



# BREMERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



## Chief Strachan's Weekly Update

During the early morning hours last week, a transformer blew, causing a small fire and electrical outage in the area of Sheridan Road and Wheaton Way. Officer Brandon Greenhill was in the area when this happened, and grabbed his fire extinguisher to extinguish the fire. Brandon has recreated the heroic moment in the photo below. Since putting out the fire, officers have noticed changes in Brandon's behavior. He only goes to calls in very large trucks, and only if accompanied by many other people. He blocks all lanes of traffic on every call he takes, and he refers to himself as "An American Hero" while choking up and waving a small American flag. We are hoping this wears off soon...



On a more serious note, Brandon along with Officer Mike Nelson did a great job helping to resolve a difficult, complex and very visible incident last week. Around 4:30 PM, dispatch reported that a man was standing near the middle of the Warren Avenue Bridge on the outside of the railing. He appeared to be contemplating jumping off. Mike and Brandon quickly responded and began a dialogue with the man. Other officers became involved and the decision was made to close the Warren Avenue Bridge, mostly to deter any "hecklers" driving by. Traffic was diverted to the Manette Bridge, which did not make some citizens too happy. The Fire Dept. came to the scene and positioned an ambulance at the Lions Field boat launch and the Sheriff's Office responded to assist with their Marine Unit. After speaking with the unresponsive man for over 30 minutes, he climbed to the inside of the rail and onto the sidewalk and sat down, and later walked to a waiting patrol vehicle. Officers Nelson and Greenhill, Sergeant Randy Olson and Kitsap Co. Sheriff's Deputy Jon Johnson should be commended for their tremendous patience, compassion, and tact while dealing with this individual. The man was transported to Harrison Medical Center for a Mental Health Evaluation.

Sgt. Rich Cronk and Officer Steven Polonsky assisted the Pierce County Sheriff's Office last week in the arrest of a suspect in the burglary of a business and theft of an ATV from a dealership in our city. The suspect was thoughtful enough to put pictures of the ATV on his Facebook page. An employee of the business found the photo and located the Facebook information. The suspect was booked into jail, where his access to social media will be more limited.

Ryan Heffernan has been promoted to Patrol Sergeant, and is assigned to take over one

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of our night shifts. Both Sgt. Heffernan and Officer Todd Byers will be sworn in at the August 20 City Council meeting.

Washington's Most Wanted featured a person wanted for Failing to Register as a Sex Offender, as well as several other warrants last week. We received several tips, and the man was arrested by Kitsap County near Port Orchard. Many thanks to citizens, Officer Jordan Ejde for developing information on the suspect, and to the Sheriff's Office for their assistance.

Det. Marty Garland has done a great job working a complex robbery case. [Click here](#) for the press release sent out last week for the suspect. Following issue of this press release, the suspect turned himself in and is now in custody.

Also attached is a press release for the July 30 Kick-Off for the Crisis Intervention Officer (CIO) Program for Mental Health. Please [click here](#) to view.

Last week, the Bremerton Patriot did a great story on the man rescued from the water by residents, Fire and Police, along with a feature about the man who was rescued. Below are the links:

<http://www.bremertonpatriot.com/news/266811531.html>

<http://www.bremertonpatriot.com/news/266811361.html>

We received this note last week from a young woman:

*Good evening,  
Earlier today, July 10th, I was pulled over by one of your officers. His name is Rivera. I just wanted to write to you thanking your officer and your department for treating me well. He was very nice to me. I have never been respected as much as he respected me. My father is a state trooper and he was very impressed as well when I told him what happened. He also gave me the idea to send you an email letting you know that you have a very good officer on your force. I appreciate the fact that he let me know what I was doing wrong. Please let Officer Rivera know that I am thankful.*

Finally, last week I got a very nice note from a little boy named Ethan, who sent us a picture and a note titled "Go Police". I have attached a PDF of the note ([click here](#) to view), and it reads:

*Dear Police, I hope you are having a great summer. I hope you are catching all of the bad guys, and thank you very much for keeping us safe. I hope you are stopping people from gambling, smoking, eating too much sushi and speeding.*

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