



Community First

*City of Granite Falls
In Partnership With
Snohomish County
Sheriff's Office*



Sheriff Ty Trenary

City Manager Brent Kirk

Police Report for May 4th, 2016

Due to our street construction sites in town, we've received several citizen complaints regarding speeding vehicles and stop sign violations. To help assist us in addressing the complaints and gain compliance, the police department is using social media; the county traffic radar trailer; and increased enforcement in the complaint zones. Hopefully, our three prong approach will help deter both unsafe and aggressive driving.

On April 22nd, we provided Active Shooter training to the Granite Falls School District. The training was held at Crossroads Alternative High School. The training involved group discussions, videos and a table top exercise. The training was intense and emotional. I would like to thank the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, the Everett Police Department and the Arlington Police Department for helping us provide training to our schools. Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Scotty Parker was instrumental in helping to plan and organize the event. Due to the success of our training, the Arlington Police Department will offer similar training to their school district personnel in May.

The following is an excerpt from our Facebook site that I posted on April 22nd. The post is related to a young man in our community that has been a habitual issue for both our community and law enforcement over the past several years. Through a firm and steadfast approach to crime, we are making a positive difference in our top offenders and the quality of life for our community members.

A Very Good Day

For years, several individuals in our community have created most of our work-including dealing drugs, theft, car prowls, burglary and a host of other crimes. Most of those individuals are homeless as well-living off the streets and prowling our cars to get another fix. Although firm and steadfast in my approach to those individuals and the crimes they commit, I also offer those help at every opportunity.

On Friday morning, one of those known young men came into the police department and finally asked for help. I was in training and wasn't available for several hours. Instead of leaving, the young man sat in our office until I returned.

Luckily, I was able to get a bed for that young man at an in-patient treatment facility in Skagit County. After giving the young man a couple donuts (I know, I know), we transported the man to the facility. According to this young man, this is the first time that he has actually tried formal treatment.

Young man...we wish you success and happiness. It will be hard and you will stumble, but all of us at the Granite Falls Police Department are proud of you for taking this second step toward sobriety (having the courage to come in and ask for help was your first step)! Good luck and God bless!

The Granite Falls Police Department would like to express our gratitude to Sheriff Trenary and his Office of Neighborhoods for his and their commitment to our community. Deputy Malaby was a large help in finding immediate placement for this young man.

Update: He's completed his impatient care and has moved in with his mom in another city. We wish him success!

On April 26th, our community reaped a different type of reward from the relationships we've built this last year. By working together with community members, business owners and through our neighborhood watch program we were able to identify a suspect in two separate criminal cases. That suspect was eventually located by Deputy Dalton and booked into jail for the above offenses. Additionally, some of the stolen property was recovered and returned to one of the victims.

In late April, we've seen an increase in illegal texts at our schools. We are currently investigating several incidents of sending explicit material through social media. I am working with our schools in an attempt to educate our kids and deter future behavior.

The Mountain Loop Highway is now open. According to the Forest Service, the road is passable from Granite Falls to Darrington. For 2016, the Forest Service anticipates an extremely high volume of park guests. That volume has a direct impact on the economics of our community. To help ensure the safety of park guests, I will be managing a cooperative law enforcement agreement with the USDA Forest Service to provide law enforcement services throughout the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forests. The Forest Service agreement will contribute to our staffing and will be provided through ancillary assignment with Sheriff's Office personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Scott Robertson

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