



Expanding Communication between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2016

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The monthly NPAC meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with Inga Manskopf presiding.

Topics covered:

1. Instead of a guest speaker, we shared snacks, socialized and had a poster session. The comments made on the posters are attached. The poster questions were:
 - a. What speakers should we invite to NPAC in 2017?
 - b. In 2017, for what should NPAC advocate?
 - c. What are the general public safety concerns in your neighborhood?
 - d. What are your concerns about crime in your neighborhood?
 - e. Do you have a success story about increasing safety in your neighborhood?
 - f. What can NPAC members do to be a bridge between law enforcement and the community?
 - g. Other thoughts?
2. Precinct Update: Captain Sean O'Donnell
 - a. SPD is working hard on criminal activity, doing its best to manage its resources. Mayor Murray is trying to get more resources for SPD. It takes a year to get a recruit hired, trained and on the street.
 - b. The split of the North Precinct into two precincts that was announced last month is now on pause. SPD doesn't have available people for a new command team. There will probably eventually be a new precinct building, but for now the plan is to do maintenance on the old building and increase space near the building.
 - c. North Precinct crime statistics
 - i. Robbery is trending down from June but it is still high, both in the last 28 days and year to date. Most are in the northern part of the precinct. Nine arrests were made last month.
 - ii. Auto thefts are up in the last 28 days, but not for year to date. Hot spots are Wallingford and lower University District. Focus on those areas resulted in eight arrests last month.
 - iii. This time of year there are a lot of package thefts from porches. Thieves sometimes use stolen cars and switch license plates multiple times.
 - iv. Feel free to contact Crime Prevention Coordinator Mary Amberg, Mary.Amberg@seattle.gov, or Community Police Team Sergeant Dianne

Newsom, Dianne.Newsom@seattle.gov to come talk to our group about crime trends and prevention.

- d. The Community Service Officer program is being reinstated to assist with lower-level issues, such as lost children, picking up stolen bikes, etc. This will help improve 911 call response time. Twenty-six officers will be deployed in mid-2018 after hiring and training begins in 2017. In addition over forty 911 dispatchers will be hired.
 - e. Skywatch has been seen at Northgate Mall. It's a surveillance tool, basically a thirty foot tall booth where officers can sit and look down. In this case, it was for surveying the mall parking lot for car prowls during holiday shopping. It can also be used at Seafair, sporting events, parades, etc.
3. Crime Prevention Report: Mary Amberg
 - a. Mary has been on the job for a year now. In addition to being in training, and time off due to pregnancy, she has:
 - i. Helped start forty-five new block watches.
 - ii. Done 120 security assessments.
 - b. She handed out a sheet with tips for holiday crime prevention. It is attached.
4. City Attorney's Office: Brendan Brophy - no report
 5. King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office - no report
 6. Department of Corrections: Jeff Sargent
 - a. We circulate a couple get well cards for Jeff, who was injured while on duty.
 - b. Another DOC officer has been assigned to the North Precinct while Jeff recuperates and Captain O'Donnell has assigned another SPD officer to work with him so that there are always two on the street at the same time.
 7. Community Police Team: Dianne Newsom
 - a. SPD must follow a protocol for homeless encampment cleanups. Before cleanup occurs, social workers visit to help people get services, and notices are put up. Complaints can get an encampment onto the schedule. For a particular location to move up in the schedule, it helps for many people to complain. The Find It, Fix It app is a good way to both get the encampment on the schedule and to move it up the schedule. The Homeless Outreach Team (HOT), now called NAV, is a multi-department team (SPD, SDOT, Parks & Rec, etc.) to accomplish the cleanups.
 - b. Someone donated \$1000 for the sock drive! Here are the current counts:
 - i. 2408 pairs of socks (updated by Dianne after the meeting)
 - ii. 44 hats
 - iii. 4 scarves
 - iv. 18 pairs of gloves
 8. WA Liquor & Cannabis Board: Paul Vanderwulp
 - a. Since the economy is doing well, there are a lot of new businesses licensed for

alcohol; LCB is busy meeting with the new businesses.

- b. Holidays = more drinking, from happiness or sadness, so employees of places with liquor licenses need to be more vigilant.
- c. LCB is still complaint-oriented, so please contact them if you see any problems, such as sales to minors, or over-serving, OR to tell them if anything is going well, or has improved.
- d. Staffing in the north area is still low - 6 vacancies, with 2 in the training pipeline.
- e. In answer to a question, shoplifting alcohol increased after sales were privatized.
- f. In answer to a question about illegal marijuana sales, a pre-July study (July is when medical marijuana was rolled into the recreational rules), $\frac{1}{3}$ of sales was from the illegal marketplace, $\frac{1}{3}$ from medical marijuana, and $\frac{1}{3}$ from recreational.

9. Committee Reports

- a. Membership: Michael Cuadra - please give Michael any roster changes. Remember that if you are a regular member, check your name off that sign-in sheet. If you're a visitor, sign the visitor sheet and include your email address if you want agendas and minutes sent to you.
- b. Focus Groups - Social Services Committee met with Dan Nelson from the Crisis Intervention Team. It suggests we ask Dan to be our guest speaker some month.
- c. SPD intern Jessica Chandler reported that 11,000 SPD/Seattle U Public Safety Surveys were sent in, of which 8,000 were complete. North Precinct sent in the most responses.

10. Business, Old and New

- a. Happy Holidays!

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.