

## NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

### Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community

#### MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

September 2, 2009

Recorded by William Murray

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

I. Special Presentation Speaker: Sergeant Lis Eddy, Crisis Intervention Team.

Sergeant Eddy is a 31-year veteran of the Seattle Police Department and has worked as a hostage negotiator. The Seattle CIT program represents a collaboration between Seattle law enforcement and mental health and medical professionals. A committee of mental health practitioners, the police, and interested community members oversaw the creation of the program in 1997.

The Seattle CIT program is based on the Memphis model and is very similar in most respects. Unlike Memphis, however, Seattle does not provide specialty pay for CIT officers, and the selection of personnel and job assignment procedures are different. CIT officers are in every patrol unit. Patrol officers responding to a call that involves a person with a mental illness will call in a CIT officer as necessary. CIT officers must undergo a 40-hour training course, which is conducted by local mental health professionals.

Over a third of Seattle patrol officers have taken CIT training and 30 CIT trained officers are assigned to the North Precinct. CIT trained officers have successfully negotiated with many suicidal people, dealt with domestic violence cases and barricaded subjects. To complement the CIT program, King County health care providers have developed a Crisis Triage Unit Center for people in crisis. The unit is open 24-hours a day, seven days a week and is available for officers to bring individuals who appear to have a serious mental illness.

<http://your.kingcounty.gov/dchs/CCS.htm>.

II. Precinct Update: Captain Mike Washburn, Lieutenant Robin Clark/Sergeant Diane Newsom.

On August 7<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 3:14 a.m., two victims had spent the evening partying, and were rather intoxicated. They met up with two other males (suspects), at Northeast 50<sup>th</sup> and Roosevelt Way Northeast, who seemed agreeable to party with them further. The two victims got into the suspects' vehicle under the guise of more partying, but instead the victims were robbed at gunpoint. One victim managed to run and get away, but the other was beaten up. SPD Blotter.

The North Anti-Crime Team had a very busy August, making a series of arrests, including a marijuana growing operation on 8500 Evanston, which contained 33 plants; and a Vice sting, including 12 arrests for promoting prostitution, patronizing prostitution and offering and agreeing to prostitution. The ACT team also arrested four robbery suspects involved in a robbery at 9200 Ashworth. To finish off the month, the ACT team served two warrants at marijuana grow operations in the 8700 block of 20<sup>th</sup> Northwest and 2200 block of Northeast 92<sup>nd</sup> with marijuana valued at \$375,000.00.

On August 28<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 9:30 p.m., officers responded to a call of shots fired in the 100 block of North 90<sup>th</sup> Street. After the arrival of officers, shots were heard north of that location near the area of I-5. Officers continued to search the area and then heard more shots near the southeast corner of North Seattle Community College that borders the southbound lanes of I-5. As officers converged on the area, numerous rifle shots were then fired within 50 yards of officers. The suspect was using tracer ammunition and several red tracer rounds were seen fired into the air from the wooded area. As officers took cover, the suspect fired approximately 12 to 15 more rounds in a rapid fire mode. Officers contained the area of the campus and called for SWAT and Guardian One. The shots were obvious rifle shots and were fired approximately 25 yards away from I-5, so the decision was made to shut down both northbound and southbound I-5. Guardian One was able to locate two suspects. Both suspects were attempting to hide and would make periodic attempts to crawl through the brush. SWAT worked in conjunction with Guardian One and attempted to isolate the suspects. After approximately one hour, the suspects split up with one crossing both lanes of I-5 to the east, before deciding to come back over to the original area, where he was taken into custody without incident. The suspect in custody told the officers that the second suspect was still armed with an AK47 before they split up. The second suspect managed to elude officers for another two hours before he was finally caught. K-9 officers did a search for evidence and were able to locate an AK47 rifle and an ammo can with multiple live rounds. Suspect #1 was booked for Obstructing, and Suspect #2 was booked for Investigation of Violation of the Uniform Firearms Act and Reckless Endangerment. Both suspects are young adult males. There were no reported injuries or property damage. SPD Blotter.

Sergeant Newsom reported the Seattle Community Court was hosting an event on September 25<sup>th</sup> at Albert Davis Park in Lake City to unveil a mural that volunteers have painted.

III. Crime Prevention Report: Diane Horswill.

Diane Horswill reported that magazine sales persons are out in force and not to answer your door or open the door for them. Door to door sales persons must have a City business license.

IV. City Attorney's Office: Ed McKenna.

The City Attorney's Office has filed 152 criminal charges against the owners of five Aurora motels. Seattle Police had been called over 400 times to these motels in 2008 with 160 of those calls involving the Seattle Motor Inn at 125<sup>th</sup> and Aurora Avenue North.

V. Committee Reports.

- a. Issues: Doug Thiel has spoken with City officials on the need for a new North Precinct.
- b. Membership: Dick Hillmann – Please give Dick any roster changes.

VI. Next Month's Agenda.

Mayoral candidates will speak.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.