



BREMERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



BPD Weekly Update

Law Enforcement Memorial

May 15th was National Law Enforcement Memorial Day. This is a day that we stop to honor the officers who sacrificed everything for their communities. Since 1791, there has been over 21,000 officers. Mayor Greg Wheeler took time to share thoughts as well as Kitsap County Prosecutor Chad Enright. I thank all those who took time out of their schedules to pay tribute to our local officers who have died in the line of duty as well as those across the country



Left: Kitsap County Prosecutor Chad Enright; Right: Bremerton Mayor Greg Wheeler

As Chief Jeff Horn of Bainbridge Island PD shared his thoughts, and taps were played, I was reminded of the many funerals I have attended over the years of Washington State officers who were taken way too soon leaving behind their loved ones. I was reminded to stop and appreciate the men and women that I get the honor of working with each day here in Bremerton and throughout Kitsap County. I was reminded about the impossible tasks they pull off every day; that even I have come to take for granted. Thank you to the families of our Officers, Deputies, and Troopers. We ask an awful lot of you. Thank you.

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Career Criminal Adds to His Resume

The Special Operations Group (SOG) was in an apartment we recently had several drug related arrests out of lately, and they were looking for a wanted known drug dealer. As luck would have it they did not find him but another long time career criminal with felony warrants was located. He was fresh out of prison for his last round of crimes in Bremerton. As the SOG Sgt. Billy Renfro relayed the story, Directed Enforcement Team (DET) Officer Derek Edje swooped in like Steven Seagal and arrested the felon. (Apparently, he is a big fan. Go figure.) From there, officers could see drug paraphernalia in the vehicle our felon was in and sought out a search warrant. Yep, you guessed it. He had more drugs in the car.

Don't Get Scammed

Officer Nathan Smith took a fraud/theft report from a male who received a phone call from Kitsap County Detective Sharpe. Frankly, I've never gotten along with this detective. (Spoiler alert, Detective Sharpe is fictitious and does not exist). The male said there was an active warrant for his arrest stemming from missed jury duty. The warrant had a \$2,000 price tag attached, which Detective Sharpe said could be taken care of through the purchasing of Google store gift cards (I think you know where this is going.). After purchasing \$1,000 in gift cards, the victim was transferred to the "finance department" to settle the remaining balance. The victim then went to Fred Meyer in an attempt to purchase additional cards where he was advised by an attentive clerk the whole thing could be a scam. It was. Don't be fooled by this scam or any scam demanding gift cards or wired money.

Beyblade is a serious matter apparently

A mom called 911 to report static between her 12-year-old daughter and some 11-year-old rivals. Apparently, this all started over sour grapes from a Beyblade toy trade at school. It appeared that one side may have gotten the better of the other in the deal because it led to unwanted items left on the back porch of the victim's residence. Officer Munjekovich questioned the youths and got one of the 11 years olds to confess to the items left on the porch. She agreed to cease and desist. We never had these issues in the 80s when we played with GI Joes and Hot Wheels. [Sgt. J. Schaefer]

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Not sure who the victim is here.

Officer George responded to a hit and run collision in the 600 block of Washington Avenue. The "victim" claimed a woman ran over his foot, or possibly his leg, for no reason. He had no injuries but requested aide. When aide arrived, he was then uncooperative as they tried to examine him. A few hours later, the victim returned to the residence and after being denied entry, took his frustration out on the hit and run vehicle which was now parked in a carport. The victim, turned suspect, chucked a brick through the rear window, and bent the license plate in an odd display of frustration. The original suspect, now a true victim, denied the collision occurred.

Theft 3 and so much more.

Corporal Rauback was dispatched to Shari's for a male refusing to pay his bill. The subject, who Corporal Rauback immediately recognized from past contacts, asked to speak outside. Corporal Rauback recalled this particular suspect was well known for running from the police so he declined the request. Turns out, the suspect probably did plan on taking off because had a felony warrant for possession of heroin. Search incident to arrest yielded additional heroin and methamphetamine.

