

NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2011

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: Terrie Johnston, Crime Prevention Officer, SPD.

Residential block watches, security reviews and neighborhood meetings have attracted a lot of attention. In her personal safety talks Officer Terrie Johnston has said: keep your cell phones charged; in parking lots keep your keys handy; park in lighted areas and ask for assistance from security personnel if you have extra packages. At home, pick up papers and mail; don't leave packages or catalogues outside; leave lights on and a radio playing when gone. Do not have decorations on your door that block your view through the peep-hole. Be sure you can see your car and house. Answer the door without opening it. Talk through the door. On Facebook, don't tell the world you are going shopping and the hours you will be gone.

Watch for mail theft and UPS and other deliveries. Some people are following the trucks and wait, if no one answers the door, they take the packages. Have your computer and other electronics hidden from view from outside. Use your blinds and curtains. Cut up the cartons that the new TV set came in, don't advertise what Santa bought you. Parties: watch to see who arrives and that you know them; also have your valuables secured and medicines locked up. Coin collections, money, I-Pads, checkbooks, and other valuables should be secured. After the party, be sure all the windows are locked.

Street safety: put your wallet away at the counter, not as you are distracted by something or someone; have your cell phone handy; don't text and not pay attention; wear low-heeled shoes, not high-heels. Travel light, no large handbags that hold more than you need and where you can't find your keys.

Using on-line shopping: look for the padlock icon and be aware of I.D. theft. (See www.ftc.gov)

If separated at the mall have a pre-planned meeting place. Know your friend's full name, not nickname. Be aware of people around you. Is the same person in the same shops you are and not buying anything? Use your remote to locate your car in a big lot.

This past year has seen the highest requests for security information in 23 years. Pay attention to barking dogs, lawn furniture close to the house, rocks and concrete blocks that are handy for breaking through doors and windows. Stay alert and be safe.

II. Precinct Update: Captain Robin Clark.

Captain Clark introduced Lieutenant Ron Rasmussen, who is taking Lieutenant Hicks' place at the North Precinct. Lieutenant Rasmussen has served in a variety of jobs over the past 27 years.

Homicide reported a suspect stabbed a resident and killed the resident's girlfriend at Lynden Avenue North. Suspect arrested and held on \$5 million bail.

There was a home invasion robbery at 2200 N.E. 85th Street. Two occupants were stabbed. Investigation is ongoing.

Occupied Seattle used a lot of resources of the SPD.

On Aurora North a gun robbery occurred. Citizen followed robbers and the robbers were arrested.

At 110th and Lake City Way, a rear end crash resulted in two deaths.

A burglar was seen by police at 9700 Holman Road. He was arrested.

North end burglaries are increasing in Lincoln Sector.

Pete Holmes will fill the Precinct Liaison position next month!

The gas station robber has been tried and convicted.

DOC Jeff Sargent reported the Lake City robber was arrested, high violence man arrested.

III. Liquor Control Board - Judy Lewis.

Folks were reminded again to be aware of their surroundings. A suspension of King Smokes' license in Ballard has been made.

Extended hours of serving beer, wine and liquor will be discussed at a later date when more information is available.

IV. King County Prosecutor's Office.

King County Prosecutor's office is working with SPD training to get more evidence and information on each case.

V. Old Business.

Sergeant Newsom has collected over 3000 pairs of socks. University Hospital and Solid Ground will be receiving many pairs this month.

VI. Next Month's Agenda.

Speaker for January will be Sergeant Franck Trainor of the SPD Anti-Crime Team.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.