



## SPD North Precinct Advisory Council

*Expanding Communication between the Police and Community*

### MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2017

Recorded by Nancy Rauhauser

Please share this information with your neighborhood and business organizations.

The monthly NPAC meeting began at 8:00 p.m. with Steve Dougherty presiding.

Topics covered:

1. The first half hour was a social and poster session. Members brought treats to share. There were large Post-Its around the room, one for each neighborhood as defined by the Micro Community Policing Plans, on which members could write their public safety concerns, ideas for guest speakers, thoughts on the purpose of NPAC, and crime problems. The comments will be tabulated and sent to the SPD Community Police Team for possible actions, and to NPAC members, probably in January.
2. Precinct Update: Lieutenant Abe Barker
  - a. Black Friday is a busy time for SPD at the malls, with all the shopping. This year North Precinct officers were assigned to the NP, so there were two squads at each of Northgate Mall and U Village. There were no major incidents. There are currently 2 officers doing foot beats at both malls and in Ballard.
  - b. Extra officers were on duty for the Apple Cup; there were no major problems.
  - c. Currently there is a hotspot for residential burglaries around University Way north of 45th St.
  - d. Aurora Ave & 85th St area has an uptick of car prowls and car thefts that SPD is working on.
  - e. NP's new anti-crime sergeant works with Major Crime and Vice teams. Recently there was a john sting on Aurora, and a drug focus that resulted in recovery of 2 pounds of methamphetamines.
  - f. Crime data
    - i. Crime reported by contact with an officer on the street, by calling 911 and by on-line reporting all goes into the crime database that the Crime Analysis Unit uses. If you want to make totally sure your call or on-street contact is logged, ask for an event number.
    - ii. An NPAC member asked about data on the crime dashboard, as he heard that some crimes aren't included, like car prowl where a window is broken

and items taken, or no drug related arrests shown unless it involves a homicide, or other crimes that don't fall into the seven (major crime) categories of the dashboard. He wonders if this report is an adequate snapshot of actual crime. Lt. Barker will look into it.

- iii. In November there was an amnesty where if you had an active arrest warrant you could go get it taken care of. There were almost 10,000 warrants, but only about 20 people showed up.
- iv. The idea of having the North Precinct split into two precincts is back in the study phase.

3. Crime Prevention Coordinator: Mary Amberg

- a. Some statistics for Mary's year: she helped people create 40 block watches; did 145 security audits; had 63 community and safety meetings
- b. Be mindful of your surroundings while holiday shopping. Do not put packages in the car trunk and go back into the mall, in case someone is watching and then breaks into your trunk after you leave.
- c. When you leave home for holiday activities, lock your doors and windows to keep your house secure.

4. City Attorney's Office: Meagan Westphal

- a. After some good work by SPD detectives, CAO was able to charge with reckless endangerment the man who ran a drone near the 2016 Space Needle New Years Eve fireworks.
- b. The man who was lighting dumpster fires in the U District has been charged with 1 count of reckless burning and 1 count of attempted reckless burning. SPD did a good job investigating these acts.
- c. The extra funding to enforce the firearm surrender program is yielding great results, so City Council has increased the funding. CAO also got funding for another liaison to the police precincts, so the 2 that were sharing one liaison will now have their own.

5. King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office - no report

6. Community Police Team: Dianne Newsom

- a. You may still drop off socks at the precinct for this year's collection until the end of December.

7. Committee Reports - none

8. Business, Old and New - none

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.