



Chief's Message



First off, this week I want to recognize Deputy Ben Oliver, Det. Dan Finan, and Sgt. Joe Merclich. They all received their certificates for being the 2025 Deputy, Detective, and Sgt. of the Year for Pct 5. When you see them, please give them a congrats. You might also want to ask Sgt. Merclich for his autograph since the SET team was recently featured on Fox13 for the recent drug investigation that we talked about last week. It makes me happy when I see the people who work here get the recognition they deserve.

Recently, I sat down with a couple of the sergeants to discuss some directional issues for Pct 5. After a long discussion of several topics, I have decided in the coming months you will probably see me out and about answering calls in the city on occasion. Believe it or not I really enjoyed working patrol in my career, and I want to be able to get out there as time allows to experience some of the challenges of today working patrol. My goal for Pct. 5 has always been to make this the best place in the county to work. I am sure with the current direction we are going, and the excellent people we have working here, we are already well on our way to achieving that goal.

Thank you for all that you do.

- Chief Tommy Collins

Our 2025 Of the Year Award Recipients



Congratulations Deputy Oliver, Detective Finan and Sergeant Merclich!

Echo Lake Elementary STEM Night



On Wednesday night, MPO Alexander Glavin and MARR Detectives Andrew Skaar and Stephen Pope, participated in Echo Lake Elementary School's PTA STEM Night. The team demonstrated technologies used in modern law enforcement operations.

MPO Glavin flew the Shoreline PD drone in the gym while the kids enjoyed chasing it. Detective Skaar and Detective Pope demonstrated Laser 3D imaging, which is used for crime and collision scene reconstruction. They also discussed the department's drone program, explaining how unmanned aircraft systems are used for search operations, scene mapping and other public safety functions.

Thank you to all who participated and represented the department so well in our community.



Detective Turner Thanked for Professional and Compassionate Response



On February 10th at 1656, officers were dispatched to a report of a protection order violation. Detective Eric Turner was the primary officer, and MPO Cary Coblantz and Officer Kris Goundar provided back up.

Following the incident, the protected party contacted the Sheriff's department to express her appreciation for Detective Turner's handling of this ongoing neighborhood matter that has spanned several years.

She stated, "Officer Turner stands out as one of the better experiences with police contact we have had over the years (Dahlia Corona was another standout, many years ago). He was compassionate, patient, and reassuring. He explained clearly what he could do and generally made us feel that he was taking our concerns seriously."

She added, "He represents the future one might hope for in policing."

We appreciate Detective Turner's commitment to thoughtful, service-oriented policing and his continued dedication to supporting our community with professionalism and care.

Beloved Dogs Returned Safe and Sound

On February 6, at approximately 2100 hours, Deputy A. Alnsour was dispatched to a report of two golden retrievers running loose in the middle of the roadway along NE 185 ST. The reporting party, the dogs' owner, had been trying to wrangle them for several minutes and called dispatch desperate for help. Another caller reported that the dogs were heading toward the busy light rail station.



Upon arrival, Deputy Alnsour contacted the owner, who was visibly upset. Deputy Alnsour positioned his patrol car to block traffic, creating a safe area in the roadway. He found one dog and returned it to the owner. The owner was able to corral both dogs back into his car. He was overjoyed!

The owner was extremely appreciative on scene and later contacted dispatch to formally express his gratitude. He said he typically had negative interactions with law enforcement but described this contact as positive and professional. He said his dogs were his world and thanked Deputy Alnsour for ensuring their safe return.

“Thank you for your work in helping a local citizen track down and protect their beloved golden retrievers who were in a busy part of our city and were on the loose. The citizen was incredibly thankful for your help that night and they said that you changed his perspective on cops because of how you helped him. Thank you for taking the time to make a difference in this person’s life through this act. Often times it’s the little things that we do that make the most difference. Thank you again!”

- Sgt. Ian Campbell

Senior Center - Community Outreach



Earlier this week, Captain Neil Woodruff and CSO Dahlia Corona visited the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center. During their visit, they met with seniors during lunch, socialized, and answered questions. This is one of many community outreach activities they will host at the center. They plan to visit monthly to foster relationships and provide education and awareness about scams, fraud, and crime prevention.
