

## NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

### Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community

#### MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 2011

Recorded by Bill Doell

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

I. Special Presentation Speakers: Grant Tietje, Planning Coordinator, Seattle Police Department Office of Emergency Management and Mark Howard.

Earthquake is the biggest fear in the Seattle area. It affects everyone and everything: property damage, personal injury, and often a complete change of schedules and how we go about our daily routines.

The Office of Emergency Management is located at 105 - 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South in a hardened fire station. From there they oversee all operations with 50 to 60 officers. They coordinate the actions of the Fire and Police Departments. They are only active in an emergency. They bring together the resources of the City and surrounding cities if necessary and coordinate them with face-to-face representation. The 39 jurisdictions are all there to communicate and share equipment when needed. The priorities are fire, rescue, care of injured people, and rebuilding the infrastructure. They resolve problems and find homes for those in need.

The State Emergency Operations Center is located in Bothell, where they react to City, County, and State governments. FEMA is also involved and interacts with the National Guard. Speed and recovery is essential.

Mark Howard introduced SNAP, Seattle Neighborhoods Actively Prepare. This is a program offered to neighborhoods to help residents become better prepared for disasters. The program teaches simple steps to prepare and protect at a low cost. The e-mail for more information is [snap@seattle.gov](mailto:snap@seattle.gov).

Suggested items for the car and home are: emergency kit, including medicines, water, food, blankets and means of communication, cell phones, batteries, and a community checklist to include sick or elderly neighbors. Turn off electricity, gas and water. When water lines burst, it takes time to flush them out again. There will be water trucks available. You should have one gallon of water per person per day.

Communities are encouraged to form a local center where tools, goods and services can be exchanged. These HUB sites may have ham radio available and can help coordinate resources. Several communities have these sites now (Magnolia, View Ridge, etc.).

The EOC spends most of their time planning for all contingencies, especially earthquakes. A nine point earthquake would produce a 100 foot high seiche in Puget Sound. Their plans are under constant revision and updating.

II. Precinct Update: Captain Robin Clark/Lieutenant Ken Hicks/Sergeant Dianne Newsom.

Recent robberies on 17<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 45<sup>th</sup> are all under investigation. Twelve cases could be related. Sometimes two or three happen at once and between 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. These are on-street robberies. Look for two or three vehicles or bicycles cruising the neighborhood.

There was a bank robbery on 145<sup>th</sup>.

Transients helped officers with information regarding an arrest in Fremont of burglars, with tools.

Call Sergeant Newsom with requests for assignments for fast response.

III. Crime Prevention Report: Diane Horswill.

There have been fewer burglaries recently. Crime watch is working.

IV. City Attorney's Office: Ed McKenna.

No report.

IV. Liquor Control Board: Judy Lewis.

Rules requiring food served in bars/restaurants being strengthened relating to alcohol being served. Food must be edible!!

VI. Jeff Seargent.

One man on probation arrested.

VII. Committee Reports.

1. Issues: Doug Thiel.
2. Membership: Please give Dick Hillmann any roster changes.

VIII. Old Business.

Sock goal for 2011 is 6000 pairs. Get an early start!!

IX. Next Month's Agenda.

Mimi Walsh is guest speaker.

X. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.