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Chief's Message



The Chief's Message is on pause this week while the Chief is attending the Labor Relations and Information System (LRIS) Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

Commendations for Officer Bennett

On January 4 at approximately 3:14 a.m., Deputy Austin Bennett responded to a report of a domestic violence assault and arrived within minutes, along with Officer Alec Handley. Deputy Bennett served as the primary officer on the case, which involved a woman who had been cut on the face with a large, serrated knife and was hesitant to provide details, possibly out of fear of retaliation.

Despite the complexity and time-sensitive nature of the incident, while other deputies actively searched for the suspect, Deputy Bennett conducted a thorough and professional interview, gathering critical information that supported a detailed residential search warrant executed by the MCU. Sgt. Ian Campbell noted that Deputy Bennett always models very good temperament and poise while on duty and especially when conducting complex interviews. He



demonstrates sound judgment, strong critical thinking, and investigative skills that are a valuable asset to the team.

MCU Detective Sarah Gerlitz, who was assigned this case, also commended Deputy Bennett:

"I just wanted to send you a quick email to tell you that you did a really good job on this case. You were great with the victim and the way you explained everything to her, and your work was very thorough. It made my job easy, so thank you."

This case has been forwarded to the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for filing of charges including Assault 4, Interfering with Reporting of Domestic Violence, and Unlawful Imprisonment.

CityLearn Event Informs Community on Shoreline Police – RCR Crisis Response



On the evening of January 22, Captain Neil Woodruff and MHP John Streimikes presented as part of the City of Shoreline's ongoing CityLearn series at Shoreline City Hall, which helps community members understand some of the city's most critical services. They discussed RCR's partnership with Shoreline PD, call response, de-escalation, triage, and connections to available programs and resources.



They also shared the local history of the Crisis Responder program, program statistics, and success stories, and answered participant questions. The presentation had an immediate impact: the following day, a virtual attendee contacted 911 and requested assistance from both RCR and Shoreline PD after learning how the two agencies work together to respond to behavioral health crises.

This CityLearn presentation was recorded and will be uploaded to the CityLearn website and the City of Shoreline YouTube channel at a later date.

Serving with Kindness: CSO Corona Inspires Students at Great Kindness Challenge



CSO Dahlia Corona was invited to speak at the Echo Lake Elementary's annual *Great Kindness Challenge* on January 21, where this year's theme was "Kindness Is Our Superpower!" The event highlighted everyday superheroes in the Shoreline community and invited local professionals to share how kindness plays a role in their work.

Guest speakers included the Shoreline School District superintendent, Shoreline Deputy Mayor Eben Pobe, a neonatal nurse practitioner, and CSO Corona, who spoke with students about her role with the Shoreline Police Department and serving the community with kindness. She talked about how simple acts can create significant, positive changes in the community we serve. She shared an incident where kindness helped her deescalate a woman who was in crisis.

Echo Lake Elementary 5th grade teacher Karen Nicholson shared her appreciation for CSO Corona's presentation, noting, "*We were happy the students were able to meet a kind face from the police,*" and added that the students loved meeting her.

Officer Boyer Visits Kenmore Elementary



On January 20, Officer Andrew Boyer visited a kindergarten class at Kenmore Elementary to talk with students about safety and the role of police officers in the community. The students had the chance to ask questions, meet Officer Boyer, and get an up-close look at his patrol car. The students were engaged and enjoyed learning about staying safe and the people who help protect them.

Kenmore Middle Schoolers Tackle Community Problems



Earlier this month, Chief Brandon Moen attended this semester's initial presentation highlighting community problem-solving projects developed by two classes at Kenmore Middle School. As part of the "Kenmore Consulting" program, students selected real-world issues, researched their topics, and delivered formal presentations to Chief Moen outlining their proposed solutions.

Projects addressed issues such as enforcement of the life jacket law, graffiti in the city, and shoplifting at Safeway. The classes will now proceed to an "action step" phase, where students develop plans to potentially implement their solutions. Kenmore Police values opportunities to partner with local schools and support student engagement in community problem solving.