



## SPD North Precinct Advisory Council

*Expanding Communication between the Police and Community*

### MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

November 1, 2017

Recorded by Nancy Rauhauser

Please share this information with your neighborhood and business organizations.

The monthly NPAC meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with Steve Dougherty presiding.

Topics covered:

1. Special Presentation Speakers: Nick Zajchowski, Alexandra McGehee, Sgt. Lauren Truscott, on SPD body-worn video program.
  - a. Goal
    - i. SPD is rolling out body-worn video devices to all patrol officers. Goal is to enhance public trust in SPD and provide greater transparency into officer actions. Also provides valuable information during investigations. If wearing them results in better behavior by police and/or suspects, that is a byproduct, not a goal.
  - b. History
    - i. Proof-of-concept pilot was done in early 2015, 3 month pilot with West Precinct bike officers. May 2017 policy was approved by judge as part of DOJ consent agreement. July 2017 mayor decreed they be used. All have them in West Precinct, mid-October rollout began in North precinct.
  - c. Policy development
    - i. When funded, City Council directed SPD to do direct engagement with the community
      1. Advisory council (stakeholder group)
      2. Community roundtable discussions, over 80 participants invited
      3. Public meetings
    - ii. Policy changes were made as a result of the outreach, such as not recording in restrooms, or during child or sexual assault victim interviews.
    - iii. Policy covers when officers start/stop recording and when officers do not record or have discretion to record or not. See attached handout.
      1. If officer comes to your home to investigate a disturbance they record, but if they come at your request to report a burglary, you can ask them to turn them off. Audio will continue to be recorded.
    - iv. Policy, *16.090*, is on SPD website:

- d. Video archive
    - i. Footage is uploaded at the end of each day to a secure government cloud storage. SPD owns the footage.
    - ii. Public disclosure laws apply, with some special ones for these, such as not showing nudity, dead bodies, etc.
    - iii. People involved in the incident - suspect, victim, witness - can get copies at nominal charge. John Q. Public can also, but can be charged for redaction (fuzzing out faces, etc.)
    - iv. There are rules about who can access the footage on the cloud, and it cannot be edited nor deleted. Currently the only data mining allowed besides investigating the specific incident is running facial recognition software on it to compare people to jail booking photos.
  - e. You can send in questions here: [bodycamfeedback@seattle.gov](mailto:bodycamfeedback@seattle.gov). Attached is the handout from the meeting, and also a FAQ sheet.
2. Precinct Update: Captain Sean O'Donnell/Lt David Fitzgerald
- a. Crime statistics (compiled from police reports)
    - i. Crime is down 3% year-to-date from a year ago
    - ii. Person crimes are up 4%, but trending down from last month
      - 1. Sex offences are down 1%. SPD and UW police are going out to fraternities and sororities to educate about dating safety, etc.
      - 2. Robbery is down 4% YTD.
      - 3. Aggravated assault is up 9%. This class is hard to anticipate. Data analysis hasn't found any patterns yet.
      - 4. Domestic violence aggravated assault is up 23% YTD, 31 incidents more than last year. SPD is working on a program to go out to repeat occurrence locations and do training, such as what apartment managers can and cannot do about persistent problems.
    - iii. Property crimes are down 4% YTD
      - 1. Burglary is down 15%, residential burglary is 306 incidents below last year
      - 2. Commercial burglary is down 8% YTD. SPD found a pattern of 30 small business burglaries involving power line or alarm cutting, and a fingerprint at one of them lead to an arrest, and since then there haven't been any more of this type.
      - 3. Car prowls are down 1% YTD and car thefts are down 19%.
    - iv. Prescription drug take-back day in October resulted in 10 boxes of drugs that SPD turned in for destruction.
3. Crime Prevention Coordinator: Mary Amberg
- a. Asst. Chief Wilske started a program to distribute 100 signs reminding people to

remove valuables and lock their vehicles, to put up in parking garages. So far Mary has gotten them to the top 10 prowl locations, and there have been significantly fewer car prowls since then.

- b. The Crime Prevention Coordinators are creating a number of video spots about various topics, like calling 911.
  - c. She's been doing crime prevention through environmental design evaluations, such as at schools.
  - d. So far, SPD has not made any arrests from car thefts due to signal amplifiers being used to start keyless cars.
  - e. With Black Friday coming up, remember to practice safety in mall parking lots - don't put packages in trunk and then return to store; someone may see you do that and break into your trunk.
  - f. Michael Sowby, NP MCPP Research Analyst, reminds us to take the 2017 public safety survey that runs through November 30:  
<https://www.seattle.gov/police/community-policing/partnership-with-seattle-university/public-safety-survey>
4. City Attorney's Office: Meagan Westphal
- a. Explained needs-based sentencing: At sentencing, judges may elect to impose a "needs-based" sentence by referring the individual to participate in a needs assessment. The assessment provides the judge with additional considerations including recommended treatment and social service referrals along with restorative sentencing options. Rather than imposing jail time or a financial penalty for low-level crimes, the judge may impose a deferred sentence, under which the individual must perform community service and participate in social service opportunities to address their underlying needs. Upon completion of these obligations, the individual's case will be dismissed.
  - b. The office filed a civil suit against 35 North skate company for the damage done to Duck Island, an important bird habitat in Green Lake, when skateboarders built a skate park on it.
5. King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office: Gavriel Jacobs
- a. Using data driven prosecution for some offenders, such as prolific property crime offenders. Goal is to get them harsh dispositions to get them off the street.
6. Community Police Team: Dianne Newsom
- a. Thanks for all the socks for the sock drive! Keep 'em coming.
7. Committee Reports
- a. Membership: please let the membership chair know of any roster changes.
8. Business, Old and New
- a. Elizabeth McCoury, U District Partnership, is moving out of state. She told us to

keep up the good work, and we wished her well.

9. Next Month's Agenda

- a. Instead of a guest speaker we will have a social and poster session. Bring treats if you like. The posters ask about current problems in your neighborhood, suggestions for SPD, etc. After that, the normal agenda will resume.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.