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Licton Springs Community Council Report for March

North Precinct Advisory Council Report for March 1, 2006

Well this March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting got under way at about 7:05p.m., with an average number of people in attendance. After the usual inquiries about new members or possible members of the press, we were introduced to the first of the evening's guest speakers. From the City Attorney's Office, Robert Hood was doing the honors. (He's North Precinct liaison Ed McKenna's boss.) The topic Mr. Hood brought before us has to do with the City's efforts to lower the jail population as well as extract some form of reparation from the non-violent public offenders. His presentation went as follows:

Seattle Community Court Diversion Project

The existing Diversion Program in Seattle Municipal Court serves defendants with no prior convictions, who have committed a diversion eligible offense. They may have their case dismissed if they pay \$75.00 and do not re-offend within 90 days.

Diversion eligible offenses include shoplifting, trespass, prostitution, failure to appear for drinking or urinating in public, "sit and lie," and other NON-VIOLENT crimes. In Seattle, over 500 defendants are diverted yearly.

The Existing Community Court

A pilot community court began in March of 2005 and was limited to defendants committing diversion eligible offenses within the downtown core. These defendants are required to do community service within the downtown core and contact Social Service agencies in lieu of short jail terms. Social Service referrals are designed to address key issues contributing to criminal behavior. This court served about 270 defendants in 2005. (That means we didn't have to lock them up and feed them.)

The U. S. Department of Justice Grant

The community-based problem solving criminal justice initiative is a U. S. Department of Justice grant program designed to broaden the scope of problem-solving courts by testing their approach to wider defendant populations, and

applying key problem-solving principles beyond the specialty court context.  
(Doesn't that just sound like something a lawyer would say?)

Seattle was one of ten jurisdictions nationwide to be awarded a two-year \$200,000.00 grant through a competitive process. Some of the goals of this grant are: (1) to build a robust network of community service options where diverted defendants can perform useful service to the neighborhoods they violate; (2) link diverted defendants to social service agencies to address any issues that may be contributing to their criminal behavior; (3) insure defendant accountability by actively sanctioning non-compliance; (4) use the expanded community service network to extend the existing community court city-wide; and (5) evaluate the effectiveness of this approach.

The next steps in implementing this grant will be to hire the grant-supported position that will do community outreach to build community service opportunities. Next, reconvene the Community Court Advisory Board and formally charter the community court executive board and steering committee. And lastly, hold regional meetings to get community input on community service projects and provider requirements.

#### What the City is offering the Public

First, an opportunity to participate in a project designed to make Seattle a safer and more livable city, second, a greater voice in the operation of the criminal justice system in your community, and third, a chance to gain a better understanding of how community court and diversion works.

And here's what the City would like from you (the public): A representative to participate in the Community Court Advisory Board and your help in soliciting community input on what kinds of community service projects would help this community. What expectations should we have for community service providers and help in identifying additional social service providers in the community. (I have no idea what to tell all of you that are just chomping at the bit to jump on Board)

Next up was Seattle's Chief of Police, Gil Kerlikowske. The Chief brought us a list of accomplishments from the Seattle Police Department for the year 2005. He was able to touch on most of the items listed below as well as answer several questions from the floor. (It was a long evening.) Some of the questions asked at the end of his "list of accomplishments" had to do with Homeland Security and our Port situation (ugly). On that matter, the Chief had few good words and a lot of criticism for the current administration (figures).

## Seattle Police Department 2005 Accomplishments

### Executive Summary

Year 2005 was a year of partnerships in which the Seattle Police Department initiated new partnerships and took steps to strengthen and sustain existing ones. Department partners include not only other law enforcement agencies here and across the nation that are involved in crime fighting and homeland security efforts, but also neighborhood groups, other City, County and State agencies, grant authorities and academic institutions.

Notable new partnerships included Greenwood-Aurora Involved Neighbors (GAIN), the Joint Assessment Team, Vancouver and Portland Police Departments, Seattle University Security, and the South Park Community. Strengthened or improved partnerships included the Department of Corrections NCI Program, the Metropolitan Improvement District, the Cal Anderson and Capitol Hill neighborhoods, and the University District and the University of Washington.

