

NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 2011

Recorded by Bill Doell

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

Special NPAC "Community Appreciation Award" was presented by Doug Thiel to Officer Chris McNulty and DOC Officer Jeff Sargent for their great work in the community.

I. Special Presentation Speaker: Robert Montague, Supervisor of SPD 911 Call Center.

Seattle has its own 911 Call Center which monitors all emergency calls, dispatching them to the proper agencies throughout the area. Other cities have private companies handling their calls. Seattle covers an area from North 145th Street to South Roxbury. All calls go directly to the downtown location and can be transferred to other agencies and jurisdictions, as needed. In 2010, of 199,958 calls, 73% were not sent to dispatch as they were not emergency related. Call Takers are 50% staff and 50% dispatchers. Theft under \$500.00 can be reported over the phone or an officer dispatched if requested.

When calling 911 give location (know where you are), directions, address, street and your name. If it is a non-emergency call, call 625-5011. Call Takers have translators ("Language Line") to help interpret. Know your numbering system, street, avenue, way, court, etc. (Streets run east and west. Avenues run north and south). All calls go to the radio dispatcher and the North Precinct has its own line. Calls are dispatched to the various sectors within each precinct. If needed, extra officers from other sectors will assist.

Caller I.D. protection: a caller can give their name and address, but can be an anonymous call if wished. New cell phones can be tracked to within 300 feet of the caller, but need to give exact location. Multiple calls for the same incident are good as each caller will have something to add to the report.

July 4th is the worst night for calls. Calls do not disappear, they must be answered and certain questions will always be asked by the Call Taker. They have information from past calls, so officers can be better prepared for the situation.

The turnover rate of operators is very small. There were 200 applicants for 15 jobs. There are three shifts each day with a minimum of 15 staff members on each shift.

II. Precinct Update: Captain Robin Clark and Sergeant Diane Newsom.

Lieutenant Ken Hicks has transferred to Vice. Lieutenant Ron Rasmussen will be his replacement at the North Precinct.

On 30th and Northwest 85th Street a suspicious pickup truck was noted. A burglary victim called and a 17 year old was arrested along with two accomplices last month. The burglary suspect drove officers to 45 locations he had burgled. He pled guilty and got 18-20 years.

On Northgate Way a woman was assaulted. A canine unit caught the suspect, who is now in custody.

At 134th and Greenwood an automobile driver fled an officer and ran into a building. There were no injuries.

At 3600 Dayton Avenue North, shots were fired. Two suspects were arrested.

At Carkeek Park, an exposer was arrested.

There is a new officer for Green Lake.

III. Crime Prevention Report - Terri Johnston.

Terri Johnston was given an "Award for Excellence" by the North Precinct. She reported on 19 surveys. The problems were stolen bikes, residential burglaries, and bullying. She is working with two specific neighborhoods on crime prevention. Burglaries were up in the Lincoln Sector. Many entries were through unlocked doors. Money, jewelry, electronics and cameras were taken. Two juvenile arrests have been made.

IV. Liquor Control Board - Judy Lewis.

Things were quieter than usual last month.

V. King County Prosecutor's Office.

The Prosecutor's Office is currently working with SPD on burglary arrests.

VI. Committee Reports.

- a. Issues: Doug Thiel. Next speaker will be Sergeant Trainer from the Anti-Crime Team.
- b. Membership: Dick Hillmann. Please give Dick any roster changes.

VII. Old Business.

Remember to collect socks for our next meeting. Our goal is 5001 pairs.

VIII. New Business.

Pete Rogerson reminded all that December 1st is the last day for comments to be sent to the Liquor Control Board regarding Extended Service Hours in Seattle.

IX. Next Month's Agenda.

Sergeant Trainer, SPD Anti-Crime Team.

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