

NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2009

Recorded by William Murray

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

I. Special Presentation Speaker: Assistant Chief Nicholas Metz.

Assistant Chief Metz is currently in charge of Operations, which comprises all five Precincts and 650-700 patrol officers on three shifts. Assistant Chief Metz is a 27-year SPD veteran and has been the South and East Precinct Captain, as well as in charge of the Narcotics Division. "My first love is patrol, which is the backbone of the Department," Metz stated and also mentioned he hasn't been bored even one day in 27 years with the SPD. Assistant Chief Metz assigns new officers to Precincts according to the Neighborhood Policing Plan and recently assigned four new officers to the South Precinct and two to the West Precinct. An "up tick" in aggravated assaults, home invasions, burglaries and car prowls was discussed and Assistant Chief Metz urged Seattleites not to leave anything visible in their car and to be vigilant by calling 911 to report crimes. A day shift gang squad has been enacted to confront youth violence prevalent in southeast Seattle, with gangs showing up in northeast Seattle. Crime fighting and a greater sense of ownership in communities was discussed as Interim Chief Diaz' number one priority for the following months.

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

Officer David Puente received an award from the Assistant City Attorney for his excellent work on a DUI case.

On May 8th at approximately 10:55 p.m., officers responded to a call of a stabbing at Golden Gardens Park, located in the 8400 block of Seaview Place N.W. The male victim and an acquaintance were in the northernmost lot of the Park. The suspect jumped upon the victim's vehicle, kicked it multiple times, shattered a window with a beer bottle, and sliced the victim's arm with a pocket knife.

<http://spdblotter.seattle.gov/2009/05/09/knife-assault-in-golden-gardens-park/>

On May 22nd at 10:15 a.m., Seattle Police North Precinct patrol officers responded to an out of state "check the welfare - suicidal person" report. The complainant was an immediate family member of the 29-year old male who had been apparently threatening suicide. The complainant stated that the male had threatened to "blow his brains out." Officers were dispatched to the address in question, located in the 12500 block of Greenwood Avenue North.

<http://spdblotter.seattle.gov/2009/05/22/officer-involved-shooting-in-greenwood/>

On May 23rd at approximately 4:07 a.m., North Precinct officers responded to a burglary call in the 4400 block of Corliss Avenue North. The caller reported flashlights at her windows and hearing breaking noises. Officers arrived and found a male suspect hiding in the bushes a few steps away. The suspect had gloves on, a large screwdriver, and the outside light had been unscrewed and hidden in the bushes nearby. The victim's screen had been cut back and the window pried and cracked by a screwdriver. The male was arrested and booked into the King County Jail for investigation of burglary.

<http://spdblotter.seattle.gov/2009/05/23/in-progress-burglary-arrest-in-Wallingford/>

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

Non -forced entry burglaries are up. In warm weather, don't leave doors and windows open if out in back yard, etc. Residential sellers are out in force and crimes have been associated with these solicitors who need a business license to do home sales.

IV. City Attorney's Office.

Ed McKenna has visited Third Watch officers to instruct them on writing reports involving liquor establishments and over service. After repeat violations, liquor establishments are subject to loss of their State Liquor License.

V. King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Amanda Froh discussed a new initiative - Repeat Burglary Initiative ("RBI") to more aggressively prosecute high-impact burglary suspects. RBI will work closely with police throughout King County to target, investigate and prosecute the most prolific burglars.

VI. Department of Corrections NCI Team.

Jeff Sargeant, working with North Precinct Officer Rob Brown, took a suspect into custody who may have been involved with a home invasion robbery in early June in the 6500 block of 15th Northeast.

VII. New Business.

The Picnic at North Precinct will be held on July 11th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the North Precinct. Anyone with donations for the raffle should contact Sergeant Diane Newsom at 684.0794. There will be tables available for community groups and local merchant groups.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.