The Department found support for its outreach and engagement efforts from the Seattle Police Foundation, the U.S. Departments of Justice and Homeland Security, Allstate Insurance, and many interested community members. SPD employees also opened their hearts and pocketbooks to Special Olympics and the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Despite the many large and small partnership efforts in which the Department was involved, SPD did not lose sight of its primary mission of preventing crime, enforcing the law and delivering respectful, professional and dependable police services.

Notable crime fighting efforts included implementation of the DV (domestic violence) firearms seizure/surrender program, clearance of more cold case homicides, apprehension of human trafficking suspects, launching of a sex offender website and a pilot program to charge auto theft suspects in Municipal Court. Joint efforts were also undertaken with the ATF Violent Gang Task Force and the Puget Sound Violent Crimes Task Force focused on bank robberies.

Finally, the hurricanes in the Southeast raised awareness locally of the importance of emergency preparedness and coordination. Seattle has been pursuing an all hazards preparedness approach that has resulted in many important tools already in place to respond to a variety of disasters or emergencies. These include the audible public warning system, EOC and SPOC

remodels, acquisition of a Unified Command Vehicle and communications systems facilitating communications among local, regional and state responders.

### Improving Public Safety

Anti-Crime Team and DOC Neighborhood Corrections Initiative - Expanded into all five precincts, the newly formed Anti-Crime Team and Department of Correction's Neighborhood Corrections Initiative (DOC-NCI) Teams work to pro-actively target hotspot areas as identified by crime analysis and community members, which has been noticeable to community members and officers.

Auto Theft Pilot Project - Initiated an Auto Theft Pilot Project, in conjunction with the City Attorney's Office, designed to increase the priority of auto theft arrests, investigations and prosecutions. The key element of the project is to file multiple misdemeanors on suspects as opposed to the single felony auto theft charge. In addition to increasing the overall time served by arrestees for auto theft, a secondary project goal was to keep suspects in custody until their trial date. Since June, suspects who have been arrested under this project have been spending more time in jail. There have been a total of 29 suspects processed through the project, and bail amounts have been set as high as \$30,000.00, resulting in pre-trial detention. One suspect is serving 33 months and three others are serving one-year sentences. Even though auto theft is up 5.2 percent over 2004, the last two quarters of 2005 show a decrease in the number of auto thefts compared with the same time period of 2004. The third quarter is down .9 percent (9 tenths) and fourth quarter is down 25 percent.

Crime Stats - After posting a 7.2 percent reduction in crime in 2004, outpacing the nation and cities of comparable size, Seattle is showing an increase in crime for 2005. Overall, major crimes (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, and auto theft) are up three percent for the first eleven months of 2005 over 2004 figures. Some notable aspects of this trend:

Violent Crimes - Reported violent crimes are up 7.8 percent through November, compared with the same period in 2004, driven primarily by increases in aggravated assaults (the most numerous violent crime). This is contrary to the trend for the last five years in Seattle in which violent crimes have shown annual decreases. Through November aggravated assaults such as serious injuries and cases in which firearms are seen and used or threatened to use are up 12.7 percent.

Property Crimes - Reported property crimes are up 2.8 percent through November, when compared with the same period in 2004. This follows a sizable decrease of 7.6 percent in property crime in 2004. Though property crime is up

overall, both residential and commercial burglaries are down 14 percent through November. The increase in property crime is fueled by thefts related to motor vehicles. Auto thefts are up 5.3 percent through November, and the seven percent growth in larcenies can be attributed almost entirely to increases in car prowls. This is very much a regional trend as other local jurisdictions are facing similar vehicle theft and car prowls problems.

Domestic Violence Firearms Project (Gun Seizures) - Implemented the Domestic Violence Firearms Project in conjunction with Municipal Court and the City Attorney's Office to increase the personal safety of domestic violence victims in that police officers take custody of firearms at the scene of the incident.

Homicide Cold Case - Cleared five unsolved homicides including one from 1968!

Human Trafficking Task Force - Obtained a \$450,000.00 grant to coordinate training for other law enforcement agencies on how to identify victims of human trafficking, how to provide needed services to those victims and to assist other police agencies in their investigation. Seattle Police was recognized nationally for its human trafficking work.

Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) - Obtained a \$450,000.00 grant to further expand the program by fully funding a captain and detective to oversee the Northwest Regional ICAC Task Force, as well as Amber Alert issues. In addition, SPD hosted a meeting with the U.S. Department of Justice of all law enforcement agencies that have internet crimes against children task forces. Seattle Police also sponsored training on investigating missing adults.

