



Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, August 11th, 2010

Attendance: Chief Kirkpatrick, Assistant Chief Nicks, Major Johnson, Major Stephens, Captain Braun, Captain Winkey, Lieutenant Cummings, Lieutenant Drollinger, Lieutenant Meidl, Lieutenant McGovern, Lieutenant Mullennix, Lieutenant Walker, Sergeant Walter, Sergeant Wilson, Alisha Grow, Tom Michaud, Ryan Shaw, Larry Stevens, Carly Cortright, Kiley Friesen

Absent: Captain Scalise, Lieutenant Arleth, Lieutenant Olson

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Prior Week Assessment

Investigations Update

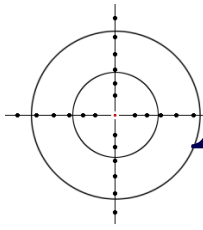
- Lt. McGovern provided follow-up information on the recent oxycontin robberies.
 - Officers pursued a suspect vehicle who had stolen oxycontin from a local pharmacy. One officer utilized a PIT maneuver to disable the fleeing vehicle. Once the vehicle was stopped, the suspect shot himself and later died as a result of the self inflicted gunshot. This suspect was good for two other oxycontin robberies as well.
 - Patrol did a great job setting up the inner and outer perimeters. This was the first time the Gardner Building was used for this type of incident and it worked great.
- The pre-AIM meetings are proving to be beneficial for Investigations. Each unit is able to bring information to the table and assist other units with their ongoing cases.

SIU Update

- SIU conducted a prostitution sting on East Sprague. This was a collaborative effort between Investigations, Patrol and the NROs. KXLY reporters rode with Sgt. Walter and a story was aired regarding this special enforcement. The officer posing as a prostitute was not on the street for 10 minutes before she was contacted. The sting yielded four arrests.

Patrol Update

- The Traffic Unit is seeing traffic issues in the construction zones. People are getting impatient with the many construction areas around town. The Tip of the Week was directed towards this issue. Cpl. Lasswell has written 20 tickets for construction zones alone.
- The extra duty detail at Liberty Pool is over and was funded by the Parks Department. This detail yielded one trespass, one bike theft and an unruly nine year old that was removed from the pool.
- Ofc. Hewitt contacted Club Uno about their Tuesday night juvenile nights. Club Uno has disbanded the juvenile night and Patrol has already seen an improvement and huge amounts of man hours are no longer being dedicated to Club Uno. It has been much quieter.
- Ofc. Denton has been working on the transient issue under the freeway. He is doing a great job documenting individuals he contacts.
- One suggestion that would be helpful for the graveyard shifts who deal with more drunks in the early hours of the mornings is for the Detox van to change or extend operation hours, which right now ends at midnight. Follow-up to be conducted by Major Johnson.



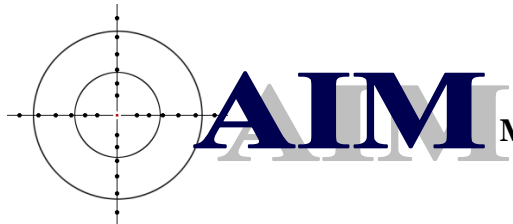
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- Patrol teams are still having staffing issues and are having to call people in to keep the city at minimum staffing. At times there has been a page of calls holding.
 - Chief Kirkpatrick advised that decisions will need to be made on what services will be cut. A list will need to be generated outlining what types of crime SPD will no longer be able to service. Now is a good time to begin that transition. If this issue is not treated with clarity it will be left to discretion. The ultimate message that needs to be relayed is that there will be service cuts and we can no longer service all of the crime we have been responding to in the past.

ROP and Prolific Offender Update

- These two individuals were a couple of Spokane's most prolific car thieves in 2009 and 2010 and these are probably the steepest sentences the Targeted Crimes Unit (TCU) has seen for any of our local car thieves. Both of these cases were the result of great work by TCU, patrol and the assigned prosecutors.
 - Det. Staben attended [REDACTED] ("Foxtrot" on the TOP 15 list) sentencing. "Foxtrot" pled guilty to 17 felonies and was given 68 months, which was the maximum sentence he could get!
 - [REDACTED] another prolific car thief, pled guilty and got 68 months as well last week. His charges included stealing cars, eluding and vehicular assault.
- There has been a big spike in vehicle thefts the last couple weeks. TCU believes [REDACTED] is a major reason for the spike along with [REDACTED]. He's associated with virtually every other significant car thief the TCU has dealt with this year. He was just ID'd (along with [REDACTED] as the suspect in another theft and there was another car taken/dumped at the same spot. He's a suspect in other cases as well. Pretty much any vehicle theft in which one stolen Honda got dumped and another got stolen, [REDACTED] is TCU's first suspect.
 - [REDACTED] was in jail pending several vehicle theft cases TCU charged him on. He was apparently allowed to leave jail specifically to attend rehab locally. He was supposed to be taken from jail, to rehab, then after rehab, taken right back to jail. Det. Staben has jail recordings of [REDACTED] specifically talking about how he was just going along with the rehab plan in order to escape once he was dropped off there. That is precisely what he did a couple weeks ago. He fled and a warrant was quickly issued for his arrest. [REDACTED] has a warrant for 2nd ID Theft.
 - Staben learned the area where [REDACTED] was living from the same jail recordings and pinned down the address, 2914 E. Rowan. Det. Staben was checking the address when he saw [REDACTED] who subsequently fled into the house. He called out patrol and the address was secured. Det. Staben began to apply for a search warrant but [REDACTED] ended up coming out and surrendering to officers. Both were arrested for their felony warrants and taken to our building for interrogation.
 - Det. Staben is going to charge [REDACTED] for at least three separate vehicle thefts and/or possession. [REDACTED] will be charged with at least one PSV. [REDACTED] is a suspect in several other cases that are still being investigated.
- Regarding commercial burglaries, as noted recently TCU booked [REDACTED] who are all active commercial burglars. This might account for some of the recent decrease in those burglaries. Patrol arrested three suspects for a couple commercial burglaries last week as well. Det. Robertson consolidated these incidents and completed a charging request for all of them for two burglaries and lottery ticket fraud.



