



Public Safety Newsletter

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Dear Community Friends,

Block Watch Networking

West Seattle Blockwatch Captains Network

The West Seattle Blockwatch Captains Network is a new group organized this year. They would like to network all West Seattle Block Captains into one large group. They are encouraging the formation of more Block Watch groups on unorganized blocks. They have established a Block Captains web site on Facebook to encourage Block Captains to share their vast knowledge with each other to help make the West Seattle Community safer. (Please click on <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=337488370959>.)

At the last West Seattle Blockwatch Captains Network meeting, Benjamin was encouraged to set up a Block Watch meeting at the Southwest Precinct once a month for the Community at large. Benjamin will begin scheduling these meetings in August 2010.

West Seattle Crime Prevention Council

Another great resource is the West Seattle Crime Prevention Council that meets the third Tuesday of each month in the Southwest Precinct's Community Room. For years this meeting has been a great community forum for the citizens of West Seattle and Police staff to meet, discuss problems and resolve them.

Benjamin Kinlow, Crime Prevention Coordinator, is proud of all the time, effort and the responsibility the residents and Neighborhood Groups are taking for coordinating the Crime Prevention activity for their Neighborhoods. They are actively recruiting hosts for Block Watch meetings and establishing a list of active Block Captains in their area. Keep up the good work. Benjamin is willing to meet with each new group for their first Block Watch meeting.

National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 3, 2010, 6:00-10:00 pm. This year, we have made the registration for this annual event easier. Please go to our website at <http://www.seattle.gov/police> and click on the Night Out box to sign up for this summertime Block Party as we celebrate our efforts against Crime in our Neighborhoods.

If you need anything from your SPD Crime Prevention Coordinator, please call or e-mail him at 684-7724 and or at benjamin.kinlow@seattle.gov for answers to your Night Out questions.

Level 3 Registered Sex Offenders

We will alert the community regarding Level 3 Registered Sex Offenders. A Level 3 offender is deemed the highest level to reoffend. Washington law authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform the public of a sex offender's release and relocation when this information will enhance public safety and protection. We believe an informed public is a safer public.

- ❑ In over 80% of sex crimes, the suspect is known to the victim, such as family friend, parent, relative, care-taker, neighbor, co-worker or significant other.
- ❑ Many pedophiles befriend the mothers to victimize their children.
- ❑ Provide training for your children on how to protect themselves by whatever means necessary; to scream, to run and to fight to resist being kidnapped out of public view. Give them the courage to protect themselves.

See our website for additional Child Safety Tips. <http://www.seattle.gov/police/prevention/Child/default.htm>. If you would like to start or rekindle your Block Watch, please contact Benjamin Kinlow, 684-7724 Crime Prevention Coordinator.

Remember that citizen abuse of this information to threaten, intimidate or harass registered sex offenders will not be tolerated. Such abuse could potentially end law enforcement's ability to do community notifications.

Something New. Online Police Reports

General Offense (GO) Reports in PDF format are available online for all **Burglaries, Robberies, Aggravated Assaults** and **Homicides**. Go to: <http://www.seattle.gov/police/records/online.htm>.

Resources To Keep You Informed

Police Blotter, <http://spdblotter.seattle.gov>
Subscribe to SPD: Crime Blotter
<http://feeds.feedburner.com/SeattlePoliceSouthwestPrecinct>
Police Blotter, Megan Sheppard, West Seattle Herald
<http://www.westseattleherald.com/news/police%20blotter/>
West Seattle Blog, Tracy Record, Editor
http://westseattleblog.com/blog/?page_id=4988
Seattle Police Department main web page
<http://www.seattle.gov/police/>
Southwest Precinct Web-page
<http://www.seattle.gov/police/Precincts/Southwest/default.htm>
Seattle Police Crime Statistics
<http://www.cityofseattle.net/police/crime/stats.htm>

For **More Information** Call: **Benjamin Kinlow**, Crime Prevention Coordinator, (206) 684-7724 or email benjamin.kinlow@seattle.gov. Check out www.seattle.gov/police/precincts/southwest/prevention.htm