



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

September 2, 2015

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The monthly NPAC Meeting began at 7:02 p.m. with Inga Manskopf presiding.

Topics covered:

1. Special Presentation Speaker: Lt. Stephen Hirjak, SPD Force Investigation Team (FIT)
 - a. FIT was created by SPD in 2014, as part of the DOJ settlement agreement, to investigate use of force incidents including officer involved shootings, as well as other uses of force which may result in serious injury. Before, incident investigations were rubber stamped up the ranks and incidents weren't really tracked.
 - b. Goal of FIT investigation is to get as many facts and circumstances around incident as possible to present an unbiased report to the Force Review Board (FRB). FRB decides if the use of force was justified, legal and within dept. policy.
 - c. Comprised of Commander Michael Teeter, Lt. Hirjak, one sergeant and six detectives. Three have themselves been involved in use of force incidents. They've been intensively trained using best practices from other law enforcement agencies, including LAPD.
 - d. Team's mandate is to be objective, professional, transparent, conduct thorough investigations, and have compassion for community members and affected officers. Mindset is to always strive to improve procedures.
 - e. SPD revised use of force policy, and trained all sworn employees at all levels in use of force and the specific requirements of the new policy.
 - i. Old training and mindset was to do whatever it took to get compliance from a suspect and that they were out to kill the officer - 'warrior mindset'. New training is to make reasonable attempts to make them comply without force and that not all of them are out to kill them - 'guardian mentality'.
 - ii. Use of force manual is huge. There's a set of rules for each piece of equipment, how to use them, de-escalation techniques, force options, types of force, how to report incidents, supervisor requirements, review procedures, etc.
 - iii. Three levels of force
 1. Transient pain, disorientation, aiming of firearm or beanbag shotgun at a subject
 2. Physical injury, complaint of injury, of a less serious nature

3. Serious injury, such as needing hospitalization, or death
 - f. When called, team responds and takes responsibility for scene of incident. Collaborates with CSI. Coordinates with Office of Professional Accountability. The report has three levels of review before it goes to FRB.
 - g. In 2014 FIT handled 46 cases that included nine shootings.
 - h. If your community or business group would like Lt. Hirjak to come talk about an incident, or about FIT in general, contact him at steven.hirjak@seattle.gov or 206-733-9348.
2. Precinct Update: Lt. David Sweeney
 - a. Lt. Sweeney is North Precinct's new Operations Commander. Jim Arata has moved to SWAT. Welcome, David!
 - b. Crime is down 12% from this time last year. Burglary is down 4%, car prowls down 20%, auto theft down 43%!
 - c. Robbery is up 49%. Where there were 184 last year to-date, this year there are 274.
 - d. Assault is up 37%, from 195 last year to-date to 267 this year. A factor in assaults is shoplifts going bad with security accosting thieves. SPD is training businesses in safer practices.
 - e. The Major Crimes Task Force had a six week emphasis in July and August in Ballard, the Aurora corridor, Lake City Way and University Way. It made 37 felony arrests and bagged twelve stolen vehicles.
 - f. We are encouraged to sign up for Seattle emergency alerts via tweet, txt, email, etc. Go to the Smart 911 site to sign up: <https://smart911.com>
 - g. Homeless RV parking is still an issue in the north precinct. Police did get many of the RVs to move along Northlake. Used a soft approach first, helping drivers get gas or charge a battery if they said they couldn't move, and only after that went to stronger enforcement (ticketing).
 - h. Every couple weeks SPD is doing vice-related stings along Aurora. Lots of arrests of johns, and some pimps. Offer prostitutes social services as alternative to arrest.
 - i. To question about package delivery theft, two suggestions are: use Amazon lockers, and instruct UPS to hold package for pickup instead of delivery. And neighbors can be helpful - if you see something, say something (call 911).
3. Crime Prevention Report:
 - a. A Crime Prevention Coordinator job applicant has been chosen, and now background checks are being conducted. Estimated hire date is 4-6 weeks.
4. City Attorney's Office: Brendan Brophy
 - a. Collaborated with SPD on the Northlake RV campers issue.
 - b. Dealing with Aurora motels, checking if chronic nuisance declarations can be made.
 - c. Three Sisley properties on Roosevelt were torn down for new development. The Roosevelt Development Group paid Sisley's \$3.48 million in judgments, interest and penalties. It will have a 99 year lease.

5. King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office:
 - a. If you're on Facebook, check out the 'King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office' page. You can also see it here if you aren't on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/kcprosecutor>. There are stories and frequent posts.
 - b. Dan Satterberg is objecting to the potential early release of Timothy Pauley, who murdered three people in the '80s. If you want to weigh in, write to Governor Jay Inslee to ask him to stop the parole grant. More info is here: <http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/crime/potential-early-release-of-murderer-angers-reichert-prosecutor-satterberg>
6. Department of Corrections: Jeff Sargent
 - a. In August Jeff chased down (literally a foot chase) a guy on probation for domestic violence who ran when Jeff tried to make contact.
7. Community Police Team: Dianne Newsom
 - a. The last of the socks were distributed. Time to collect more for this holiday season!
 - b. Handed out tips for pedestrian safety and driver awareness (attached).
 - c. CPT is using NextDoor social media to inform. Latest post was a map of the precinct showing the beat of each CPT officer (attached).
8. Liquor and Cannabis Board: Paul Vanderwulp - no report
9. Member Organization Profile - no report
10. Committee Reports
 - a. Issues: Curtis Gehrke - none
 - b. Membership: Michael Cuadra - please give Michael any roster changes.
11. Old Business
 - a. Social Service committee sent a letter to KC Councilmember Rod Dembowski advocating increased funding for the Mobile Intervention Team. Currently our by-laws only permit the Executive Board to take actions without consulting the Council, and only if the Board informs the Council at the next meeting. Since our action committees are new, we will draft changes to the by-laws to include guidelines and a process for committees to do advocacy, and bring them back to the Council for adoption.
12. New Business
 - a. NPAC would like to host a potluck at Mary's Place, the family shelter temporarily housed where the new precinct building will be built. We are looking for someone to volunteer to coordinate it. If you're interested, please contact spd.npac@gmail.com.
 - b. Fremont Chamber of Commerce is hosting a panel discussion, 'Crime, Camping and Consequences' September 16, 8 - 9:30 am. It will focus on tools and

resources for businesses to deal with issues related to encampment and long term RV parking. More information at <http://fremont.com>. \$5 members, \$10 non-members

- c. U District Partnership is hiring a Clean and Safe Coordinator. See website for job description: <http://udistrictpartnership.org>.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.