



SPD North Precinct Advisory Council

Expanding Communication between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2014

Recorded by Nancy Rauhauser

The monthly NPAC Meeting began at 7:00 p.m., with Ruedi Risler presiding.

Topics covered:

1. Special Presentation Speaker: Assistant Chief Joe Kessler, Patrol Operations Bureau
 - a. The Patrol Operations Bureau oversees the five police precincts.
 - b. A/Chief Kessler has been in SPD since 1981 in a number of positions, including commander of the West Precinct and the Southwest Precinct.
 - c. He grew up in Seattle, went to O'Dea and UW.
 - d. Has a strong commitment to community and a focus on good interactions between SPD and community. He encourages us to utilize the Living Room Conversations program, where an officer meets neighbors informally for a chat. See website <http://www.seattle.gov/police/community/livingroom.htm>
 - e. SPD officers are straight-shooters, do what they say they are going to do, and continually try to be responsive.
 - f. Compared to 25 years ago, SPD is a lot more transparent.
 - g. During this time of DOJ investigation and settlement, the officers are still there doing their jobs well, and feel they have the support of SPD leadership.
 - h. A/Chief Kessler complimented the officers and commanders of the North Precinct on their good work, for example the recent response to the Greenwood murder, which resulted in an arrest within a week.
 - i. Responding to a question about bike patrols, he said bike patrolling is at the discretion of the precinct commanders. The precincts currently have some officers loaned out to special programs, and there is attrition due to retirements, and understaffing due to budget, so they cannot always allocate officers they way they would with more adequate staffing levels. The number one priority is responding to 911 calls.
 - j. Responding to a question about diversity, he said recruiting is a challenge in minority communities, but they try. Majority of recruits are still white males. But he thinks the SPD is pretty diverse, at least as diverse as the citizens. One source of recruits is the people leaving military at the end of their service.
 - k. Responding to a comment about some citizens feeling like police don't follow up after coming out for a burglary, A/Chief Kessler said they would like to be better at that. Burglary investigations are not currently done in the precincts, but they are trying to get them back. Staffing is an issue also for getting back to people.

- l. Allocation of officers across the precincts is a complicated algorithm, including number of 911 calls made, workload, driving distances, projected growth of the area, etc. North Precinct is getting two new officers soon. Most new recruits will go to the North, East and West Precincts.
 - m. Workload is increasing. Citizens are demanding more services, reporting requirements by prosecutors are more time consuming, etc.
2. Precinct Update: Capt. David Emerick/Lt. Lesley Cordner
- a. Recruitment for our Crime Prevention Coordinator is almost complete. It is down to three candidates, and someone should be on board in a month.
 - b. Officers are working on the open air drug dealing on University Way and 50th (Jack-in-the-Box parking lot).
 - c. Prostitution stings are in progress. SPD is still arresting and booking prostitutes who don't want to participate in a program to get them services and off the street.
 - d. All crime statistics in the North Precinct are down except auto theft, which is up quite a bit in the last year. There is an emphasis on working this problem. The areas experiencing the greatest number of auto thefts are as follows:
 - All surface streets surrounding the UW and Frat Row
 - The Northgate Mall and surrounding businesses and park and ride lots
 - The 12300 block of Roosevelt Way
 - The 11500 block of Lake City Way
 - Greenwood Ave from 90th to N.E. 115th St.
 - The 4200 block of Aurora Ave and the 2 blocks to the east and west
 - e. For updates on what's happening in the precinct, read the Captain's Log at <http://www.seattle.gov/police/precincts/north/captainlog.htm> . He is open to suggestions for content.
 - f. City Council approved pursuit of acquisition of three lots at 130th & Aurora for the new North Precinct building. A committee has been touring buildings in other cities for design ideas. They're getting good ideas about what works and what doesn't. Next is architectural pre-design. May 5 the project team is scheduled to go before the design commission. Building opening is still scheduled for 2018. For information on this project, see <http://www.seattle.gov/northprecinctstation>. To comment on the project, email northprecinctproject@seattle.gov
 - g. Saturday March 8 there is a fundraiser for Seattle Police Pipes and Drums. For more information see <http://seattlepolicepipesanddrums.com/>. See them play their inaugural concert, with Boston Police, at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c9RWFZcz4Rs>
3. City Attorney's Office: Brendan Brophy
- a. The first marijuana grower's license was granted. There have been none granted for sellers yet, but the applications are being processed.
 - b. Issues around public consumption of marijuana are being studied in advance of summer festivals where it is likely to come up.
 - c. The Sisleys, owners of properties in Roosevelt near the light rail station, are being pursued to collect \$3 million in judgment fees owed.

4. King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office - Deputy Prosecutor David Baker
 - a. Charges were filed in the recent Greenwood murder during a cell phone attempted theft. The 17 year old is being charged as an adult and is being held on \$2 million bail in Kent.

5. Department of Corrections: Jeff Sargent
 - a. There is a new policy in DOC that stipulates that probation officers must be proactive about turning in parolees who are out of compliance. There is a probation office at 96th & Stone Way.

6. Community Police Team: Dianne Newsom
 - a. Ten pairs of socks have already been collected for this year! Dianne will give her Super Bowl hat to the person who brings the most socks valued over \$20 to the April NPAC meeting.
 - b. Dianne introduced Officer Loren Street, Community Police Team, who said he is gearing up to deal with the homeless in parks as the weather warms.
 - c. Handouts include:
 - i. Transportation Safety (attached)
 - ii. Stay Connected with SPD (attached)

7. Committee Reports
 - a. Issues: Doug Thiel
 - i. Encouraged everyone to ask their communities to respond to Captain Emerick's request for what their public safety fears and concerns are.
 - b. Membership: Inga Manskopf - please give Inga any roster changes.

8. Member Organization Profile - Council member
 - a. This item was skipped due to lack of time. Will begin next month.

9. Old Business - none

10. New Business
 - a. The Council ratified three changes proposed to the bylaws:
 - i. Add to statement of purpose that NPAC may engage in advocacy regarding public safety
 - ii. Council member alternates are authorized by the member organization (instead of by the Executive Board)
 - iii. For conducting business, the quorum consists of the members at the meeting, and votes are decided by a simple majority of the quorum.

11. Next Month's agenda
 - a. Guest speaker will be Interim Chief Harry C. Bailey

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.