a strip club on Roosevelt Way. The Club must be 800 feet from any schools or churches.

2. Membership: Please give Dick Hillman any roster changes.

VIII. Old Business.

Sergeant Newsom reported we have collected 4628 pairs of socks for the homeless (3432 from University District), 222 pairs of gloves, 74 caps, nine scarves and four t-shirts. A great job by all the volunteers!

IX. New Business. None.

X. Next Month's Agenda – Speaker will be Police Chief John Diaz.

XI. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.