



SPD North Precinct Advisory Council

Expanding Communication between the Police and Community

MONTHLY REPORT

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

BUSINESS

Meetings: In-person meetings are still suspended due to the covid-19 pandemic. We are slowly working toward having monthly Zoom meetings. Three of us met to decide on Zoom settings and on controls during meetings. Once we finalize planning for the roles needed to conduct meetings, we will need some volunteers to help, such as letting people in from the waiting room, keeping an eye on the chat screen for questions, etc. If you are interested, please contact **spd.npac@gmail.com**. We have yet to come up with a sustainable way to fund the yearly fee of \$150 for using Zoom. Our hope is to get a city department or civic organization to help. Let us know if you have ideas.

Sock Drive: The Community Police Team annual sock drive is officially ended. It is possible that The Seattle Police Foundation (SPF) will take over, but there are apparently no plans yet for this year. Thank you all for your past contributions; we hope you reach out to SPF or find other organizations that are serving this need in our community.

PRECINCT UPDATE: Captain Brian Stampfl

Hello to NPAC! We made it to November, which is a big month for all of us. We are days away from a presidential election, our state governor election, and a variety of ballot measures that may or may not have a huge impact on policing at the state and county level. We are also looking forward to the Seattle City Council's final budget for 2021, which should be finalized no later than November 23rd. Here are a few things we are working on.

Election Week Concerns: There have been several news stories regarding potential civil unrest at the national level and threats of voter interference on November 3rd. Depending on the news source, there are a wide range of theories as to what might happen, much of it dependent on which presidential candidate wins the race or if there are delays in announcing the winner due to a close race. The Seattle Police Department is monitoring these concerns and is prepared to respond.

Ballot Drop Off Boxes: Washington State does not use polling sites, so voter interference at this level is not a concern. Ballot Drop Off Boxes are located throughout Seattle for your convenience. If you haven't already, I highly recommend dropping your ballot off early and not waiting until November 3rd to do so. I did this on the last election and found the box to be so full that I couldn't get the ballot to go in. I ended up having to drive to a different location. You can of course mail your ballot as well. Here's a link for the drop boxes:

King County Ballot Drop Box Locations

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/how-to-vote/ballots/returning-my-ballot/ballot-drop-boxes.aspx>

Protests: SPD is monitoring the potential for protests on the night of the election and thereafter. So far, there is no specific threat to any specific location in Seattle. However, Seattle has had protests with various themes every single day and night since May 29th of this year. It is a reasonable guess that we will have some sort of protest on November 3rd. Be assured that SPD is ready and prepared to support all protester's right to free speech, and to work towards a safe and peaceful evening.

Encampments: The homeless encampments and associated crimes surrounding them have continued to be the number one concern for residents and businesses in North Seattle. The Mayor's order prohibiting the removal of these encampments due to COVID remains in place. SPD was served a double hit when we were forced to return our Community Police Team (CPT) back to patrol to support 911 calls, and when the City Council cut SPD out of the Navigation Team completely. The Navigation Team was a joint effort between SPD and other city agencies to offer services to those experiencing homelessness and to facilitate the clean-up of encampments that became unmanageable and presented a hazardous situation. This has created a tremendous amount of frustration for everyone since SPD has historically been the point of contact for dealing with encampments.

This last week, I met with my Operations Lieutenant, Joe Osborne and our City Attorney, Megan Westphal. Our goal was to come up with a list of city contacts who we hope will be able to address the encampment issues and other concerns no longer served by SPD.

I fully expect that this list will be somewhat of a living document, subject to change as the City of Seattle works to develop efficient ways to address the encampments and associated issues. As the City Council works to redefine the roles and responsibilities of SPD, we have to come up with ways for all of us (SPD included) to report and have addressed those responsibilities previously handled by SPD. I hope this list of resources proves useful. I welcome your feedback and will track the results. Brian.stampfl@seattle.gov

Resources:

For in-progress criminal activity: please call 911 and report what you have observed.

