



Southwest Precinct Public Safety Newsletter

January 11, 2008

Dear Community Friends,

SW Detectives Unit Report, 1-3-08, by Det. Donald Henderson

This morning 01/03/08, a citizen called 9-1-1 regarding an in-progress Commercial Burglary. Officers located the suspect's vehicle, and he was arrested.

Detectives interviewed the suspect. A consent to search was obtained from the registered owner. Stolen Property and Burglary Tools were recovered and placed into evidence.

Detectives were able to solve eight commercial burglary cases in West Seattle, and one from North Seattle.

Well done to West Seattle Citizens for getting involved, and reporting suspicious activity to 9-1-1.

Six Steps In Fighting Crime

1. Identify, Analyze and Solve Problems

An informed, organized and involved community can work with police to identify, analyze and implement solutions to community problems. Citizens have a unique knowledge of their own community and with a little effort they can find contacts that can help them solve their problems.

2. Mobilize the Neighborhood

Members of the community are in the best position to organize their neighborhoods around safety, combating crime and related problems. Neighborhood meetings are how groups often get started. Door-to-Door campaigns can serve as a community outreach effort and a way to identify community problems. Resolving Community problems, at regular monthly meetings, can help sustain community involvement in Community group over time.

3. Share Information with Police

Citizens can serve as the eyes and ears of the Police by gathering information and passing it on to the Police. Community organizations can host a community meeting on how to provide police with useful information (license plate numbers, detailed descriptions of suspects, vehicles and codes or signals used to alert drug dealers of police presence), and how to do it safely.

Standardized forms for recording information can also be distributed.

4. Deny Criminals Access to Space

No matter how dedicated police officers are, they cannot be everywhere all the time. Community organizations should take the lead in organizing Block Watches on every block in their neighborhoods and in apartment buildings to document suspected drug activity and other suspicious characters.

5. Influence City Agencies

A group of organized citizens are much more likely to get a response from City agencies than individual citizens or individual police officers. Community organizations can request meetings with the Mayor or City Council members to support effective community policing practices, adequate street lighting, removal of abandoned cars and additional social services in their neighborhoods. Independently organized communities, partnering with police and other agencies, not only helps to prevent and control crime in particular neighborhoods; they also collectively build and sustain a jurisdiction's long-term commitment to community policing.

6. Take Legal Action

Citizens can pressure landlords to evict drug dealers. Legal actions can be taken, in concert with local officials, to close down bars or other establishments that tolerate illegal activities. Civil actions can be used instead of, or to complement, criminal proceedings.

7 Partner with Neighborhood-Based Institutions

Churches, synagogues, mosques and temples, as well as private businesses and schools, can be recruited to help combat crime and recruit volunteers for community-based programs.

Police Blotter, Megan Sheppard, West Seattle Herald

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<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>

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