

NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2009

Recorded by William Murray

The monthly North Precinct Advisory Council meeting for November began at 7:04 p.m., with Jack Heavner, presiding.

I. Special Presentation Speaker: Lieutenant Dan Whelan and Sergeant Rose McMahon of the Sexual Assault and Abuse Unit.

The Sexual Assault and Abuse Unit has 12 detectives and two Victim Advocates who provide ongoing support to victims and their families. The Unit investigates all child abuse cases, both sexual and physical, and works closely with CPS and other advocacy agencies. It also houses the Sex Offender Notification Unit which has four detectives assigned to it.

They are charged with ensuring that sex offenders are registered and complying with the conditions of their release, as well as provide public education and outreach. In addition to the special skills needed to work with these victims, the detectives assigned to the Special Assault Unit are committed to using their entire investigative prowess to identify, arrest, and charge offenders who commit these offenses. There are currently 1200 registered sex offenders living in Seattle and SPD detectives have filed the most failure to register cases in King County after exhaustively checking the sex offenders' registered addresses.

Lieutenant Whelan asked NPAC members to become aware of the Sex Offender Registry maintained by the King County Sheriff's Office which allows you to search for registered sex offenders in your neighborhood and sign up for e-mail notifications when registered sex offenders move into your neighborhood. The Sex Offender Registry can be accessed on the Internet at:

http://www.sheriffalerts.com/cap_main.php?office=54473

A sample e-mail notification for a 17-year old female Level 1 Sex Offender:

**UPDATE EMAIL ALERT
THE OFFENDERS LISTED BELOW LIVE IN YOUR AREA**

This is an update and does not necessarily represent all of the offenders in your area at this time. Known offender(s) live in your neighborhood. This information is made available for the purpose of protecting the public.

Offender Information:

826924 | VALERIA OCHOA-SUAREZ | 14500 block of STONE AVE N | SHORELINE | WA | 98133 | [View Record](#)

What should you do?

This notification will assist you and your family in avoiding situations that may make you vulnerable.

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

Lieutenant Robin Clark reported that Officers Jeff Johnson and Eugene Schubeck have won the Ann Rule Award for best written domestic violence reports!

On 10/9/09, at approximately 3:15 a.m., officers responded to the 13400 block of Roosevelt Way N.E. To investigate a robbery. The store clerk reported that the suspect entered the store and threatened him with a golf club while demanding money from the cash register. Later this morning, at approximately 4:18 a.m., an officer was on routine patrol when he stopped to assist what appeared to be a stranded motorist in the area of Sand Point Way N.E./N.E. 90th Place. After making contact with the driver several things became quickly apparent. The driver showed signs of intoxication, and he matched the suspect's description given in the earlier robbery. The officer soon realized there was a golf club inside the car, along with cans of Red Bull and several loose cigarettes. The suspect was later booked into King County Jail for investigation of robbery, with a request that he also be charged with DUI. SPD Blotter.

On 10/18/09, at approximately 9:16 p.m., a citizen called 911 to report that two males had just robbed him at gunpoint at 65th and Woodlawn Avenue North. Approximately 30 minutes later at 9:51 p.m., two males robbed a female at gunpoint at N.E. 43rd and 8th N.E. An officer viewed the second robbery and quickly found suspect #1 in the bushes nearby. The second suspect was found one block away and also arrested. The victim positively identified the suspects at the scene of the arrest. Robbery detectives responded and took control of the suspects and the investigation. SPD Blotter.

There have been 14 arson fires in the Greenwood neighborhood since June. Investigators need your help. Please call the Greenwood Arson Tipline at 1-800-55-ARSON with any information regarding these crimes. There is a \$20,000.00 reward (and growing!) for the arrest and charging of the suspect(s) responsible. SPD Blotter.

Lieutenant Clark discussed the ongoing investigation of the murder of Field Training Officer Timothy Brenton and the attempted murder of Officer Brit Sweeney on October 31st at 29th and Yesler. NPAC members were asked to be super vigilant in their communities for persons who

may be shadowing officers. There has been a fund established for the family of Officer Timothy Brenton. Donations may be made at any Bank of America branch under the "Brenton Family Assistance Fund."

Sergeant Newsom asked NPAC members to bring socks, hats, and gloves of any size to the December NPAC meeting. The donations will go to foster care and a North Seattle women's shelter. Bill Doell of the University Chamber committed to bring 500 pairs!! A holiday raffle will commence at December's meeting.

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

Diane Horswill reported on a recent house burglary that was videotaped from a homeowner's surveillance camera. The tape showed a woman burglar who pulled up in the driveway, stole a package off the porch, walked around the house and found a ladder which she used to access an open attic window. The home alarm was only set off after the burglar exited the house!

Neil Hansen discussed Seattle's alarm monitoring law which requires each alarm monitoring company to be licensed by the City of Seattle.

<http://www.seattle.gov/police/programs/Alarms/Default.htm>

IV. City Attorney's Office: Ed McKenna.

Ed McKenna discussed a proposed nuisance ordinance which the City Council is holding hearings about on November 17th. The proposed ordinance would give the Police Chief the ability to impose penalties up to \$25,000.00 and revoke a business license.

V. King County Deputy Prosecutor Julie Kline.

Julie Kline discussed charges brought against three people involved in the Green Lake robberies who are in custody. Senior Prosecutor Steve Kim is handling the cases.

VI. Department of Corrections: Jeff Seargent.

Jeff expressed his appreciation to NPAC members for their letters and calls of support for the Neighborhood Corrections Initiative Program.

VII. Liquor Control Board: Judy Lewis.

Judy Lewis discussed liquor violations at an establishment at 45th and Wallingford where two employees were serving 100 patrons. Violations were given in the University District for minors with open containers and after hours service in Fremont.

VIII. Committee Reports.

a. Issues: Doug Thiel discussed efforts on replacing the North Precinct and inviting Council members to NPAC meetings.

b. Membership: Dick Hillmann – Please give Dick any roster changes.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.