



## SPD North Precinct Advisory Council

*Expanding Communication between the Police and Community*

### MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2017

Recorded by Nancy Rauhauser

The monthly NPAC meeting began at 8:00 p.m. with Inga Manskopf presiding.

Topics covered:

1. Special Presentation Speaker: SPD Sgt. Daniel Nelson, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Coordinator
  - a. A CIT program is a model for community policing that brings together law enforcement, mental health providers, hospital emergency departments and individuals with mental illness and their families to improve responses to people in crisis. CIT programs enhance communication, identify mental health resources for assisting people in crisis and ensure that officers get the training and support that they need.
  - b. SPD's CIT started in 1998 with one person. It has grown to four officers plus administrative staff. In addition, 60% of SPD officers have voluntarily taken the 40 hour crisis intervention training for CIT certification, and all officers are required to have 8 hours of training a year. Seattle's CIT is a national model.
  - c. The team investigates crisis-related cases and coordinates with many partners in order to get the best outcome for each case. Crisis could be suicide attempt, domestic violence, mental health issue, etc. Each of the four officers clears about 180 cases a year.
  - d. Referrals for CIT investigations are from the police reporting system. CIT doing post-incident work frees up regular patrol officers to stay out on the street.
  - e. CIT works closely with mental health case managers. They work together to figure out the best intervention for a person.
  - f. A new data collection tool has been implemented. It is capable of identifying more lower-end crisis calls. Before, 4,000-4,500 911 calls per year were tracked as crisis calls, now about 10,000 are collected.
  - g. If you see someone in crisis you can call 911. If you want to tell SPD about a person who seems to be in constant crisis, call your Community Police Team officer to follow-up.
  - h. Seattle has the oldest crisis hotline in the U.S. Its non-profit volunteer staffed office is in Northgate. 206-461-3222 or 866-4CRISIS (427-4747). It also operates community resource line 211.

2. Precinct Update: Captain Sean O'Donnell/Lt Kevin Grossman
  - a. Note about the recent proliferation of data-driven everything: SPD knows crime victims aren't comforted by statistics. But data helps develop strategies to address crime problems, such as pointing to high crime areas to focus patrols, etc. This focusing is called 'cops on dots'.
  - b. NP priorities remain to continue reducing the crimes against persons, and property crimes.
  - c. The SeaSTAT Crime Dashboard shows both person and property crimes are down year-to-date compared to 2016. (attached)
  - d. Captain is proud of the work officers are doing, citing two incidents last month - a burglary where a guy was caught hiding in a box spring in the house, and where an officer recognized a guy on a burglary call as the same guy who sexually assaulted someone in the U District.
  - e. If you have complaints about non-helpful 911 dispatchers, or not getting through to 911, let Sgt Dianne Newsom of Community Police Team know so she can follow-up. Details help - operator number, date and time of call, etc. SPD is hiring more 911 dispatchers.
  
3. Crime Prevention Report: Mary Amberg
  - a. After hearing about community pool locker thefts at last month's meeting, Mary contacted the pool and it is changing the lockers to be in the pool room near the lifeguard. More pools may adopt this.
  - b. Plans are being made to install 911 markers on the Green Lake path so people calling 911 can ID where they are, given the absence of cross street identifiers.
  - c. This month's handout is about current scams (attached).
  - d. Reminder that while pepper spray is legal in Seattle, mace is not. Wasp spray doesn't seem to be an effective (and cheaper) substitute. Pepper spray is for giving you time to escape. Be careful about using it to fight back - if the person is injured you may have to explain why you felt threatened enough to fight. If you do get pepper spray, read up on how to use it (what is its range, etc.) and practice - outside.
  
4. City Attorney's Office: Brendan Brophy
  - a. Outgoing liaison Brendan introduced the new NP Liaison, Meagan Westphal, his replacement. She is on maternity leave and will be starting in May. In the meantime, there will be temporary liaisons, so if you need to contact, call his old phone number, 206-684-7765.
  
5. King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office: Dan Clark
  - a. Reminded us of the new program for data driven prosecution, started with a \$1 million grant. Currently it is being used for shots fired and focusing on most serious offenders.

- b. This month is the start of a new program combining car theft and burglary instead of treating them in silos.
- 6. Department of Corrections: Jeff Sargent - no report, still recovering
- 7. Community Police Team: Dianne Newsom
  - a. If you have a used injection needle disposal container that's full, you can take it to Seattle's transfer station (the dump).
- 8. WA Liquor & Cannabis Board: Ken Neville
  - a. A couple marijuana shops will lose their licenses due to violations.
  - b. The office is still complaint-driven, so report via the website, or call.
- 9. Committee Reports
  - a. Membership: Michael Cuadra - please give Michael any roster changes. If you come regularly and would like to be put on the member sign-in list, please let him know by emailing [spd.npac@gmail.com](mailto:spd.npac@gmail.com).
  - b. Social Services focus group: about ready to mail an advocacy letter for more funding for Crisis Intervention Team.
  - c. Issues: Curtis Gehrke - encourages you and your organizations to write city council and mayor advocating for more police officers.
- 10. Business, Old and New
  - a. No news yet on moving this NPAC meeting to another facility. The college is in budget crisis and plans to start charging for parking and full room rental rate. Please read next month's agenda email carefully to learn where the meeting will be held. If we want to stay at NSC, a community partnership must be developed that involves students. Ideas are being considered.
- 11. Next Month's Agenda
  - a. The three city council members who represent the North Precinct will attend. Come with public safety questions for them.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.