

NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 2009

Recorded by William Murray

The monthly North Precinct Advisory Council meeting for February began at 7:06 p.m., with Jack Heavner, presiding.

I. Special Presentation Speakers: Detective John Lewitt and Sergeant Jim Hanson.

Seattle Police Department's Arson Bomb Squad is part of the Homeland Security Bureau and is comprised of nine personnel who are certified by the FBI as bomb technicians. SPD Arson Bomb Squad is required to have a remote controlled robot for accreditation. A remote controlled Talon robot named Wall-E was present at the NPAC meeting and had earlier been deployed at a bank robbery in downtown Seattle. A bank robber left a suitcase which he claimed was packed with explosives and radio controlled. Wall-E is equipped with a video camera and positional arm which allowed the officers to render the suitcase safe from a distance of several hundred feet. The King County region is home to five bomb squads, one of which is the Port of Seattle which offers a four hour basic bomb training course which officers are required to complete. Bomb squads also use dogs which are trained to detect explosives as a screening tool.

Wall-E <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2zMxsvvJI>

II. Precinct Update: Captain Mike Washburn/Lieutenant Robin Clark/Sergeant Diane Newsom.

On January 9th, officers responded to reports of shots fired on University Way near a drinking establishment. Spent .40 caliber shell casings were found along with a .40 caliber Glock pistol which was left on a tire of a parked car.

Reports of a robbery on Northgate Way near 107th were taken on January 12th. When officers responded they found two children alone in a car. Two female robbery suspects had left their children alone as they allegedly robbed victims.

On January 14th at 1:16 a.m., officers responded to a 911 call of a domestic disturbance between a man and a woman in a motel room in the 12000 block of Aurora Avenue

North. Officers arrived and could hear the 53-year old female victim screaming for help. The 37-year old male suspect refused to open the door for officers. Believing the victim to be in imminent danger, officers forced the door part way open when the suspect sprayed them with an unidentified chemical irritant. Officers saw the suspect was armed with a knife and returned to the door, forcing it open. Officers gave the suspect repeated commands to drop the knife. The suspect advanced toward the officers while brandishing the knife. Officers were forced to shoot the suspect.

SPD Blotter: On January 18th at 6:55 p.m., two masked males came into a business in the 8500 block of Greenwood Avenue North and confronted the lone female employee. She was told to give them all the money in Spanish. One of the suspects came around the counter behind the clerk. The other suspect threw her a bag and she was told again to give them all the money in Spanish. The victim was struck in the face by one of the suspects and had a gun placed to her head. She complied with their demands, giving them the cash.

SPD Blotter: Sergeant Newsom reported that a pedestrian safety emphasis was performed at Kenwood Place near Green Lake where officers issued three citations. The emphasis was also held in the 700 block of North 130th where eight citations were issued.

Sergeant Newsom was a member of a 42-person team from SPD who provided security at the Presidential Inauguration. Three North Precinct officers were stationed near the White House from 3:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. that evening. Read more about this historic event at:

<http://spdblitter.seattle.gov/2009/01/23/spd-at-2009-presidential-inauguration/>

Jeff Seargent with the Seattle Department of Corrections is working with Officer McNulty on the DOC-NCI Team which is contacting probationers who commit crimes while on parole.

III. King County Prosecutor's Office.

Danika Adams reported that a University District robber is on trial charged with seven counts of assault along with weapons enhancements.

IV. Committee Reports.

Membership: Dick Hillmann – please give Dick any roster changes.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.