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Chief's Message



Greetings Shoreline PD,

This week our SET team concluded a long-term investigation that resulted in the arrest of two of our known problems. Thank you to SET for all the hard work and the fantastic results of this investigation. You can read all about it further down in this week's WIR.

Some of you may have been hearing some language coming from downtown about normalizing traffic enforcement, crime fighting, and on-view activity. You are probably asking yourself, "Isn't that what we do up here?" Yes, that is exactly what we do up here. I would put our crime fighting and traffic stats up against any other worksite in King County. The only thing that the Captains and I are going to be doing is quantifying what all of you are already doing and sending it back downtown. Please, continue doing the outstanding work that I have witnessed here over the last year and half. It is my job to tell your story. Keep up the great work.

Recently there have been questions about the 16-hour rule for O/T. That rule comes from the KCPOG CBA. After some clarification from KCPOG, sergeants and deputies are prohibited from signing up in ATLAS for more than 16 hours of O/T in a 24-hour period. You can work longer than 16 hours with commander approval, but those instances should be far and few between. The other precinct commanders should be putting out a similar message to their people today, if you were wondering. This rule should be consistent department wide.

That's all I have for now.

- Chief Tommy Collins

Shoreline SET Operation Flying Squirrel



Precinct 5 SET concluded a long-term investigation of a residence distributing illegal narcotics in the City of Shoreline. We would like to thank Shoreline CID, Shoreline Patrol, and especially our administrative staff, Kris and Victoria, for all of their assistance. Two suspects were booked and the following items were taken as evidence: \$17,685.00 cash, 1940 Xanax pills, 59 grams methamphetamine pills, 198 grams crystal meth, approximately a pound of marijuana, 487 doses of Suboxone, 49 M30 pills, 8 grams of fentanyl powder, 22 cartridges of DMT, 19 grams of MDMA, 1 gram of ketamine, 2 grams of LSD, 15 tablets of SOMA, 5 firearms including a confirmed stolen M-16 rifle, 3-D printed handgun receivers, stolen ID's and passports for 14 different persons, and a City of Shoreline street sign.

-Sergeant Joe Merclich

Sgt. Fitchett and Capt. Woodruff Complete FBI LEEDA Leadership Trilogy



Sergeant Scott Fitchett and Captain Neil Woodruff attended the FBI LEEDA Supervisor Leadership Institute (SLI) in Everett last week, completing the FBI LEEDA Trilogy. The Trilogy consists of the Supervisor, Command, and Executive Leadership Institutes and provides comprehensive leadership education for law enforcement professionals.

Through the program, participants received instruction in police leadership, including supervisory leadership and credibility; law enforcement liability and discipline; DISC behavior and leadership; ethical and command decision-making; team building and resilient leadership; leading challenging employees; building trust and procedural justice; strategic planning; employee wellness and officer safety; future trends in policing; recruiting, hiring, and retention; and emotional and social intelligence.

Completion of the Trilogy is a significant professional achievement and reflects their commitment to leading future generations of law enforcement officers and the long-term success of our agency.

Congratulations to Sgt. Fitchett and Capt. Woodruff!



Commendation for Detective Helmer



On 11/11/2025 at approximately 1905 hours, officers responded to a report of an armed robbery at the Chevron station located at 8002 NE Bothell Way. Three suspects were involved in the robbery. The lone clerk was assaulted, with one suspect implying he was armed, before the suspects fled on foot. Store surveillance video was the only evidence recovered, with some suspects masked.

Newly minted Kenmore Detective Jeffrey Helmer took the lead in the investigation with the support of KCSO Major Crimes. After a thorough investigation spanning just over two months, Detective Helmer identified all three suspects through a complex investigation that included crime bulletins, tattoo comparisons, social media records, associated stolen vehicle cases with SCSO and SPD, corroborating store video and receipts, and positive suspect identification by a family member during an interview he conducted.

Detective Helmer has forwarded charges to the King County Prosecutor's Office for Robbery in the Second Degree against three suspected gang members from Bothell. Despite being new to his burglary/larceny assignment, Detective Helmer saw this Major Crimes case through from start to finish. His exceptional dedication to justice for the victim and commitment to the investigation are commendable.

King County Employees Pledge \$2.5M+ to Charity!

The final numbers for our record breaking 2025 Annual Employee Giving Program are in! We saw 976 new participants, 2,570 total participants, and 2,425 volunteer hours donated. Collectively, King County employees pledged more than \$2.5 million to their favorite charities.

Thank you to everyone who participated. Your generosity will have a lasting, positive impact on our community and beyond.



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**Sunday, February 8
3:30 PST**