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## Chief's Message

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Greeting Shoreline PD,

I sat down recently with Captain Angelo to discuss our staffing and the recent personnel moves. There is some optimism on the horizon in the coming months, but I will not sugar coat it, our current staffing is tough. However, I am thankful for those of you who continue to show up every day to do the work here for the community of Shoreline.

If any of you are like me, you have been hit with questions over how we are responding to ICE. Please continue to put out the message from downtown. We are not involved in immigration enforcement, and we do not interfere with federal law enforcement operations. As you well know, the federal government does not share information with us in regard to ICE operations. Thank you for your patience and professionalism as we navigate this new challenge in policing. The communications center is coming up with protocols when people call into 911. Stay tuned for more information.

Speaking of good police work, I wanted to highlight an arrest from day shift that involved teamwork and resulted in the arrest of a resistive shoplifter who refused to identify themselves. While in route to the call Det. Swanson spotted the shoplifter with her ill-gotten gains from Home Depot still in hand. After some persuasion and the quick application of handcuffs, Home Depot was able to get their property back, Sgt. Blanchette was able to identify her through a mobile fingerprint scanner, and this individual got a trip to

jail for their troubles. Job well done to Det. Swanson, Deputy Lipke, Deputy Schettler, and Sgt Blanchette.

Take care,

- Chief Tommy Collins

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### **MPO Coblantz Creatively Crafts Couple of Cat Corrals!**

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On the cold, rain-soaked evening of Tuesday, February 17, MPO Cary Coblantz responded to a 911 call involving a woman experiencing a mental health crisis. During the event, her two beloved cats escaped from their cardboard carriers.

MPO Coblantz went above and beyond to ensure her cats were safe. To accomplish this, he returned to the precinct and creatively crafted a couple of custom “cat corrals”, complete with ventilation holes and retrofitted handles. What followed included several rounds of strategic cat wrangling, quick reflexes, and plenty of teamwork. With assistance from Deputies Spencer Trop, Kris Goundar, and Elijah Osborne, the team successfully secured both cats without further incident.

MPO Coblantz successfully de-escalated the situation, building enough trust with the woman to convince her to stay with a friend for the night rather than remain on the streets. The woman was **ecstatic** while expressing deep gratitude for being heard and cared for by MPO Coblantz. While MPO Coblantz is a self-proclaimed “disliker of cats”, his actions reflected exemplary police work, compassion, and commitment to community well-being.

