

Shoreline / Precinct 5 Week In Review (March 19, 2026)

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Chief's Message



Hello Shoreline Crime Fighters,

This week I want to give a quick update on FIFA planning. There have been some meetings behind the scenes with the county on work assignments. Thanks to Captain Angelo, it appears that the two FIFA workdays that you are assigned will be here in the city of Shoreline. With that being said we are working on a game plan for the extra patrol staff that is assigned to the city for the games. Stay tuned more to come.

Also, please take a look at your badge and KCSO patches on your county uniforms. If the patch, including the cloth badge, has a crown in the center of it that patch is no longer authorized, and it needs to be replaced by the current patch as soon as possible. If your metal badge has the crown in the center of it the same is true. You can purchase your old badge if you want to keep it, but you need to replace it on your uniform with the current badge that has the State of Washington in the center of it. The captains will be tasking the sergeants to make sure this gets accomplished.

That's all for now,

- Chief Tommy Collins

Overall Crime Rate Drops Across King County

According to new data from the King County Sheriff's Office, the region's overall crime rate fell in 2025 compared with 2024.

- Homicides down 19%
- Aggravated assaults down 22%
- Robberies down nearly 40%
- Commercial burglaries down 47%
- Larcenies down 21%
- Property crimes (including auto theft) down nearly 19%



Deputies made 600 more arrests resulting from on-view (deputy initiated) rather than responding to a 911 call. It's part of a push for more proactive policing. More than 2,800 firearms were removed from the streets, contributing to fewer gun-related incidents.

Leadership emphasized continued focus on visible policing, strategic deployment, and proactive efforts to further reduce crime in 2026.

Chief Collins Joins Community Iftar



Chief Collins recently attended an iftar at the Bosnian Islamic Center in Shoreline. An Iftar is the meal eaten by Muslims at sunset to break their fast during Ramadan. The imam expressed his appreciation in an email.

"Dear Chief Tommy Collins,

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for the time you spent with our community at the iftar.

Our community was truly honored by your presence and deeply impressed by your kind and respectful approach toward everyone.

We hope that happiness and prosperity will accompany you throughout your life, and that we will have the opportunity to gather again in the future on similarly joyful occasions.

Nazif Prentic, Imam ICBW"

Detective Helmer and Deputies Gundogdu, Hunt and Paczosa Recognized for VNCO Arrest

Kenmore Detective Jeffrey Helmer had been alerted to a likely ongoing violation of a protective order by a previously arrested suspect/respondent, who had assaulted his girlfriend. The order was in place to protect both his girlfriend and their two young children.



On March 17, Detective Helmer, along with Kenmore Deputies Emre Gundogdu, Wyatt Hunt, and Connor Paczosa, went to the apartment where they suspected the boyfriend was violating the order, having spotted his vehicle outside. The victim denied him being there, but he was soon found hiding in a bathroom. Deputies arrested him without incident. Deputy Blair Carlin transported the male to SCORE. The court imposed a 25k bail between his two cases.

In an email, City Prosecutor Sarah Roberts said "Thanks to all of you for your work on this new VNCO arrest. Special thanks to Detective Helmer for taking my continuing calls and emails and 'keeping an eye out' for this guy for the last week. We knew he would do it, although I really thought it would be sooner! Thanks so much and I appreciate all you do, on this case and all the others."

Chief Brandon Moen added that Detective Helmer and the deputies were persistent in tracking down the suspect as they protected the DV victim and her children. It is appreciated and strengthens our core principle of protecting the public, particularly those that cannot protect themselves.

RCR and Shoreline Police Highlight Partnership at Community Event



On Monday evening, RCR Executive Director Brook Buettner, RCR Responder Emily Evans, and Captain Neil Woodruff met with community members at a dinner hosted by Calvin Presbyterian Church. The team provided an overview of the RCR/Shoreline Police partnership, outlined their respective roles, and highlighted available resources. They shared several success stories demonstrating the positive impact of the RCR/Shoreline Police collaboration and answered many thoughtful questions from community members.

RCR and the Shoreline Police extend their appreciation to Pastors Neil Trainer and Norm Underland for the invitation and the great food.

Community Outreach Expands with Scam Prevention and Neighborhood Safety Talks



On March 5, Detective T. Velie and CSO Dahlia Corona gave their first **SCAMS** presentation to international students at Shoreline Community College. The session was well received, with lots of engagement, questions, and

positive feedback. As part of ongoing crime prevention efforts and relationship building with the college, these presentations are planned to continue quarterly.

The following week, Det. Velie and Captain Woodruff met with the Parkwood Neighborhood Association at The Evergreen School to deliver a **Safety Preparedness for Your Neighborhood, Residence, and Person** presentation. Topics included residential security, lighting, cameras, scams and frauds, and other personal safety measures.

The event drew a strong turnout from Parkwood and nearby neighborhoods and led to a productive two-way discussion, with attendees sharing their own experiences and views. Residents expressed appreciation for the time, information, and continued outreach.

Captain Woodruff Connects with Youth at Ramadan Iftar



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On March 8, Captain Woodruff attended the Islamic Community of Bosniaks in Washington (ICBW) Ramadan Iftar for the youth in the Islamic Studies group. He spoke about the Shoreline Police–King County Sheriff’s Office partnership and programs. He shared tips on personal safety, including when it’s



appropriate to call 911. He also brought along some police equipment for the kids to see and explained how it's used.

Captain Woodruff answered a wide range of questions about Shoreline Police, his career, and our K9, and stayed after the presentation to spend time talking one-on-one with several of the youth. He wrapped up the evening by handing out Shoreline and KCSO swag.

The Shoreline Police would like to thank Imam Nazif Prentic and Dalila Habul for the invitation and organizing this event.

Police Explorer Update!



Our explorers have been working hard on their proficiencies in fundamental skills (handcuffing, phonetic alphabet, 10 codes, etc.), investigations and report writing. We had an excellent introductory to integrated arrest tactics meeting provided by IAT instructors Alfy Murillo and Deputy Welch! The Explorers learned a lot and thoroughly enjoyed the activity. We are very grateful to Murrillo and Welch for this training session.

- Deputy Sarah Lacy

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