



## SPD North Precinct Advisory Council

*Expanding Communication between the Police and Community*

### MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2019

Recorded by Nancy Rauhauser

Please share this information with your neighbors and neighborhood and business organizations.

The monthly NPAC meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with Andrea Perr presiding.

Topics covered:

1. Special Presentation Speaker: SPD Officer Leroy Outlaw, Education & Training Section
  - a. Department of Homeland Security presentation on active shooter awareness for civilians. Here is a document with some of the same information:  
<https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/active-shooter-how-to-respond-2017-508.pdf>
  - b. Active shooter
    - i. An individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area; in most cases, active shooters use firearms(s) and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims. Other weapons have been used, such as vehicles and knives.
    - ii. Locally we have had numerous active shooter incidents such as at the Seattle Jewish Federation, Seattle Pacific University, Cafe Racer, etc.
    - iii. Elements of these events: victims are random, they tend to happen in places where lots of people are, such as schools, government, houses of worship, but most are in commercial areas.
  - c. Good practice to pre-plan for the possibility - have a stay-or-go plan, notice where exits are, plan where to meet in case of an emergency, practice situational awareness - be vigilant, trust your instincts, report suspicious behavior to 911 or security.
  - d. How to respond when an active shooter is in your vicinity
    - i. RUN
      1. If there's an accessible escape route, evaluate. Don't wait for everyone to agree. Leave your belongings. Help others escape. Prevent others from entering where shooter is.
      2. Get creative with escape routes - consider windows, fire exits, etc.
    - ii. HIDE
      1. If there is no accessible escape route, limit your exposure to the

shooter. Keep quiet, silence your cell phone, lock and blockade the door, try to keep options for movement.

2. Hide behind large objects to avoid flying bullets. Thick furniture works best, such as file cabinets full of paper, mattresses.

iii. FIGHT

1. Last resort if running and hiding is not possible. In this situation, don't worry about liability - you are legally protected. Act aggressively.
2. Try to incapacitate the shooter. Improvise a weapon and throw objects. Create chaos such as with a fire extinguisher and then use the canister as a weapon. Yell and call for help.
3. Call 911 only when you're safe, then answer all the dispatcher's questions with only what you actually know, not what you think.

e. When law enforcement comes

- i. First job of police is to neutralize the threat, so they will walk past injured.
- ii. There will be noise and light. To signal you aren't the active shooter, drop anything you're holding, put your hands up and get down on the ground so police can see over you. Follow their directions.
- iii. Don't try to get near police formations unless told to. Help others only when told to.

f. Post-event, you or loved ones might have post traumatic stress. Pay attention for signs, and get follow-up care from mental health professionals. Reach out to police for assistance and resources.

g. If you would like your organization to hear this presentation, contact Officer Leroy Outlaw at [leroy.outlaw@seattle.gov](mailto:leroy.outlaw@seattle.gov) or 206-727-8885.

2. Crime Prevention Coordinator: Mary Amberg

- a. The CPCs have developed a burglary prevention program. If you'd like Mary to present it to your group and you have a space large enough to accommodate it, contact her to set up a date: [mary.amberg@seattle.gov](mailto:mary.amberg@seattle.gov). The presentation covers how to secure your home, how to call 911, how to communicate with neighbors, etc. Victory Heights is hosting a presentation November 18.
- b. There is also a free training for mental health first aid. You can find offerings and register at <https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/take-a-course/find-a-course/>

3. City Attorney's Office: Meagan Westphal - no report

4. King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office: Nami Kim, Special Assault Unit (SAU)

- a. SAU deals with cases involving the sexual and physical abuse of children, as well as sexual offenses against adults.
- b. Level 2 and 3 sex offenders are required to register wherever they live. King County Sheriff's website has public information about all those who are registered. It is a crime to not register. Nami Kim prosecutes those who don't

register.