Crime Trend Debrief

Ryan Shaw provided this week's crime statistics:

- Burglaries are lower than the past few weeks.
 - Commercial burglaries have dropped significantly and could be related to the arrests of [REDACTED]
 - Residential and garage burglaries are within a low range as well
- Vehicle prowling is the lowest since March.
- Indian Trail has seen an increase in criminal activity such as vehicle thefts and prowlings, suspect vehicle casing the area, car wash coin box theft and a blown up Honeybucket.
- Crime Analysis has seen an increase of lewd conduct reports in which a male approaches a residence at night, shines a flashlight on his genitals while masturbating and knocks on the window to get the resident's attention. He sometimes wears white latex gloves. There have been three incidents in July and one in August. Because of the MO of the incidents, the suspect is likely [REDACTED]
- Judge Watch
 - Bill Flatt with LEIS developed an RMS program to run the judges associated with releases of ROPs and TOP 15 offenders.
 - It may be more effective to pursue this from the court side rather than RMS. It was suggested that using CaseMan to track this information would be better. Sgt. Wilson stated that he uses it daily and it is not always accurate.
 - The first appearance judges release more because of the higher number of defendants coming through their courtrooms.

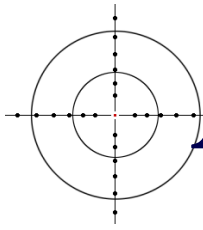
NRO ROUND-UP

Officer Taylor – Northwest
No New Updates

Officer Douglas – West
No New Updates

Officer McIntyre – Nevada/Lidgerwood

- The Vintage Apts. at **43 E. Weile** are continuing to call the Dept. and City Hall regarding racing cars leaving the local businesses on Division. If Patrol gets a chance please drive through the area.
- Several stolen cars have been recovered at the Cedar Springs Estates apartment complexes located at **7808 N. Morton, E. 1011 Sharpsburg, 1110 E. Cozza and 8424 N. Nevada**. Ofc. McIntyre has been working with the managers who are proactive. It might be possible to put a video surveillance camera up in the S/W corner and entrance along Nevada St.
- Party house at [REDACTED] **E. Olympic** has been given an extensive teaching of the noise/nuisance law. If Patrol goes back let Ofc. McIntyre know.
- Ofc. Crane and Ofc. McIntyre have been working on an APS case at [REDACTED] **E. Sanson**. [REDACTED] is living here, however not doing a good job caring for himself. At this time APS and his sister will be involved.



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- Things are heating up between [REDACTED] E. Rockwell and [REDACTED] E. Rich. Ofc. McIntyre has spent time with both parties and not sure if it will work. Let her know if they call patrol there again.
- Ofc. McIntyre gave a noise warning to [REDACTED] who is renting [REDACTED] E. Wellesley. He has partial custody of a young child and said he would not be hosting huge parties anymore.
- WANTED: [REDACTED] --DOC warrant/caution hanging out at [REDACTED] E. Olympic. Neighbors said they saw him here. He ran just before officers arrived.

Officer Thomas – Northeast

- There were 103 calls for service relating to domestic violence in the Logan and Hillyard Areas. This is up from prior months. There were 30 calls for threats and harassment. There were 91 noise and party calls and 86 for fights and arguments. Assaults and disorderly calls came in at 65. Drug calls were down at 28 for the month. Calls were researched for possible contact with landlords and Block Watch groups. Ofc. Thomas had 42 neighborhood issues come into the two shops.
- Ofc. Thomas continues to receive calls about drug activity in the Minnehaha park area. He is working with the bank that owns [REDACTED] N. Regal to remove squatters. The landlord at [REDACTED] N. Cook is cooperating in evicting the problem tenants there.
- Newly reported addresses suspected of drug activity:
 - [REDACTED] N. Cook
 - [REDACTED] N. Lacey
- Ofc. Thomas will be meeting with the new off campus housing person for Gonzaga to discuss potential problems. He will be working with security from SCC, Gonzaga and the SERTI campuses on vehicle prowling problems and making the students aware. He will also be addressing incoming students at the Moody Bible campus on personal safety. Ofc. Thomas and Dep. Travis Pendell will be teaching another class on safety and police interaction for refugee groups at World Relief.