Joint Assessment Teams (JAT) - Established the JAT, a part of Mayor Nickels' overall strategy to deal with nightclub and entertainment issues. The results of their assessment reinforced the notion that a multi-disciplinary approach to providing information to nightclubs about the multitude of requirements that they must be in compliance with, along with a strong enforcement presence and a continuous follow-up are the keys to having a safe, hospitable, and viable entertainment venue.

Mayor Nickels' Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Initiative - Reported overall pedestrian accidents are down 27 percent, when compared with the same period in 2004. Pedestrian fatalities are down 50 percent, while pedestrian with serious injuries are also down 17 percent. Some safety initiatives include:

Neighborhood Enforcement - Utilized traffic enforcement to address community complaints regarding hazardous driving and serious accidents. In addition to

impacting the traffic related offenses, numerous weapons and narcotics seizures, and felony arrests resulted from the traffic enforcement activities.

Bus Tunnel Closure - Implemented an enforcement and public education initiative related to the bus tunnel closure and the new traffic restrictions along Third Avenue.

“Coming to a Neighborhood Near You” - Produced a public education brochure entitled “Coming to a Neighborhood Near You” that notifies geographic areas about when Seattle Police will be doing enforcement activity in the neighborhoods that will soon be implemented.

Seattle Public Elementary Schools and Community Centers - Implemented a pedestrian safety initiative with neighborhood elementary schools and community centers to emphasize safety measures that children can take when walking to and from school and the center. The purpose was to reduce their risk of being involved in accidents.

Viaduct Closure Plan - Completed with SDOT a traffic enforcement plan for the eventual closure of the viaduct.

### Notable Investigations

West Marginal Way Homicide - Arrested a suspect in the killing of Michael Robb, a tennis coach of Newport High School, who was shot on June 26, 2005, while driving home on West Marginal Way. The suspect was arrested the following day hiding on a barge in the Duwamish River. The victim was apparently chosen at random with the only motive being that the suspect wanted to kill someone.

Andress Task Force - Assigned three detectives to work on 73 felony murder cases that had been overturned by the Washington State Supreme Court. Felony murder occurs when a person is killed unintentionally. In the Andress decision, a person cannot be convicted of felony murder if the conviction was based on the fact that the person was committing the crime of assault when the killing occurred. The detectives have worked with the King County Prosecutor’s Office to successfully reinvestigate these cases for new charges or plea agreements by locating and interviewing old witnesses, developing new witnesses, and conducting further scientific analysis. To date, there are 74 cases opened and 22 investigations completed and closed. Of those 22 cases, seven were first-degree manslaughter, 14 second-degree murders and one dismissal.

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad - Completed a case involving sabotage of a Burlington Northern Santa Fe train engine. The suspect was charged with two counts of arson, two counts of malicious mischief, making bomb threats, possession of child pornography, and five counts of false reporting. Suspect pleaded guilty in October 2005 to two counts of arson, two counts sabotaging rolling stock, making bomb threats, possession of child pornography, and five counts of false reporting, and was sentenced to 66 months and is now a registered sex offender because of the sexual motivation associated with the possession of child pornography. The investigation went on for almost a year and included many additional charges that were not filed, and many stolen items have been returned to their owners.

Puget Sound Violent Crimes Task Force - Arrested 191 bank robbers to date. In the city of Seattle, 60 bank robbers have been arrested. In addition, Seattle Police is also a member of the FBI Violent Crimes Task Force.

Safe Neighborhood, Safe Park Broadway Neighborhood - Seattle Police has worked hard to improve relationships with nightclubs, while also increasing our monitoring and enforcement efforts. We initiated a foot patrol on Broadway, which was very popular in the community and took former foes and helped turn them into allies, particularly around Cal Anderson Park. We also increased the DOC/NCI team from one to four officers and interviewed and assisted with the implementation of the new full-time neighborhood prosecutor liaison. In addition, Seattle Police worked in partnership with the Parks Department and Broadway community on the grand re-opening of Cal Anderson Park that was a huge success. Previous problems of crime and disorder, such as transient, alcohol and drugs, associated with the park have been suppressed. The community has been extremely complimentary of the work that Seattle Police have done to keep the park family-friendly.

