

NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

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Recorded by William Murray

The monthly North Precinct Advisory Council meeting for January began at 7:04 p.m., with Jack Heavner, presiding.

I. Special Presentation Speakers: University of Washington Police Chief John Vinson and Commander Jerome Solomon.

Chief John Vinson has been on the job as University of Washington Police Chief for a year and his first initiative has been to partner with the Seattle Police Department, the community and the University's students and staff. The University of Washington Police Department is comprised of 51 commissioned officers working three shifts, 31 of which are patrol and 20 officers on special assignments. There is also an E 911 communications center on campus and Chief Vinson stressed the importance of calling 911 which transfers calls to the University of Washington communications center for incidents on campus. Chief Vinson believes in the community policing model and mentioned his officers having 50% of their time available for proactive police work.

Chief Vinson's second initiative is the North of 45th area where students live off campus and the noise ordinance is enforced by Seattle Police and the University contacts the student population. The University is mandated by Federal law to broadcast public safety information in a timely manner and over 20,000 people have signed up for campus related public safety bulletins. **WatchDawg** is a joint effort between the University of Washington and Seattle Police to advise the surrounding campus community about timely issues. You can subscribe to the e-mail bulletins: <http://mailman1.u.washington.edu/mailman/listinfo/watchdawg>.

Commander Jerome Solomon also attended the NPAC meeting and has been with the University of Washington Police since August, 2009. Commander Solomon has 25 years' experience with the Michigan State Police and is excited about the challenges of handling internal affairs, media relations, and human resources. Commander Solomon mentioned that Chief Vinson has brought a new vision for UWPD and the officers are extremely motivated and actively engaging the community.

II. Precinct Update: Captain Robin Clark/Lieutenant Ken Hicks/Sergeant Diane Newsom.

Captain Robin Clark was promoted to Captain and has been assigned as North Precinct Commander. Captain Clark introduced Lieutenant Ken Hicks, who is the new Operations Lieutenant. Lieutenant Hicks is a 28-year veteran of the Seattle Police Department and has worked in all precincts on all watches and considers the North Precinct his home.

On December 3rd, at 11:00 a.m., two juvenile suspects entered a gas station minimart near 85th and Aurora displaying a gun and demanding cash. Officers responded and apprehended the juveniles who were on foot. A nearby school was placed on lockdown. On December 16th in the 6500 block of 23rd Northwest a stabbing occurred at a homeless shelter. On December 19th in the 5200 block of Ballard Avenue a group of three males assaulted a bystander. Officers responded within 30 seconds, apprehending two of the three suspects. On December 21st a strong arm robbery occurred at a pharmacy in the 8800 block of Roosevelt. The robbery suspect has been arrested.

On December 27th at 11:33 a.m., a silver 2004 SUV, driven by a 20-year old male was traveling southbound on Fremont Avenue North. At the same time a red 1988 Chevy Nova (which was an unreported stolen vehicle), driven by an unknown age Hispanic male was traveling westbound on North 39th Street. The two vehicles collided in the intersection. The Land Cruiser veered to the right and struck a steel light pole on the southwest corner. The Chevy Nova slid sideways and struck the curb coming to a stop near the Land Cruiser.

A 42-year old female and a 44-year old male pedestrian were walking on the sidewalk on the southwest corner. Both were struck with debris from the two vehicles colliding. However, the female pedestrian apparently was struck in the back of the head by the spare tire, which was ejected from the trunk of the Chevy Nova during the collision. The Hispanic male driver of the Nova exited the vehicle bleeding profusely from the head and face and fled on foot immediately after the collision. He is still at large. The passenger of the Nova also had head and facial injuries and remained at the scene. SPD Blotter.

Captain Clark reported that the North Precinct Bike Patrol as envisioned by Captain Washburn is up and running with six bike officers who alternate between Ballard, Aurora, and University District neighborhoods.

Sergeant Newsom reported that 1700 pairs of socks donated at the December NPAC meeting have been delivered to Solid Ground, which provides services to foster children through the Tree House Program. Sergeant Newsom also reported the date for the North Precinct picnic will be July 10th and tables will be available for community groups. Officer Michael Cruzan attended NPAC and introduced himself as the Community Police Officer for Northwest Seattle, including Ingraham High School. Officer Cruzan enjoys working with community groups, businesses and individuals on neighborhood concerns. He can be reached at michael.cruzan@seattle.gov.

III. City Attorney's Office: Ed McKenna.

Ed McKenna, with the City Attorney's Office, announced that City Attorney Pete Holmes will attend and City Hall Open House on Saturday, January 9th, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Ed also discussed the newly passed nuisance ordinance and the recent closure of the Seattle Motor Inn at 125th and Aurora.

IV. Crime Prevention Coordinator Neil Hanson.

Neil Hanson discussed public safety issues in Seattle parks and mentioned that concerned residents can contact Randy Wiger, 684-0775, Seattle Parks and Recreation with any public safety concerns in their neighborhood parks.

Jack Heavner encouraged NPAC members to go online to the Sex Offender Registry at http://www.sheriffalerts.com/cap_main.php?office=54473, where you can search for newly registered sex offenders in your neighborhoods.

V. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.