



SPD North Precinct Advisory Council

Expanding Communication between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2012

Recorded by Nancy Rauhauser

The monthly NPAC Meeting began at 7:02 p.m., with Ruedi Risler presiding.

Topics covered:

I. Special Presentation Speaker: Mike Sanford, Assistant Chief, Operations Bureau

- a. His topic was SPD 20/20, 20 new initiatives to be completed over the next 20 months.
- b. A number of high-profile incidents prompted Department of Justice (DOJ) to investigate SPD. Its report was issued December 2011.
- c. The Mayor and SPD worked together to define a path forward based on local needs and control, as an alternative to the strictly federal DOJ report. Input came from:
 - i. DOJ's report
 - ii. MEDC, an umbrella organization consisting of many advisory groups (police critics, so to speak)
 - iii. Inside SPD
- d. See the 20/20 document at <http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/media/PDF/SPD2020.pdf>
- e. The initiatives fall under five categories:
 - i. **Protecting constitutional rights**, including: reform management of demonstrations; improve encounters with low-level violators (pan handlers, etc.) and mitigate their escalation; address biased policing.
 - ii. **Training for Seattle's values**, including: train on use of force standards and search and seizure practices; develop leadership; train new officers to understand Seattle.
 - iii. **Earning public trust**, including: develop a code of ethics; improve review of use of force; enforce professional standards; intervene early to help officers develop; recruit great officers.
 - iv. **Using data-driven practices**, including: use science for a data-driven approach to policing; work with other major city police departments to develop best practices.
 - v. **Partnering with the public**, including: adopt LEED – Listen, Explain with Equity and Dignity; provide better info to public using current social media; improve transparency and accountability by releasing all records available except as restricted by law; do community outreach; adopt a customer service approach – even people SPD arrests are customers.
- f. Mike encouraged us to set up **living room conversations**. SPD will send an officer to talk to you and the neighbors you invite about ... anything ... in your own home. It's a comfortable, informal way to communicate with SPD. Just ask Dianne Newsom to help set one up.

II. Precinct Update: Lt. Ron Rasmussen

- a. There have been some knife assaults in NP, but they are not a trend and are not related.
- b. Nighttime emphasis teams are working with clubs to reduce problems.
- c. Burglaries, car thefts and car prowls remain the main issues in NP, trending down, but are likely to ramp up in the summer as usual. Don't leave things in sight in your cars and lock the doors.
- d. Tis the season for door-to-door solicitations. Putting up a No Solicitors sign can help, though some don't obey. Remember you don't have to open your door. Some of the operations exploit young people, so consider that when deciding whether to buy.

III. Crime Prevention Report: Terrie Johnston

- a. Burglary officers are doing a great job, such as their occupied burglary arrests.
- b. A woman recently arrested for multiple burglaries said she checked mailboxes and shoes on porches for hidden keys. Don't hide keys in obvious places!
- c. Don't leave money on tables by windows where burglars can see it.

IV. City Attorney's Office: Jana Jorgenson – no report

V. King County Prosecutor's Office – Danika Adams

- a. They've been busy prosecuting the burglars NP officers have been arresting.

VI. Department of Corrections: Jeff Sargent

- a. Following up on a business owner's complaint of criminal activity on Aurora near the Orion Motel, DOC found one man with prior ID theft and drug arrests, and arrested him on possession of meth.

VII. Community Police Team: Dianne Newsom

- a. Terrie Johnston let us know that Dianne recently received her 40 year service award – thanks, Dianne, for your great service!
- b. Handed out Take Back Your Meds flyers. Take unneeded and expired medications to Bartell Drugs, Group Health or the SPD. Learn more at www.TakeBackYourMeds.org.
- c. Pills are a big target for burglaries, and they are the #1 child drug abuse problem.
- d. Dianne brought to the meeting Officer Rob Howard, whose assignment is to use SPD databases to identify locations (such as apartment buildings) that induce the most 911 calls, and take steps to calm those communities and reduce the number of incidents.

VIII. Liquor Control Board: Judy Lewis

- a. Fake IDs are still a problem. Over \$10,000 worth of IDs bought from China have been confiscated.
- b. Summer party season is approaching. Don't hesitate to call Judy day or night to report a problem: 206-491-2282, jhlew@liq.wa.gov. She's especially interested in drinking problems involving minors.

IX. Committee Reports

- a. Issues: Doug Thiel – no report
- b. Membership: Dick Hillmann—please give Dick any roster changes.

- c. Pete Rogerson reported that City-Wide Advisory Council met with Councilperson Bruce Harrell and vocalized its unhappiness about Department of Justice not releasing the data it used to come to its conclusions in its investigation report.

X. Old Business - none

XI. New Business

- a. Due to time constraints it was not mentioned at the meeting, but the last time the by-laws were updated was 10 years ago. The by-laws mandate a standing by-laws committee, so we will ask for a few volunteers to review and suggest updates this summer.

XII. Next Month's Agenda

- a. Special presentation speaker will be Major Lisa Mulligan, Chief of Metro Transit Police Department.
- b. June's meeting will be the last one until September.

XIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.