Capitol Hill and Cal Anderson Neighborhoods - Improved frayed and broken relationships with certain East Precinct neighborhoods, and met with community groups such as the NAACP, Garfield High School, Department of Neighborhoods, Miller Park/Deano's Community, Capitol Hill/Cal Anderson residents, businesses and social service providers, local and regional private security groups, and reporters of the Capitol Hill Times and the Seattle P-I.

East Precinct Neighborhoods - East Precinct rose to become the number one precinct in tickets, traffic stops, on-views and lifting fingerprints from crime scenes, and received 100 percent on the precinct inspection audit and 100 percent on ticket accountability. This was the first time that had ever been accomplished in the East Precinct. The clearance rates for crime were up 14 percent, and resulted in the greatest crime decrease citywide in 2004 and smallest crime

increase in 2005. Reduced the number of shops selling drug paraphernalia or reduced their stocks. Worked toward and obtained the assistance of the Drug Enforcement Administration Mobile Enforcement Team to deal with East Precinct narcotics problems.

Othello and Martha Washington Parks - Initiated increased police patrols that resulted in very few significant incidents in Southeast Seattle Parks, including Othello. The Park was relatively quiet as result of the close partnerships with other City Departments and the community. The parks' safety emphasis an the 4th of July was also a success compared to previous years, where there were reports of gunshots at Othello and Martha Washington Parks. This year, emphasis patrols were deployed far higher visibility and safety and these parks were closed much earlier. This resulted in no reported incidents of shots fired at any of the parks in Southeast Seattle.

Pike and Pine Corridor - Implemented a patrol emphasis strategy that combines the use of bicycle and foot beat officers to establish a continuous police presence and deter neighborhood problems and issues from resurfacing in the Pike and Pine corridor. This is an effort to continually explore strategies that maximize the effectiveness of police resources.

South Park Neighborhood - Spent thousands of hours and devoted considerable resources to improving the safety and quality of life in South Park. There are two initiatives that have successfully impacted crime and the livability conditions: 1) Formed a partnership with Consejo-Counseling and Referral Services for the Latino Community to provide gang prevention community education training. The training assists parents, educators, leaders, and community members in identifying the many warning signs of gang behavior including graffiti and graphics, gestures, dress codes, as well as language and music. The program also empowers parents to develop healthier relationships with their children, especially adolescents and teenagers. Seattle Police is also working with local schools, South Park Community Center, and other social service agencies in the South Park neighborhood; and 2) Partnered with the King County Sheriff's Office to provide coordinated police response between South Park and an unincorporated area of King County, known as the "sliver." The Southwest Precinct has also worked actively with other City Departments to. replace streetlights and manage overgrown vegetation in multiple locations to. improve the visibility of patrol officers and citizens in responding and reporting to any criminal activity.

Sex Offender Website - Launched a Sex Offender Website, in partnership with the Department of Information Technology, to allow citizens to access the Community Notification Bulletins of Level II and Level III registered sex

offenders by census tract and provide safety information, including links to other related sites.

SWAT - Invited to provide SWAT security assistance for the 2005 Inauguration of President Bush.

University of Washington Partnership - Strengthened Department partnership with the University of Washington Police Department, and worked closely with the Washington State Liquor Control Board to operate the Incident Prevention Teams (IPT) during the weekends. The IPT, as well as the North Precinct's Greek Row Emphasis Patrols worked together to send a strong Zero Tolerance message to the fraternities, sororities and party houses regarding underage drinking and the Residential Noise Ordinance. As a result, few significant problems were experienced in Greek Row as well as the neighborhoods surrounding the University. In addition, this work resulted in a 30 percent reduction of officers and hours of operation for the 2005 Apple Cup, held biannually.

Violent Gang Task Force - Assigned a detective to the Violent Gang Task Force through the U.S. Department of Justice Alcohol Tobacco Firearms to focus on local gang activities, which have resulted in 19 arrests and the recovery of large quantities of drugs and guns.

#### Increasing Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security

Access, Content, Equipment and Security (ACES) - Worked on establishing policies, improving communications, and developing purchasing standards related to improved security and disaster reports. The ACES work group is supported by the department's Homeland Security, and headed by the Fleets and Facilities Department.

