



## SPD North Precinct Advisory Council

*Expanding Communication between the Police and Community*

### MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2012

Recorded by Nancy Rauhauser

The monthly NPAC Meeting began at 7:04 p.m., with Curtis Gehrke presiding.

Topics covered:

#### I. Special Presentation Speaker: Lisa Mulligan, Chief of Metro Transit Police

- a. King County (KC) Metro Transit contracts with the KC Sheriff's office for a full-time 24/7 police force covering KC's 24 square mile area.
- b. Metro Transit's staff includes 69 employees: a chief, two captains, supervisors, detectives, deputies, bicycle emphasis team and dispatchers.
  - i. A small group of detectives patrols visibly to keep facilities safe and thwart terrorism.
  - ii. Eight plain clothes detectives ride on buses, prioritizing the ones with known problems.
  - iii. Uniformed detectives deal with problems such as prostitution and drugs.
- c. KC has several local police forces, such as Seattle, Federal Way. Metro Transit Police (MTP) is called an enhanced police service since it overlaps these other jurisdictions.
  - i. Either the local jurisdiction or MTP can respond to transit problems, or they can work together.
  - ii. Due to small size of MTP, local jurisdiction can often get to calls faster.
- d. Distribution of MTP officers
  - i. Depends in part on current problem areas.
  - ii. MTP always has officers in Seattle's downtown core.
  - iii. Moves other officers where bus drivers, passengers and local police departments indicate there are problems.
- e. Transit control center
  - i. Does bus dispatch and also takes calls from bus drivers.
  - ii. It forwards problem calls to the Sheriff's Metro Transit Office
  - iii. If MTP are available, they respond, else the local police are called.
  - iv. Note that this chain of communication may cause delays. Bus drivers must use this process, **but if you see a problem, you may call 911. State the bus number and your location.**
- f. Bus cameras
  - i. 400 buses have CCTV, not all buses.
  - ii. All Rapid Ride buses have cameras.
  - iii. The cameras store data; they do not send live feeds to police.
  - iv. The data is good for reviewing after an incident, and this helps solve a lot of crimes.
- g. Route #358, from Aurora Village to downtown, has the most security incident reports partly because it's such a long route.

## II. Precinct Update: Capt. Robin Clark

- a. Café Racer murders
  - i. The day was very stressful for officers.
  - ii. Police response was very impressive.
  - iii. UW Police helped on door-to-door search teams.
  - iv. It was a day of heroism, bravery and pain.
- b. Year to date there have been eight homicides in North Precinct – much larger than usual.

## III. Crime Prevention Report: Terrie Johnston

- a. During Café Racer incident, Terrie made calls to NPAC members who lived near the area.
- b. Remember Terrie is available for: personal safety presentations; block watch organizing; home security audits; sex offender alerts
- c. National Night Out is Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - i. Theme is violence and violence prevention.
  - ii. Register at <http://www.seattle.gov/spd/Nightout/default.htm>
- d. North Precinct picnic is Saturday, August 11, 1-4 pm at the North Precinct. **Door prizes are needed for the NP picnic.** If any businesses in your area are willing to donate items, please collect and take to NP.
- e. Though property crimes in NP are down this year, note that **49% of the residential burglaries to date were through unlocked doors.**

## IV. City Attorney's Office: no report

## V. King County Prosecutor's Office – Deputy Prosecutor

- a. No report – asked for questions; no questions

## VI. Department of Corrections: no report

## VII. Community Police Team: Dianne Newsom

- a. Handouts
  - i. How to Stop Graffiti
  - ii. Ways to Help Your Kids Cope with Crisis
  - iii. Crime Victim Assistance Center
- b. Introduced Community Police Team Officer Kipp Strong from Lincoln sector

## VIII. Liquor Control Board: Judy Lewis

- a. Will be at Fremont's Solstice Parade.
- b. State is out of the liquor sales business now. New private liquor businesses can train employees.
  - i. Responsible Vendor Program (RVP) certifies businesses trained employees. It is voluntary.
  - ii. Liquor Control Board can also help stores that aren't in the RVP. There are four classes a month.

IX. Committee Reports

- a. Issues: Doug Thiel
  - i. NPAC officer nominations for the coming year
    - 1. VP Ruedi Risler volunteered to step into NPAC president position
    - 2. Pete Hanning volunteered for vice president position
- b. Membership: Dick Hillmann
  - i. Please give Dick any roster changes.
  - ii. Please write legibly on the monthly attendance sheet!

X. Old Business - none

XI. New Business

- a. There is no NPAC meeting in July due to 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
- b. There is no NPAC meeting in August due to National Night Out and NP picnic.

XII. Next Meeting's Agenda (September)

- a. Guest speaker TBA

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