

NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

September 1, 2010

Recorded by Bill Doell

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

- I. Special Presentation Speaker: Lieutenant Eric Sano, SPD Vice & High Risk Victims Unit.
 - a. Human trafficking is a huge problem nationally. There are 55 government agencies tracking illegal human movement. Ninety-five percent of prostitutes are being pimped by coercion, threats against them and their families.
 - b. There is currently a home to help young women escape prostitution but has only room for six women. They are taught basics such as proper diet and shopping, and how to dress appropriately for their age. Help is focused on minors and those trafficking in minors.
 - c. Many of the street vendors selling fruit on the corners are illegal and are paid half the minimum wage. Also, many are working in restaurants.
 - d. Undercover women are working on Aurora along with undercover men. They are arresting six to ten people each night.
 - e. Legislation is proposed to hold motel owners accountable for prostitution in the building.

- II. Precinct Update: Lieutenant Ken Hicks/Sergeant Newsom.
 - a. Sergeant Jeff Durden was introduced as a new member of the North Precinct burglary unit.
 - b. He is a 20-year veteran and transferred from the West Precinct.
 - c. The Bike Team arrested a bank robber in the University District. A man downtown threatened an officer with a knife and was shot and killed. He has been known to the police for the past 25 years.
 - d. Vice has sting operations in effect targeting underage women. Result is fewer 911 calls and more officers are involved with Vice Unit.
 - e. A bank robbery at 1155 North 130th, a robber identified and arrested.
 - f. Keep your doors and windows locked! The majority of home robberies are through open doors or windows. Robbery reports are down from a year ago.

- g. Officers Chris McNulty and Jeff Seargant located a car involved in a burglary in Bellevue, arrested a man for Domestic Violence and Burglary. Renter came home and police found over 300 stolen items. He was also arrested. Seven more victims found, may be more stolen property in storage lockers. Major fence in Seattle now in King County Jail.
- h. Jeff found ex-con at improper address, had gun, arrested. Girl friend arrested on Arizona warrant.

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

- a. Important to have a list of serial numbers of all appliances, TV's, videos and anything else that has an identifying number. This helps the pawn shops report items and the police in returning stolen property to the owners. One-half to two-thirds of stolen items are electronics.
- b. For car prowls up to \$1500.00 and identity theft contact seattle.gov.police.
- c. For non-emergencies, call 625.5011.

IV. City Attorney's Office: Ed McKenna.

- a. Ed McKenna discussed the Presumption of Bail in arrests. Most are released on Personal Recognizance unless there is a history of non-reporting or chance of reoffending.
- b. New law that food for take-out must be served in recyclable containers or there is a \$513.00 fine (\$250.00 fine plus court costs).

V. Liquor Control Board: Judy Lewis.

- a. August was a big month for over-serving. Several local taverns were cited.

VI. Committee Reports.

- a. Issues: Doug Thiel.
- b. Membership: Dick Hillmann – Please give Dick any roster changes.
- c. New Membership: List has been completed.

VII. Old Business. None.

VIII. New Business.

- a. William Murray presented the Community Appreciation Award to Lieutenant Eric Sano, SPD, Commander of Vice & High Risk Victims Unit, for his efforts in rescuing kids from the streets in North Seattle.

- b. Sergeant Newsom reported on the Christmas sock program. Two thousand pairs of men's socks are needed by the Harborview Pioneer Square Clinic. Solid Ground needs socks for transitional housing-all ages. We need hats, scarves, and mittens, plus socks for foster kids.
- c. A thermometer graph will be made by Sergeant Newsom to track the totals of socks and hat, gloves and mittens for the next months. Our total of 1800 socks last year will need to be doubled at least. The University District has been challenged by the other community groups to increase the total donations.
- d. King County Prosecutor's Office has an amendment to the Legislature to increase bail in extreme circumstances (such as promoting sex).

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