Audible Public Warning System - Installed and tested an Audible Public Warning System within a limited area by the Elliot Bay waterfront. This is the first step in a system that could serve as a critical warning device to alert the public in case of terrorist attack or natural disasters.

Citywide Patrol Staffing Analysis - Initiated an operational analysis of daily patrol staffing by patrol watches and police precincts to be used in defining daily operational capabilities for the Department and current emergency and event operational plans.

Executive Emergency Management Training - Conducted an Executive Emergency Management Training.

Gulf Region Hurricanes - Managed the City of Seattle's relief efforts in the wake of the hurricanes in the Gulf region.

National Incident Management System (NIMS) - Guided the 2005 NIMS compliance process for the City of Seattle, and developed the NIMS Implementation Plan for 2006-2007.

Operational Preparedness - Attended 13 specialized training to assist in the work of preparing the City for any potential terrorist incident or natural disaster.

Completed six Buffer Zone Protection plans, six Security Assessments, eight Target Folders and an Operational Vulnerability Assessment for the Pacific Rim Sports Summit. Assisted Fleets and Facilities, Pacific Science Center, Seattle Center, Department of Information Technology, Seattle/King County Public Health, Department of Transportation, Sound Transit, and City Light with Vulnerability Assessment and Preparedness Issues.

Prepared and participated in 22 exercises in regard to testing the City's Preparedness.

Prepared curriculum and script for Suicide Bombing Awareness Training which was distributed to various agencies nationwide.

Completed a draft of the Isolation & Quarantine Operational Plan and coordinated a pandemic flu briefing for command staff.

Public Education - Distributed 279 Project Impact Home Retrofit Packets.

Distributed 193 General Preparedness/Specialized Request Information Packets. Distributed 195 Host Kits for individuals interested in initiating SDART Programs in their neighborhoods.

Scheduled 40-neighborhood training in personal and home preparedness. Completed the screening and hiring process of a new Public Education Coordinator to resume and update a major public education program on Emergency Preparedness.

Seismic Retrofits - North Queen Anne Drive Bridge - Oversaw grant funding for seismic retrofit of the North Queen Anne Drive Bridge, which provides key emergency service and commuter access to the Queen Anne community.

South Lake Union Armory Building - Applied for and received grant award notification to perform seismic retrofit of South Lake Union Armory building.

Seattle Homes - Designed and managed a grant-funded program resulting in the seismic retrofit of 162 homes of low to moderate-income people to increase the safety of the recipients in case of an earthquake in the Seattle area.

Suicide Bombers Training - Hosted two presentations for area law enforcement and emergency personnel on suicide bombers as a result of the incidents in London.

Unified Command Vehicle - Acquired a communications vehicle to provide interoperable communications at the scene of an emergency.

U.S. Department of Justice - National Bomb Squad - Sgt. Jim Hansen was selected by the U.S. Department of Justice to serve as a member of the National Bomb Squad Commander's Advisory Board.

Viaduct Collapse Exercise - Designed and participated in the Viaduct Collapse Exercise, which was very successful in bringing together Seattle Police, Fire, Transportation, and City Light in a Unified Command Structure to manage a major incident.

Videoconferencing - Installed and tested a videoconferencing system, which links EOCs at the State, Pierce County, King County, Snohomish County and Seattle.

### Improving Training

America's Missing Broadcast Emergency Response (AMBER) - Provided training on the changes to the AMBER Alert Plan to 39 law enforcement agencies and 13 other agencies in King County.

Street Skills - Trained over 900 officers in 41 sessions of Street Skills. Trained over 146 Sergeants in three Training sessions developed specifically for first line supervisors, which included sessions on Ethical Character Driven Leadership.

In-Car Camera System - Trained 167 officers in the operation of the In-Car Camera System Program.

Specialized Training - Defensive Tactics - Conducted a 16-hour course focusing on Defensive Tactics issues for female officers.

Glock Shooter Program - Conducted a 32-hour program focusing on firearm handgun skills for female officers.

CPRJ AED/First Aid Training - Initiated a CPRJ AED/First Aid Training cycle to maintain compliance with mandatory training requirements.

### Recognizing Excellence

Fourth Annual Employee Awards Banquet - Awarded 34 individuals and eight teams who were nominated by their peers. The employees were honored at the fourth Annual Seattle Police Awards Banquet on October 14, 2005. Over 800 employees and their guests, corporate sponsors and community leaders attended.