Officer Strassenberg – East Central/Garry Park No New Updates

Officer Draper – Southeast/Southwest No New Updates

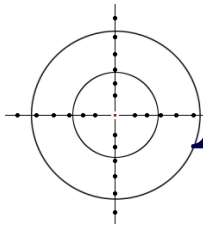
Officer Downing and Officer Redmon – Downtown No New Updates

WEEKLY PATROL TEAM EFFORTS

NORTH SIDE

Team 2 – Day Shift

- This week the team concentrated more on traffic than in preceding weeks, both through proactive enforcement and collision investigation. Ofc. Stanton worked a solo special at Audubon Park, Ofc. House worked on three separate days stopping violations at Hays Park and Mission Park, writing several hazardous and non-hazardous tickets as well as FIs. On 08/05/10, Ofc. House also investigated a blocking, injury, 3-car rollover collision at Nevada & Lyons and received positive comments on his professionalism.
- Although three of the five days were at minimum staffing, Team 2 officers self-initiated several felony arrests as well. On Tuesday, 08/03/10, Ofc. Hager took a burglary report, then spent considerable follow-up to locate the stolen property and subsequently arrest the burglar hiding in a friend's locked garage.



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- On Wednesday, 08/04/10, Ofc. Crane received word of a wanted felon named [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] E. Central. After an initial check of the residence, he returned later to find the suspect's truck and the suspect in the back yard. He arrested [REDACTED] on his felony warrants, and due to good officer safety was able to prevent a sudden bolt by [REDACTED] to run from Ofc. Crane, after which he became hostile and was documented for Crime Analysis.
- On Thursday, 08/05/10, Ofc. Crane responded to Holy Family where a chain-smoking, alcoholic gambling disabled defrocked Jehovah's Witness pastor with a felony warrant had brought in his friend, dumped him in the ER, then gone outside to chain smoke. The friend had apparently been dead for several hours, contrary to the driver's assertions. Ofc. Crane worked with Major Crimes, and a marijuana grow and handgun were subsequently found in the deceased's house. The driver was also arrested on his warrant. Ofc. Crane spent the shift making sure the investigation was thorough and property was properly handled.
- On Friday, 08/06/10, Ofc. Crane, working with Range Sgt. Cowles conducted required weapons maintenance for several of Team 2, then worked in a required Department firearms shoot for not only our team, but also rotated several other day and swing shift officers to satisfy their training requirements as well. Ofc. Graves also volunteered to work south to cover a staffing shortage.

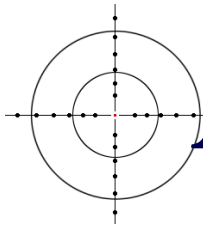
Team 14 – Graveyard Shift

- Information was provided on a white Chevy Suburban that was involved in drug transactions in the area of Whitter Elementary (Wall/Longfellow). Officers contacted [REDACTED] at 9th/Perry. He was reportedly waving a handgun out the window of his vehicle, [REDACTED]. This is probably the same vehicle and subject as the drug transactions in the area of the school.
- Multiple calls to Rypien Field (Regal/Liberty) regarding after hours drinking/partying. Marshall Islanders have been contacted at the park.
- Robbery/Assault occurred in area of Augusta/Division. [REDACTED] were arrested for Assault 1, Robbery 1. [REDACTED] was also charged with Attempt to Elude, Possess stolen motor vehicle, and PSP. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were hanging out at the apartment complex on the SW corner of Ruby/Augusta.

SOUTH SIDE

Team 9 – Power Shift

- Ofc. Blessing is still out on injury and Ofc. Wilkinson was injured in a car crash and is out on injury as well.
- [REDACTED] E. 1st (rear apartment) possibly dealing meth
- [REDACTED] W. 4th [REDACTED] has been the subject of two separate calls involving shots fired within his apartment.
- 6th/Jefferson & 6th/Adams area---suspicious vehicles (no plates, etc) & suspicious subjects hanging out – motorcycle from a pursuit was also dumped in the area – [REDACTED] may be the suspect from the eluding - he was one of the suspects arrested for 1st Robbery and in possession of a stolen car (the incident Wilkinson was responding to when he was involved in the above crash).



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ACTION PLAN FOR NEXT MEETING

Wednesday – August 25, 2010

- Follow-up on the increase in criminal activity in Indian Trail.
- Major Johnson to follow-up with Detox on possibly extending their hours of operation.
- Address the lewd conduct incidents and determine how we can stop these from continuing.