5. Community Police Team: Sgt. Dianne Newsom
  - a. Let's Talk Cannabis - free workshop November 20th, is a capacity-building training for influential adults. Register by November 15 on Eventbrite. Contact [asirotzki@wapc.org](mailto:asirotzki@wapc.org) with questions.
  - b. Annual Sock Drive - drop off new socks, hats, gloves and scarves at the north precinct, or contact [dianne.newsom@seattle.gov](mailto:dianne.newsom@seattle.gov) for a pick-up.
  
6. Business
  - a. Membership: If you come regularly and would like to be on the member sign-in checklist instead of using the visitor's sign-in, please email [spd.npac@gmail.com](mailto:spd.npac@gmail.com).
  
7. Precinct Update: Captain Eric Sano
  - a. Please encourage people to take the newest public safety survey. <https://publicsafetysurvey.org/>
  - b. Also, there is a lot of information and data on the SPD website's Information and Data tab (or <http://www.seattle.gov/police/information-and-data>), such as crime dashboards, the micro-community policing plans, etc.
  - c. Crime statistics
    - i. 92% of the crime in north precinct is property crimes. The rest is crimes against persons.
    - ii. Residential burglary is down 1% year-to-date, but auto theft is up 9%.
    - iii. Captain is using data to target prolific offenders, whose arrests would greatly decrease car theft, drug dealing, etc.
  - d. The special holiday patrol plan will not include Northgate Mall since so many stores have closed for the redevelopment, but SPD will continue to keep an eye on it as usual. The other north end malls and shopping districts will be in the plan.
  - e. Tips:
    - i. Don't start your car to defrost the windows and go back into your home. Car thefts can happen - and have!
    - ii. Don't leave packages in plain sight in your car.
    - iii. On the way back to your car after shopping, don't juggle packages and fumble for your keys on the way to your car. At the car, put down your packages and get your keys out.
    - iv. Watch for porch pirates, or have packages delivered to lockers, etc. If you see a car following FedEx, UPS or Amazon trucks, or see someone taking packages off porches, call 911.
  - f. YTD there have been 6 fatality collisions on Aurora and 2 to 3 on Lake City Way. SPD got a Vision Zero grant to enforce speed limits on Aurora and Lake City Way and to make a north precinct traffic emphasis plan..
  - g. Working on an emphasis along Aurora between 85th & 130th in response to a lot of shots fired and rapes. Many are prostitutes being assaulted. Offering human

services to help get them off the street.

- h. North precinct has a problem with a high number of shots fired (60 YTD) and actual shootings. Most are drug related and 7 were fatal. The murder in Little Brook was not random. Drug dealers are targeting each other. Most of the shooters have been caught. The shot finder triangulation technology that was tested in Belltown was not cost effective, and the buildings tended to ricochet sound.
- i. Community Police Team (CPT) is doing a great job. It issued 246 encampment obstruction violations for blocking sidewalks and for being in parks. It offers services, posts notices to vacate, works with the Navigation Team who clears the area, and helps activate the area. Activation means changing the environment to discourage camping, such as fencing, art, creating a dog park. Note that though services are offered, SPD can't force people to accept housing, mental health care, nor drug rehab.
- j. The tiny house village in Northlake is closing. The city has asked SPD to clear it out if residents refuse to leave, but the Captain is unwilling to unilaterally do so if the City Prosecutor won't promise to prosecute SPD's trespass arrests. SPD is willing to be part of a mult-disciplinary team.

#### 8. Open Forum/Questions

- a. Q: How to deal with a known front? - Contact SPD and it might be able to deal with it as a chronic civic nuisance.
- b. Q: Any followup after NPAC sent advocacy letter to Mayor about funding the new precinct building? No word from Mayor's office, but the city budget cycle is not in the right place for further advocacy. Will work on the issue more later.
- c. Suggestion that redevelopment of Northgate Mall for ice rinks, more housing and hotel will make a good case for funding more police in the north precinct.

- 9. Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 4, 2019. Disaster preparedness by Ann Forrest, volunteer, Office of Emergency Management.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.