Homeless encampment issues: Tara Beck, Human Services Department Director of

Outreach Tara.Beck@seattle.gov

Issues in Parks: Donna Waters, Encampment program manager
Donna.waters@seattle.gov

Issues related to R.V.s:

David Hare, Seattle Public Utilities David.Hare@seattle.gov

Shari Ng, Parking Enforcement, RV Remediation Team Shari.Ng@seattle.gov

Monica Jenkins, Parking Enforcement, RV Remediation Team
Monica.Jenkins@seattle.gov

Issues with vacant or abandoned buildings: Barbara Graff, Seattle Department of Construction and Inspection at Barbara.graff@seattle.gov

Issues with illegal structures, housing and zoning issues: Scott Thiessen, Seattle Department of Construction and Inspection at scott.thiessen@seattle.gov

Issues with encampments on public right of ways, such as sidewalks, planting strips or green belts not part of Parks Department please contact Seattle Department of Transportation.

<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/permits-and-services/report-a-problem>

You can use the Find it/Fix it app.

<http://www.seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/find-it-fix-it-mobile-app>

Crime Statistics:

Overall, Citywide crime is down about 4% compared to the same time last year.

Motor Vehicle Thefts: Motor Vehicle Theft is up 27% from this time last year, with a total of 161 cars stolen from the North Precinct jurisdiction.

Robbery: We are up 21%, showing 35 incidents compared to 29 last year.

Others: Aggravated Assaults (+22%, 55 compared to 45), Rape (Sexual Assault would be a better description in my opinion, down -57%, 3 compared to 7), Homicides (+300%, Percentages with low incidents look really bad' 4 compared to 1), Arson (-57%, 3 incidents compared to 7 last year, Burglary (+29%, 291 compared to 226), and Theft (-2%, 731 compared to 745).

2021 Budget: As I mentioned earlier, the City Council is working on the budget for 2021. Several of the City Council members have continued their quest to “De-Fund” the Seattle Police Department. Some of the proposals recommend transferring units such as our Dispatch Center and Parking Enforcement Officers to other agencies within the city. Some of the council

members continue to advocate that SPD's budget be summarily cut, up to 50%, and to lay off police officers. I encourage everyone to research the proposals by the city council members and make your voice heard as to what you want for your police department and the City of Seattle. I've provided the contact information for all the city council members below.

Thank you to everyone from NPAC and the North Seattle Community. I wish you a fantastic and safe November.

Stay safe,

Captain Brian Stampfl

Seattle City Council Contact Info

Councilmember Lisa Herbold, District 1, lisa.herbold@seattle.gov
Chair of the Public Safety and Human Services Committee

Councilmember Tammy Morales, District 2, tammy.morales@seattle.gov
Chair of the Community Economic Development Committee

Councilmember Kshama Sawant, District 3, Kshama.sawant@seattle.gov
Chair of the Sustainability and Renters' Rights Committee

Councilmember Alex Pedersen, District 4, alex.pedersen@seattle.gov
Chair of the Transportation & Utilities Committee

Councilmember Debora Juarez, District 5, Debora.Juarez@seattle.gov
Chair of the Public Assets & Native Communities Committee

Councilmember Dan Strauss, District 6, dan.strauss@seattle.gov
Chair of the Land Use & Neighborhoods Committee

Councilmember Andrew Lewis, District 7, Andrew.lewis@seattle.gov
Chair of the Select Committee on Homeless Strategies & Investments

Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda, Position 8, Citywide, Teresa.mosqueda@seattle.gov
Chair of Finance and Housing Committee

Council President Lorena Gonzalez, Position 9, Citywide, Lorena.gonzalez@seattle.gov
Chair of the Governance and Education Committee

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: Meaghan Westphal

As of mid-September, I am officially back to the North Precinct as the Liaison Attorney. I was

temporarily reassigned to work with SPD's narcotics Unit since January of 2020, due to staffing issues. For any issues going forward, please feel free to reach out to me. As my office, and the City as a whole, continues to require me to work remotely, email is generally the easiest way to get a hold of me: Meagan.westphal@seattle.gov

In August 2020, the Seattle Police Department declared the Everspring Inn located in the 8200 block of Aurora, a Chronic Nuisance, pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code 10.09. This declaration was based on the ongoing criminal behavior associated with the Everspring Inn. The owner of the Inn met with the Seattle Police Department, as required by law, and entered into a corrective agreement to abate the nuisance at the property. At this point, the Seattle Police Department is monitoring compliance with the agreement, as the owner completes the process of removing residents with the goal of closing the business.