Downtown Seattle Association Recognition - Received recognition from the Downtown Seattle Association's Board of Trustees for West Precinct Officer Tom Burns for his exemplary work in the downtown business core.

Good Shepard Award - Received a Good Shepard Award from the Apostolic Clergy Advisory Council.

Governing Magazine - Featured in Governing Magazine for reducing problems on the West Seattle Bridge, where drivers had been cutting in line. The Traffic Unit was responsible for this improvement.

Jackson V. Lone Memorial - Honored the life of fallen Officer Jackson V. Lone, who died in a tragic accident, at a beautiful Memorial Service, and supported Jackson Lone's family.

Office of Professional Accountability Recognition - Received recognition and praise on OPA programs in a new book The New World of Police Accountability, by Samuel Walker, a national expert in police accountability.

Seattle Management Association Recognition - Received recognition from the Seattle Management Association for Diane Priest, an advocate for crime survivors in the Violent Crimes Section, who won an award in the Special Recognition category.

### Strengthening Partnerships Between Police and Community

A Child is Missing, Inc. - Participated in a press conference concerning our partnership with "A Child is Missing, Inc." that utilizes volunteers to help search for a missing child.

Community Police Academy - Held two Community Police Academy classes, one of which was sponsored by the Filipino American Advisory Council, and graduated 39 citizens.

Full-Time Officer Liaison Pilot Program - Implemented a six-month pilot project whereby two full-time officer liaisons were loaned to the Community Outreach Program to focus on youth outreach to the demographic council/communities at South Park, strengthen relations with the Arab, Muslim, and Sikh communities, and strengthen the Community Outreach Program as a whole.

Garfield High School - Received "Peace on the Courts" recognition for working to reduce violence at Garfield High School basketball games.

Greenwood Aurora Involved Neighbors (GAIN) Partnership - Embarked on aggressive plans to address the issues of concern that were voiced at an October community meeting, and focused on impacting prostitution, narcotic use and sales, fights and disturbances and associated nuisance activities along the Aurora Corridor. Seattle Police has formed a strong partnership with GAIN and has provided routine updates on their efforts. The enforcement action-resulted in 70 arrests.

Metropolitan Improvement District (MID) Partnership - Negotiated and executed a contract between Seattle Police and the Downtown Seattle Association MID. The contract provides off-duty resources; paid by the City with reimbursement from the MID, to supplement on-going enforcement within the geographical boundaries.

Office of Professional Accountability-Mediation - Implemented a new program to resolve selected police complaints through mediation. Mediation is an alternative to the traditional complaint and disciplinary process for selected cases, and allows employees and citizens the opportunity to discuss and resolve misunderstandings and communicate problems experienced during a particular incident. The mediation program represents a great opportunity for citizens and the Department to gain a better understanding of differing perspectives and to get prompt, non-judgmental resolution to complaints. There are 14 selected cases and two completed cases, which have received the highest possible satisfaction rating from both the citizens and officers who participated.

Youth Outreach - Promoted public awareness and access to the complaint process among the youth, delivering a series of presentations at local high schools, to over 1,000 students.

Seattle Police Foundation - Community Partnerships - “Life Choices and the Law Youth Conference” - Received \$10,000.00 from Allstate Insurance via the Foundation and sponsored a youth conference to educate youth about the law. About 20 parents and 100 students from West Seattle High, Chief Sealth High, Denny Middle, Madison Middle, and Concord Elementary Schools attended.

Boot Camp - Created the first ever Seattle Police Foundation Boot Camp, attended by 19 community members.

Community Outreach - Received from the Foundation the following: 1) \$6,000.00 for printing demographic advisory council brochures in multiple languages; and 2) \$2,500.00 for translation equipment for demographic communities that require translation services.

Picnic at the Precinct - Coordinated three Precinct Picnics at East, Southwest and South.

“Police and Youth Leadership Conference” - Received \$2,000.00 to organize a police and youth leadership conference in partnership with Seattle Ingraham High School with 80 students in attendance.

South Park Boxing Gym - Received \$3,000.00 to support a boxing gym and purchase safety equipment for the youth and young adults at South Park.

