

NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

September 3, 2008

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 Speakers: Detectives Brad Craig and Frank Clark, Robbery Unit.

Detectives Brad Craig and Frank Clark of Seattle Police Department's Robbery Unit spoke at the September NPAC meeting. The Robbery Unit consists of five detectives and is led by Sergeant Aritani, who reviews all cases. The Robbery Unit has a 30% solve rate, which is higher than the national average. The detectives investigate cases including armed robberies, car jackings, burglaries, extortion, first degree theft and home invasions. A recent case involved three home invasions at North Seattle marijuana growing operations. Two armed robbery suspects were apprehended in the case and in turn identified two additional suspects. The detectives possess amazing interview skills and are able to identify pattern crimes from case reports. A recent pattern crime involved six street robberies in the University District. A Somali youth has been charged with the crimes in which a victim was stabbed receiving a lacerated liver. The youth is being held on \$500,000 bail and could face deportation after a prison sentence.

II. Precinct Update: Captain Mike Washburn/Lieutenant Clay Monson/Sergeant Newsom.

On August 16th in the 1400 block of North 49th a pregnant woman was assaulted with a knife and thrown down concrete stairs. The suspect and knife were recovered and the case was turned over to homicide detectives.

On August 21st in the 12000 block of Aurora Avenue North four youth were seen spray painting private property and apprehended by officers. The four had broken into a paint store earlier. One was booked as an adult, but the Juvenile Court declined to pursue the juveniles for graffiti-related offences.

On August 27th in the 10000 block near Lake City Way the Anticrime Team apprehended a man with a loaded 9mm handgun, which led to the arrest of a prostitute who had advertised on a popular Internet site.

Also in August, Seattle Fire responded to a man slumped over in his vehicle in the 11500 block of 30th Northeast. On another incident, an officer responded and attempted to remove the keys when the man sped off. The man was later apprehended for hit and run, assaulting an officer and possession of drugs.

On August 28th in the 8400 block of Aurora Avenue North a motorist had a seizure and struck a blind woman with a seeing-eye dog on the sidewalk in front of the gas station. Emergency crew responded. The woman died on the scene.

Lieutenant Clay Monson, with a team of Seattle officers, attended the Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colorado as part of a multi-agency high security task force. The Federal Government spent \$50 million on security for the event, adding 5000 officers to Denver's force of 2400. The Convention is considered a Level One event, along with the Republican Convention, Super Bowl, United Nations event, and inaugurations. Seattle officers also attended the convention in St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

Diane Horswill has been signing No Trespass Agreements with North Seattle business owners and mentioned Community Police officers will follow up on recent complaints. Neil Hansen spoke on Seattle's false alarm ordinance. The statistics show 327 valid alarms resulting in 36 arrests, although 98% of the alarms, or 17,677, were false. Responding to false alarms costs the City \$1.2 million annually.

IV. City Attorney's Office: Ed McKenna.

Ed McKenna spoke about Councilmember Tim Burgess' Safe Streets Initiative and the proposed legislative, policing and criminal justice proposals. Ed has worked on a motel ordinance which goes into effect and will require valid identification for motel patrons and a motel log kept by motel staff accessible by officers.

Corinn Bohn of the King County Attorney's Office recently attended Anti Gang training in Spokane, Washington with Seattle Police staff.

Our guest speaker for December will be King County Prosecutor Dan Satterberg.

V. Committee Reports.

Membership: Dick Hillmann - please give Dick any roster changes.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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