

## NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

## Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community

## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2010

Recorded by William Murray

The monthly North Precinct Advisory Council meeting for March began at 7:02 p.m., with Jack Heavner, presiding.

Jack Heavner opened the meeting by announcing that our guest Judge Judith Hightower's family member passed away so she would not be attending. Jack awarded Sergeant Diane Newsom and Bill Doel with framed thank you letters from Solid Ground for the successful NPAC Holiday sock drive that donated 1700 pairs of socks to the Adopt a Family Program.

I. Precinct Update: Captain Robin Clark/Lieutenant Ron Hicks/Sergeant Diane Newsom.

On February 10, 2010, at approximately 12:45 a.m., an officer attempted to contact the suspect on a traffic violation in the area of 90<sup>th</sup> and Aurora Avenue North. The suspect, described as a white male in his 20's, refused to yield to the officer's lights and sirens. A very brief pursuit ensued and was quickly terminated. Moments later, the suspect crashed into a house in the area. There were people inside the home, but they were not injured. The suspect got out of his vehicle and attempted to run away from the scene on foot. The officer chased the suspect at which point the suspect assaulted the officer and attempted to disarm her.

The officer continued to give chase and at some point lost sight of the suspect. The officer was treated on scene by Seattle Fire and transported to an area hospital with unknown injuries. SPD Blotter. Captain Cook noted that a suspect in this case had been apprehended March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, at approximately 6:14 p.m., officers responded to a 911 report of two men fighting in a parking lot at North 40<sup>th</sup> Street and Stone Way North. One male subject was armed with a crowbar and the other male subject was armed with a knife. Officers arrived on scene and found an adult male victim in his 50's who had sustained a stab wound to the back. The victim was transported to Harborview Medical Center by SFD medics with non-life-threatening injuries. SPD Blotter.

On February 24<sup>th</sup>, a bank robbery in the 1100 block of Roosevelt Way occurred at 6:28 p.m.

The suspect is a female in her 20's who has earned the nickname of "F-BOMB bandit" because of the salty language used during the robbery.

Sergeant Newson introduced Community Police Officer Devlin Hague, who is a 15-year SPD veteran with eight years as school liaison and is now covering the Ballard-Crown Hill neighborhoods.

Captain Clark reported that there has been a spike in dumpster fires in the University Village and Wedgewood areas and that this is an active investigation by the Arson Bomb Squad. NPAC members were asked to report any suspicious activities in alleyways and near large containers by calling 911. A spike in owner occupied residential burglaries in North Seattle was also discussed. The burglaries are occurring late at night and are non-forced entry, meaning through unlocked doors and windows. The burglars are stealing electronics and vehicles from residences. NPAC members were asked to report suspicious activities around residences promptly by calling 911.

## II. Crime Prevention Report: Diane Horswill/Neil Hansen.

Diane Horswill mentioned that several neighborhood news blogs (Internet web logs) have reported questionable crimes in North Seattle and that community members can always call their crime prevention coordinators with any questions regarding crimes in their neighborhoods. Neil Hansen reported that yearend crime statistics are online at [www.seattle.gov/police](http://www.seattle.gov/police).

## III. City Attorney's Office: Ed McKenna.

Ed McKenna discussed new Washington State Liquor Control Board regulations relating to advertisements for beer and wine outside bars and stores. The new regulations were adopted March 3<sup>rd</sup> and go into effect April 3, 2010. <http://liq.wa.gov/laws.aspx>.

## IV. Liquor Control Board: Judy Lewis.

Judy Lewis discussed the Washington State Liquor Control Board's campaign to prohibit alcohol from within 500 feet of churches, schools and playgrounds, and that the new director will work to reduce underage drinking. Judy reported that date rape drugs had been placed in two women's drinks in the University District. The women became seriously ill and were transported to Harborview where they underwent detox treatment. Judy asked community members to report any illegal public drinking by calling her at 206.491.2282.

## V. Washington State Department of Corrections: Jeff Seargent.

Jeff Seargent mentioned that an adult home on 87<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Northwest had active probationers doing door-to-door soliciting for donations and aggressively panhandling and that this facility should not include violent or sex offenders.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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