

Snohomish County Sheriff's Office
Operations Monthly Status Report



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Section One: Significant Events / Cases / Community & Collaborative Meetings

We had a vehicle theft and recovery on Hemmingway. Both calls were most likely from a person out of the Seattle area. The recovered stolen vehicle was from the Seattle jurisdiction and the vehicle stolen from our community, by the same suspect, was recovered in Seattle. We have video surveillance showing it is the same person and SNOCAT is following up on these crimes.

The vehicle theft shows us how important it is to secure our homes, to include our garages. The suspect also committed the crime of burglary by entering an open garage, taking the keys from a keyboard inside the garage and stealing the newer model Ford Explorer from inside the garage.

We took a vehicle prowl/burglary in the Eagle View Drive area where the suspect(s) broke into the vehicle and then used the garage door opener to open the garage at which time they entered the garage and stole about \$2,000 worth of property.

We took another large shoplift from Rite Aid, where the suspect took a large amount of make-up. This is the third theft of a large amount of make-up from Rite Aid, the past few months. We have gathered that the suspects have been stealing the make-up to sell to an unknown person. We are attempting to identify the person purchasing the stolen items but at this time, the only information we have been obtaining is that the suspects are stealing for someone else who they will not identify.

We had a hit and run at the complex housed by Hanky Pies and other businesses. The surveillance video from Hanky Pies allowed us to identify the vehicle and ultimately the person responsible for the damage to the building. Deputy Clark followed up on this case and obtained a confession from the suspect/driver. Charges of hit and run has been referred to the Prosecutor's Office.

I had coffee with the Chief on October 21st. The turnout was lower than expected but the community members who came to the meeting brought concerns about traffic issues and parking complaints. I have asked the nightshift Deputies to step up patrols in the areas of concern and show that we are attempting to address the issues. These community members also brought up concerns about abandoned vehicles on our city streets.

Section Two: Project / Emphasis Area Status

With the issuance of two new vehicles to the region, it came to our attention that new toolboxes would not be available for these new trucks. With a very low office supply budget, we were able to obtain funding for the needed equipment through a grant from the Pilchuck Foundation. Our area of concern in the for future equipment needs, such as when new trucks are to be issued to the region. A need for capital expenditure moneys needs to be available for these equipment needs. I am unsure of why we are responsible for the equipment costs, such as for toolboxes, for new trucks being issued to the trigon. This time, we were able to cover the costs, but future procurement might be an issue, and this may need to be addressed differently. Captain Rogers is addressing this issue.



Section Three: Unit Updates (If Applicable) & Training Update

We have been preparing for the presidential election and conducting numerous checks of the ballot box location in Granite Falls. These checks are somewhat difficult, as far as looking for suspicious persons and or vehicles due to the library having free WIFI and the public using this facility throughout the day. The Library is however, keeping the WIFI off from 2300 hours until 0500 hours, at our request, to try and reduce the number of vagrants just hanging out at the library and causing issues.

On Tuesday, November 3rd and possibly the following days, based on issues in our community and around Snohomish County, I will be working a swing shift to add extra coverage during the evenings. We are planning for the worst but hoping for the BEST not only locally but as an agency.

Section Four: Calls for Service / Crime Trends

During the month of October, Deputies responded to 717 calls for service. Of those calls, Deputy Nunemaker responded to 200 CFS, Deputy Kleckley responded to 202 CFS, Deputy Devenney responded to 74 CFS, Deputy Clark responded to 84 CFS, Chief Dalton responded to 56 CFS and substitute Deputies (covering for vacation days) responded to 44 CFS. The remaining CFS were covered by County Deputies (57 CFS).

These call for service numbers shows how hard our daytime Deputy's work during their shifts; they average 15 CFS each day they work. I am proud of all the Deputies and what they do, but especially proud of the day shift Deputy's!

Some of the areas of concern are the vehicle prowls that are on the uptick. The area of Eagle View Drive is concerning. We have approached everyone with a RING camera or other surveillance systems and asked them to review their footage to determine if their system witnessed any activity during the nights of the vehicle prowls.

With the uptick in vehicle prowls, if a suspect is not discovered from the video requests, we will look at the window of opportunity for these crimes and come up with an emphasis for these crimes in the effected neighbourhoods (using POWER BI).

Section Five: Next Steps

We are still working with the City manager and finance director with the Police Department project. State L&I has approved the electrical portion of the plans, but we learned that the supplier of the ballistic glass/panels is 6-8 weeks out.

The area set aside for parking in the alley has been paved, striped and curbed. It looks great and there will be ample parking for people working at and in the new Police Department. If the parking is an indication of what we are to expect, we are excited for the project to be completed.

I had advised the City Council a few months ago about the Deputies staying in the contract, but I now have to advise them that Deputy Clark, who works graveyard weekends has advised me that he will be bidding out of the contract during the bidding process for patrol.

We have put out a call for applicants and as to this date, one person has turned in a letter of interest, but numerous people have expressed interest and called me with questions about the position. I have warned City Manager Kirk to be prepared for Deputies coming to speak with him about what his and the City's expectations are.

Based on this, I am anticipating the need to conduct an oral board. I have reached out to City Manager Kirk and Hanky Pies owner, Krista Morehead to sit on the board with others to be determined. Catherine Anderson with the Pilchuck Foundation is unable to sit on the board, as she usually does.