

NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2012

Recorded by William Murray

The monthly North Precinct Advisory Council meeting for February began at 7:04 p.m., with Curtis Gehrke, presiding.

I. Special Presentation Speaker: Detective David Dunn, Pacific Sound Financial Fraud and Identity Theft (GPS FFIT) Task Force Program.

Detective David Dunn has been with the Seattle Police Department since 2000 and spent five years on Patrol at the North Precinct. At present, Detective Dunn is on loan to the Financial Fraud Task Force under the direction of the Secret Service working with a multi-jurisdictional team to thwart financial crimes. The two most common financial frauds are check crimes involving theft of your bank account number and printing fake paper checks and electronic crimes where personal and business accounts are compromised from debit and credit cards. Credit card "skimming" is done with fake card readers placed on gas pumps and ATM machines, along with pinhole cameras that capture your pin number. Detective Dunn highly recommends covering the key pad on the ATM machine when doing a transaction and checking your accounts online on a regular basis for fraudulent activity. Federal prosecutors are actively investigating organized crime rings from Russia, Ukraine and Romania who have compromised Point of Sale systems and used credit card numbers to extract funds from bank accounts. Small businesses should have insurance and take steps to safeguard Point of Sale systems from electronic hacking that can result in catastrophic losses to small businesses. Also check whether your business accounts have wire transfers enabled which have also been used in financial crimes.

II. Precinct Update: Lieutenant Ron Rasmussen/Sergeant Newsom.

Lieutenant Rasmussen reported that January crime rates were low due to inclement weather although auto theft, car prowls, and residential burglaries are on the uptick. Secure your homes and cars and don't hesitate to call 911 to report any suspicious circumstances. Lieutenant Rasmussen introduced the new North Precinct City Attorney Liaison Jana Jorgenson and is thrilled to have the liaison program back at North Precinct. Jana will start at North in mid-February.

Sergeant Newsom created a checklist for disaster supplies and handed copies out.

The Community Police Team delivered 2,000 pairs of socks to Pioneer Square foot clinic and 250 pairs to Roots Transitional Housing in the University District.

CPT Officers will be taking training on elder abuse and training on installing car seats for parents of newborns at Northwest Hospital. CPT Officer Loren Street from Ballard Sector attended and said thank you for NPAC's involvement.

The annual Sock Drive will continue in remembrance of Bill Doell.

III. Crime Prevention Report: Terrie Johnston.

Terrie Johnston mentioned many businesses are coming up for liquor license renewal and neighbors are encouraged to comment on any establishments to City Attorney Jim Kenney by February 17th.

SDOT will be closing 15th Northwest from 65th to 80th soon, so think about your commute.

Terrie has been doing numerous block watch and security surveys and dealing with a chronic nuisance in East Ballard.

IV. Liquor Control Board: Judy Lewis.

Judy Lewis completed 20 compliance checks where one north end establishment and one Queen Anne business were cited for selling to minors. If there are known problems with establishments over serving and problems relating to public safety surrounding businesses serving alcohol, please contact Judy.

V. Department of Corrections.

Jeff Sargent, Department of Corrections, reported that a Crown Hill meth dealer who was arrested last summer went to trial and was sentenced to 70 months in prison.

A DOC probationer who was residing in the 12700 block of 25th Avenue Northeast was arrested after visiting the house and sorting through the 10-12 inhabitants of the home. A known meth dealer from the 137th block of Linden Avenue North was arrested on 105th and Aurora.

VI. Committee Reports.

1. Issues: Doug Thiel discussed the upcoming recruitment drive.

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

VII. A moment of silence for Bill Doell was observed. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.