



## MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2016

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The monthly NPAC meeting began at 7:02 p.m. with Pete Hanning presiding.

Topics covered:

1. Special Presentation Speaker: Brian Maxey, SPD Chief Operating Officer
  - a. Brian has been COO since November 2015. Before that he was legal council for SPD.
  - b. In March 2016, Berkshire Advisors, Inc. delivered its Assessment of Sworn Staffing Needs. It was based on data from June 2015. Its goals were to evaluate the size of the patrol force, determine the appropriate balance and division of responsibilities between patrol and non-patrol functions, and to evaluate the staffing level used to support special events.
  - c. The report focused primarily on 911 response staffing levels, and is considered a starting point for determining what resources SPD may need on an ongoing basis.
  - d. The goal for staffing SPD is to be able to respond to Priority One 911 calls within 7 minutes 90% of the time while also being able to devote equal resources to proactive and responsive activities.
  - e. The report recommends an increase of 175 officers (over and above replacing attrition), and 107 overtime FTE. It is considered cost effective to allow overtime as opposed to hiring more staff. It will cost \$17 million in overtime.
  - f. It recommends reducing the patrol call response by 22 FTE and increasing the patrol proactive FTE by 148 FTE. Early media reports of the recommendation being higher were based on combining the new FTE and the overtime FTE and having vacant positions funded but not filled. That metric has been adjusted for the final recommendation.
  - g. As is usually the case for analyzing data, there are numerous caveats for the findings in this report. Response times are hard to compare between SPD departments; only Priority One responses were used; the data is already almost a year old and some crimes have increased while some have decreased; highest and lowest response times were omitted so only the middle band was used; what was categorized as pro-active vs. reactive responses could be argued, etc.
  - h. SPD is working with Berkshire Advisors, Inc. to update the model for the latest conditions. For instance, 911 calls have increased since June 2015. Also, SPD

wants community expectation measurements to be included (such as visibility of police on the street).

- i. The report also studied how civilians could be used instead of sworn officers. SPD will look into the possibilities.
  - j. The Mayor has committed to increasing SPD workforce by 200 FTE by the end of 2019, 75 of those FTE are expected to be hired in 2016.
  - k. North Precinct is primary for adding patrol officers, with Southwest second.
2. Precinct Update: Lt. David Sweeney
- a. CPT Officer Mike Lanz was given the Public Safety Award by the U District Partnership.
  - b. The University District emphasis continues.
  - c. The Greenwood gas explosion took a lot of SPD resources. SPD headed up the response. It parked the mobile precinct unit there for several days to monitor the area 24 hours a day.
  - d. Acknowledge that there are still a lot of RVs parked on the street with people living in them. 2 NP squads, Sgt Newsom's and Sgt Sylvester's are doing the best they can with 14-15 officers. Twenty RVs are in the safe lot at the old Yankee Diner. In addition to the offering of services to help get RVs off the street, SPD is ramping up enforcement, such as ticketing and towing. Overtime has been approved for this. One problem is that the city ordinance allows parking for 72 hours. If an RV is notified, the owner just moves the vehicle around the block and the clock starts ticking again. Sandel Park is seeing a lot of RVs parked, and neighbors are frustrated. They are reporting drug dealing and prostitution.
  - e. Crimes against persons are about the same level as last year, but burglaries and car prowls are way up. Whereas in 2015 there were 386 burglaries for the first 3 months, this year there are 565. For car prowls it is 770 in 2015 and 1182 in 2016. Commercial burglaries are up, also: 147 in the first 3 months of 2015 and 240 in 2016. Major Crimes Unit is working on these, clearing a lot of cases. North Precinct is also using crime analysis data to get maps of hot spots so patrols can be sent out if they have free time.
  - f. Traffic Unit will start taking collision reports instead of 911 in high crime areas to free up patrol officers.
  - g. To reduce the possibility of car prowls, don't leave things in sight in your car. Call 911 if you see anyone trying car door handles.
  - h. NP got five new officers in March and will get more in April; the NP Captain's commander is aware of the crime spike.
  - i. Reminder that SPD doesn't monitor the social media site NextDoor due to privacy issues. If you want to tell SPD about a public safety issue, call 911 or the non-emergency number.
3. Crime Prevention Report: Mary Amberg
- a. Mary will soon be taking a three month leave when her baby arrives, but after that she'll be ready to resume meeting with groups about crime prevention.

- b. She handed out leaflets on Home Security: Window Security, Detering Burglary from Outside the Home, and Door Security. All three handouts are attached.
4. City Attorney's Office: Brendan Brophy
  - a. Brendan has been dealing with complaints about problems in Canal Park, in Fremont, reaching out to business owners, getting Parks involved to improve safety in the area.
  - b. He's been reaching out to the new city council members to connect them to the City Attorney's Office liaisons (such as himself).
  - c. Also working on problem businesses on Aurora.
5. King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office: Amanda Froh
  - a. KC PAO has three crime divisions: burglary, car theft, and ID theft. The office is working to identify the top offenders, and bringing all cases together to prosecute them. Some of the funding for task forces is by banks, email list serves, etc.
6. Department of Corrections: Jeff Sargent - no report
7. Community Police Team: Dianne Newsom
  - a. Reminder that the precinct picnic is July 9th at the Ballard Seafood Fest. If your organization would like a table at the picnic, contact Diane Pilon at [diane.pilon@seattle.gov](mailto:diane.pilon@seattle.gov) or 206-386-1996. Handout attached.
  - b. April 27 at 11:15, in the Green Lake library, Diane will read aloud Emery the Emergency Penguin, a kids' book about how to call 911. Calling all kids!
  - c. Three more RVs will be added to the safe RV lot, to total 23. The goal is to get the folks housing, then let more RV folks into the lot.
8. Liquor and Cannabis Board: Ken Neville
  - a. The board is busy adding new retail licenses. As of July 1 shops not licensed will have to shut down.
  - b. Office is still in complaint mode, so if you see a possible violation, let them know so they can investigate.
9. Committee Reports
  - a. Membership: Michael Cuadra - please give Michael any roster changes or additions.
10. Old Business - none
11. New Business
  - a. NPAC annual officer nominations will be accepted, and elections will be in June. Officers are president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. You are welcome to nominate yourself or someone else. In addition, the board nominates up to four at-large board members. If you're interested in an at-large position let us know at

spd.npac@gmail.com. The board will ask for council ratification of at-large members in June. Though many, but not all, of the current officers and board members are willing to serve another year if necessary, we encourage you to get involved.

## 12. Next Month's Agenda

- a. Steve Freng, Prevention and Treatment Manager for the NW High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (NW-HIDTA), will be our guest speaker. He will talk about heroin trafficking and how it is impacting Seattle. HIDTA assesses drug trafficking threats, develops a strategy to address threats, designs initiatives to implement the strategy, proposes funding needed to carry out the initiatives, and prepares an annual report describing its performance the previous year.
- b. As noted above, we'll also take NPAC officer nominations and at-large board suggestions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.