

NORTH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Expanding Communication Between the Police and Community

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2009

Recorded by William Murray

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

- I. Special Presentation Speakers: Ankita Patel and Jake Fawcett, Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence. "Now That We Know" Findings and Recommendations from the Washington State Domestic Violence Fatality Review.

Executive Summary:

Between January 1, 1997 and June 30, 2008, 430 people were killed by domestic violence abusers in Washington state. Each year, between one-third and one-half of women who are murdered in Washington are killed by their current or former intimate partners.

The Domestic Fatality Review ("DVFR") brings together locally based, multidisciplinary review panels for a detailed examination of domestic violence fatalities. These panels focus on the events leading up to the homicide; they seek to identify gaps in policy, practice, training, resources, information and collaboration. The Fatality Review draws attention to the loss of life at the hands of abusers for two reasons: first, to recognize and honor the lives lost and insist that the domestic violence victims, children and their friends and family killed by abusers are not forgotten; and second, to direct attention to the struggles and challenges faced by all of the domestic violence victims in our state who are living with abuse and can still be helped by our efforts to respond more effectively to domestic violence.

Community Groups were encouraged to learn about domestic violence resources and provide outreach to their communities with these resources.

- II. Precinct Update: Captain Mike Washburn/Lieutenant Robin Clark/Sergeant Diane Newsom.

SPD Blotter: On February 8th at approximately 1:29 a.m., officers responded to the area of 22nd Avenue Northeast and Northeast 47th Street for the report of three victims who

were assaulted and robbed by multiple suspects. The victims were confronted by the suspects and when they refused to comply with the suspects' demands, two of the victims were punched and kicked. A third victim ran from the scene but was injured when he was chased through a thicket of bushes. After assaulting the victims, the suspects robbed them. The suspects then fled in the direction of Greek Row. Investigating officers developed information that led them to a fraternity house in the 2100 block of Northeast 47th Street.

SPD Blotter: On February 24th, SPD Communications received several 911 calls regarding a reckless driver in a white Dodge Durango. That information was immediately broadcast to patrol officers. Shortly thereafter, at approximately 4:52 p.m., a patrol officer saw the suspect vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed, ran a stop sign, and collided with a Mitsubishi sedan at North 93rd Street and Aurora Avenue North.

SPD Blotter: On February 25th at 1:20 a.m., North Anti-Crime Team responded to a report of suspicious males possibly dealing drugs out of a vehicle parked in the 2700 block of Northeast 123rd Street. Upon contacting the two occupants of the vehicle, the officers were able to develop probable cause to arrest the two suspects. The officers located nearly 10 ½ ounces of crack cocaine with a street value of over \$30,000.00. An additional \$2,400.00 in currency was seized from the driver. Both suspects were booked into King County Jail for Violation of the Uniform Substance Act ("VUCSA") and Possession with Intent ("PWI") and miscellaneous warrants.

A home invasion occurred March 3rd at 2:23 a.m. on the 600 block of 138th. A gunman dressed in a King County Sheriff uniform along with three others broke in and demanded drugs and fired a round in the floor. A K9 unit responded and the suspect was found hiding on the grounds of Bitter Lake Reservoir Open Space and apprehended.

Sergeant Newsom conducted a pedestrian emphasis on Northeast 68th Street issuing two citations. An emphasis is being considered for Meridian Avenue near North Seattle Community College.

III. City Attorney's Office.

Ed McKenna reported that there are now 46 alcohol products banned in the Alcohol Impact Area which includes areas of North Seattle and they are working with stores to not sell single servings of high alcohol content beverages. The City Attorney's Office was awarded a USDOJ technical assistance grant for their work on reducing drug sales in our community. Seattle's community court will be studied through this grant.

IV. King County Prosecutor's Office.

Deputy Prosecutor Emily Pierce mentioned their office has deputies who respond to domestic violence cases and has added strangulations as a second degree offense and have been aggressively filing strangulation cases since last year.

V. Liquor Control Board.

Judy Lewis is now serving as Liquor and Tobacco Enforcement Officer in North Seattle.

VI. Next Month Agenda.

Next month's Agenda: Seattle Police Department Domestic Violence Squad.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.