

## **Chief's Message**



This is a week of significant transition for Shoreline. I want to personally thank both Det. Matthew Jeffery and Det. Paula Kieland for their MANY combined years of dedicated service to the City of Shoreline. We wish you both the best in your new roles and applaud you taking on greater responsibilities to share your talents with the KCSO. YOU WILL BE MISSED!

A big THANK YOU to Ofc. Danny Schettler for organizing another fantastic engagement with our Special Olympics Team at Hamlin Park on Thursday! You have gone above and beyond setting an amazing example of what it means to be a part of the community we serve.

Thank you in advance to those of you stepping up to assist this coming Tuesday at National Night Out in Shoreline and Wednesday in Kenmore! This is a very

important event and opportunity to continue building relationships, partnerships, and trust in our cities.

I cannot say it enough, but for those of you covering additional patrol shifts while we await our incoming help... THANK YOU.

- Chief Park

## **Light Rail Just One Month Away**



We are just thirty (30) days away from the opening of Shoreline's two Sound Transit light rail stations. Last Saturday, Captain Angelo and I attended a joint exercise with other emergency responders at the Mountlake Terrace station, one of the five that will be live on August 30th. We look forward to sharing LRV training and other updates as Sound begins full service in Shoreline.

- Captain Tim Meyer

## **Commendable Firearm Casework**



We thank everyone for exceptional work performed across **all** patrol shifts. The below *BlueTeam* commendation was entered today recognizing Deputy Koontz and Detective Soderstrom for outstanding effort to both make this June arrest followed by the additional work to see it prosecuted. This - and so many others - are the cases that matter.

-Captain Tim Meyer

No community is untouched from crimes involving the unlawful possession and use of firearms. On June 24th, 2024, Deputy Koontz observed a subject in the 17500 blk. of 10th Ave NE with a pistol in his waistband. Using his license plate and law enforcement databases, Deputy Koontz determined the man was likely a felon and not lawfully allowed to possess a firearm. He was arrested and booked into the King County Jail.

Detective Soderstrom, the follow-up detective in this case, recommended felony charges with the King County Prosecutor's Office. Citing complexities with the Blake decision, the case was initially declined. Detective Soderstrom, a tenured investigator with extensive knowledge, researched criminal history and case law that challenged that decision. Through this work, he identified 'State of Washington v. H J Garcia' as having application and, via chain, requested reconsideration. The King County Prosecutor concurred with Detective Soderstrom's conclusion and, just one day later, prepared the case for filing.

The efforts of Deputy Koontz and Detective Soderstrom are equally commendable in this on-view case. Together, they removed a firearm from Shoreline's streets and held a suspect accountable through our courts. As every community seeks strategies to stem gun crimes, these professionals demonstrated that solid patrol work, backed by seasoned detectives, can be a very effective strategy.