“Take Your Kids to Work Day” - Held “Take Your Kids To Work Day” with over 200 employees and children in attendance.

Special Olympics - Raised over \$29,000.00 for the Special Olympics. SPD ranked the second highest amount of any organization in the state of Washington.

Truancy Program - Implemented a successful Truancy Program through the South Seattle Weed and Seed Program at Rainier Beach and South Lake Alternative High Schools. The effort involved officers working in concert with school staff to contact truant students and their parents/guardians with the ultimate goal of getting the student back into the classroom. The program reduced the risk factor to the truant students and gave the parent/guardian valuable feedback to assist them in dealing with the child in the future.

#### Advancing Administration Efficiencies, Operations, Technology & Economy

Audits - Conducted staff visits to stress the importance of accountability in regards to criminal/traffic citations forms issue and submissions. Affected units exceeded departmental standards for such reporting in all monthly audits for

2005. Material items audited showed that units are maintaining accountability of City issued equipment.

Billable Police Resources - Identified incidents that required numerous police resources and billed responsible parties. In one incident, \$1,400.00 was collected to pay for police response in a crane accident that tied-up traffic.

Criti-Call Test - Acquired five computer systems that have been programmed with the City's Typing Test and Police Department's Criti-Call Test to test groups of five dispatcher candidates in what was once a one-person, two-day process. This expedited process enables the Communications Section to meet its June 2006 goal of having all authorized dispatcher positions filled for the first time in 15 years.

Early Intervention System - The system is now up and running.

Geo-Policing - Completed the 2004 analysis of staffing for the Geo-Policing Projects and created automated versions of all of the reports that will be required by managers and commanders as the project moves forward.

Harbor Boat and Equipment - Acquired two new Patrol Boats and purchased new personal floatation devices.

Hiring - Hired 89 new recruits. (This was a net gain of 25 officers due to attrition.)

Part-time Employment - Developed and implemented a part-time sworn program that allows officers the opportunity to work on a reduced workweek to meet the needs that often arises with child care/elder care. There are three officers in the program.

Performance Evaluations - Initiated performance evaluations for sworn employees that had been absent since the 1990's.

Secondary Employment Standards - Strengthened the Department's policies and procedures governing secondary (off duty) employment.

#### Chief Gil Kerlikowske's Initiatives

American Judicial Society Centennial Association - Elected to the Board of the American Judicial Society Centennial Association dedicated to improving the system of justice.

“Fight Crime: Invest in Kids” Board - Participated in a meeting as Board Chair of “Fight Crime: Invest in Kids” with the Gates Foundation on support for improving early learning in Washington State.

First Amendment Center - Was invited to meet with the First Amendment Center in Washington, D.C., to be part of a group of journalists, academics and law enforcement executives to develop a “Best Practice” handbook on police-press relations.

Israel Visit - Was invited to Israel to learn about crime and terrorism issues of the country. CNN accompanied the group during the visit.

Salvation Army - Joined by his wife, the Chief was featured on Thanksgiving Day serving meals at the Salvation Army.

South Park Parade - Was the Co-Grand Marshall of the South Park Community Parade and celebration.

### Speaking Engagements

Annual Meeting of Police Unions - Spoke to leaders of large-city police unions at their annual meeting. Chief Kerlikowske was invited along with the Boston Police Commissioner to talk about future areas that both labor and management could work on. This was the first time a law enforcement executive was asked to address the group.

Early Childhood and After School Programs - Continued to speak out nationally against reduction in funding for early childhood and after school programs.

International Law Enforcement Executives - Addressed international law enforcement executives at a “Police challenges in the 21st Century International Roundtable” discussion.

National Crime Prevention Council - Spoke as the opening panel member for the National Crime Prevention Council Annual meeting.

Police Executive Research Forum - Participated on a panel at an annual meeting of the Police Executive Research Forum on “Wrongful Conviction. “

Queer Forum - Addressed a Queer Forum at Seattle Meany Middle School about police issues and questioning youth.

Vancouver, B.C. and Portland Police - Initiated and hosted a meeting with Vancouver, B.C. and Portland police chiefs and command staff to discuss mutual challenges. This has resulted in a commitment to have two meetings per year.

(And then on to the question and answer portion of our program. I am constantly amazed that people can't seem to just "ask a question" without going into a five minute dissertation.)

Ken Thompson