KING COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: Amanda Froh

We are launching a PAO blog on the blogging website, medium.com. The blog will help tell our PAO story in a few key ways:

- A blog will give PAO another platform to promote the PAO's traditional prosecution work in near real-time, similar to the [SPD blotter](#).
- A blog will give PAO a platform to tell longer-form stories about our vision and accomplishments in the criminal justice reform space.

Our blog will live at this URL: <https://medium.com/@KCProsecutor>. The best way to follow along will be to make sure you are following the office [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages. We're looking forward to utilizing this new tool to inform the public about how our office is doing justice in King County.

In other news, the courthouse is in full swing, conducting trials (for primarily in-custody defendants) at both the downtown courthouse and the Maleng Regional Justice Center in Kent. At any given time, we have up to 10 cases in trial (5 in each courthouse). The logistics are, naturally, exceedingly complicated. We are conducting jury selection via ZOOM, and the actual trial (presentation of witnesses and evidence) is in-person.

The PAO is also addressing our mandated \$8.8 million budget cut for the 2021-2022 biennium, as well as our challenge to engage in practices that dismantle institutional racism in the criminal justice system. Dow Constantine and Dan Satterberg announced several new programs which will be implemented in the coming months that will divert a great number of juvenile cases as well as first-felony adult offenders into community-based programs, rather than the court system. Here is Dan Satterberg's statement regarding these programs:

Our office has proposed to divert approximately 400 juvenile cases out of the juvenile court system into what we believe will be a more effective way to hold juveniles accountable. This new

program is **Restorative Community Passageways**, and if successful, we may ultimately divert up to 800 cases per year. The Executive Branch, working in partnership with the PAO, Superior Court, and DPD, are in the process of building a program that will allow juveniles to be referred to community and non-profit based service providers, who will work with the juveniles and their families, navigating them to necessary services and pro-social interventions. A key component of RCP is the establishment of a new Victim Support Fund, where victims of low level crime are financially restored/reimbursed in a timely fashion. RCP and the Victim Support Fund will be funded by some of the savings generated by diverting these cases out of the system. We believe that reinvesting some of these savings into a more effective response will – in the long run – reduce crime and recidivism.

For adult cases, the Criminal Division has proposed diverting approximately 1,000 first-time felony cases involving low level property and drug offenses (**no violent crimes, no crimes against persons, no DV, no SAU, no weapons cases**) to a community and non-profit based response. This new program is being informally referred to as the **Community Diversion Program** and efforts are under way to build the necessary infrastructure to make this program successful and ready to launch in the latter part of 2021. Like RCP, CDP will have a Victim Support Fund to quickly and effectively reimburse victims of property offenses for their out of pocket financial losses. We are also working hard to ensure that CDP has additional resources to help navigate victims to community and non-profit based services. Also as part of CDP, we envision County navigators to administer risk assessments to program participants and navigating them to a wide menu of community and non-profit based services, all designed to help prevent participants from coming back to the criminal justice system and acknowledge the harm caused by their wrongdoing. If participants fail to participate or reoffend, we reserve the right to file the original charges. CDP will be paid for with some of the savings generated by diverting these cases out of the system.

Both RCP and CDP are still in the design phase. We have challenged the Executive Branch to build the infrastructure and to identify the community and non-profit based partners that are essential to making these programs a success. We have also challenged the Executive Branch to determine how best to manage the Victim Support Fund. The community groups and the King County departments are also expected to track program results so that anyone in the public can see the effectiveness.

An FAQ about these two programs is located here:

<https://kcprosecutor.medium.com/q-a-community-diversion-program-restorative-community-passageways-40c1d3fcbfc9>

Be well,
Amanda

CRIME PREVENTION COORDINATOR: vacant