Missing 5-year Old

Officer Hughes responded to Jackson Park for a missing 5-year old girl. The new nanny had fallen asleep, and awoken to find the girl gone. Officer Hughes searched the residence and located her asleep under a pile of clothing. Pretty sure the nanny will be looking for a new job.

ATM Machine?

Officer Clevenger was called to a subject who appeared to be picking cash out of one of our local parking lot pay boxes. He snuck up behind the crook and saw him jamming a piece of wire into one of the slots. BUSTED!

Of course, when questioned about his illicit behavior, the suspect said he was putting money into the slot to pay for parking, not the other way around. He was placed under arrest and I know you might find this surprising, he did not have a car in the parking lot.

You'll just go to jail tired.

Officer Greenhill was flying solo as the lone DET Officer when he observed three subjects running up the street. He remained in the area to see what they were up to and recognized one of them with a warrant. When the guy saw the cops, he hit the afterburners. Together they played cat and mouse around the neighborhood. Officer Greenhill would spot him, and he'd take off again. Spot him and take off again. And so, the dance continued. Until the subject emerged right into a trap consisting of two other officers. BUSTED! He joined the pay box picker in jail. You might be able to beat our Danners, but you can't beat our Motorolas. [Sgt. J. Schaefer]

It's not the size of the gun that matter. It's the size of the magazine.

Dayshift patrols were beckoned to a west side business for threats with a gun. A patron got mad at one of the workers for something dumb and made like he was going to use a gun against him. The subject had been told to stop carrying his firearm on the premises, so they knew he was often armed. The suspect was located and detained. He gave permission to remove his Glock 19 pistol from inside his truck. The thing had one of those 32 round extended magazines in it! It was HUGE!

Anyway, Officer McComas interrogated the subject and arrested him for felony harassment. His gun and ginormous magazine was entered into the Property Room where it couldn't intimidate anyone anymore. [Sgt. J. Schaefer]

Sold again, and again, and again.

A witness reported a hit and run collision in front of her house on Bay Vista Blvd. She witnessed a white van plow into a parked car and then drive off toward Winco. An officer arrived to complete the investigation and found a Honda was hit and pushed forward approximately 25 feet. After obtaining the initial information for the report, he found the suspect vehicle parked in front of the Summit Apartments. He contacted the registered owner, who advised she had sold the vehicle to a co-worker approximately six months earlier. However, the title was never transferred. The officer followed up with the new buyer, who advised he sold it to another person approximately three weeks ago. Again, the title wasn't transferred. The newest owner, and likely suspect, recently moved from the East Bremerton apartment where he had been living with his mother. His current whereabouts are unknown. As of now, the suspect vehicle is still parked on Bay Vista.

Special thanks to the Washington State Patrol. Our call volume was so high for a period of time, they graciously assisted us with two DUI collisions that occurred in the city. And speaking of DUI collisions...

An observant passer-by noticed a vehicle was inoperable at 4th Street/Warren Avenue due to the fact it hit the curb and blew out both of its tires. Officer Munjekovich responded and found the driver had fallen asleep at the wheel, causing him to hit the curb with enough force to blow out its tires. Now, what possible reason would a person fall asleep at the wheel at 2 am on a Saturday morning? If you guessed DUI, you're correct. He was booked for DUI and his vehicle was towed away.

DV Burglary

A woman broke up with her boyfriend and moved out of a North Callow apartment they shared, into her own home on Ivy Road. The ex-boyfriend was not pleased with this new arrangement, so he decided to show up at her house at 2 am to discuss the matter with her. She tried ignoring him, but after he persistently knocked at her door and window, and then held down the door bell yelling that he would stay there all night if he had to, she got up and tried to talk to him. The moment she opened the door, he pushed his way in. She tried to run for the bedroom, but he chased her, held her down, and began to strangle her. She reached for her phone to call for help, but he grabbed it and went outside. She last heard from him when he threw the phone at the house and threatened that she would regret it if she called the police. A K9 track was initiated, but he was not located. Officer Smith followed up the next morning and arrested him at his North Callow Apartment. He was booked for Burglary 1, DV-Assault 2, and Interfering with the Reporting of Domestic Violence.

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