



# BREMERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



## Chief Strachan's Weekly Update

**This Would Have Done George Costanza Proud:** We received information that a suspect in a serious felony was at an address in West Bremerton. He had five (5!) misdemeanor warrants and a felony arrest warrant for Rape of a Child. Officers surrounded the residence and knocked at the front door. The man opened the back window and began his exit when he was confronted by Officer Brandon Greenhill. The man then ran to the front door and almost knocked over a pregnant woman trying to get out. Officer John Bogen deployed his Taser at the man while he was at the front door, and he made his first good decision of the day, giving up and being taken into custody. He went to jail.



**Dave's Not Here Man....** We had been looking for a man wanted on a Burglary warrant all week, and Officer Jordan Ejde went to an address seeking this ne'er-do-well. We had information the man had been living at an empty house outside of our city. While being assisted by Officer Jacob Switzer, Jordan observed a bike leaned up against a shed. The officer knocked on the shed and heard a male's voice inside. The officer said he was "Greg" and "had his \$20 bucks." The suspect opened the door and was taken into custody. The man has 233 contacts and 29 separate booking photos. He is in jail thanks to some good police work, and another strong message sent by our department.

Also, last week Officer Chris Faidley located a car that had crashed into the steps of the Synagogue at 11th St and Veneta Ave. The driver had suffered a seizure while driving, and fortunately had only minor injuries. The damage to the building was also minor, but the man's vintage 1966 Mustang did not fare so well.

We sent out a message on our Twitter account last week about a scam being perpetrated nationwide, in which people receive calls from someone saying they are with the IRS, and demanding payment for back taxes owed. We have reports of several people in our city receiving this call, and unfortunately one man sent \$16,000 to the scammers. It is infuriating to think that someone lost that much of their hard-earned money to these criminals. [Click here](#) for more information on the scam.

Our voluntary Alcohol Restriction started up this past weekend. We have asked all local off-sale alcohol retailers to not sell high-alcohol cheap single serve products, such as 40 ounce malt liquor and fortified wine, from 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM each day. Most of our retailers are pleased to be our partners in this effort, along with all of our local wholesale distributors of alcohol and the Chamber of Commerce. A few retailers have refused and have indicated they will not be a part of the effort. We will keep you advised of the progress of our experience in this initiative, which is part of our continued effort to work with businesses and residents to always improve our neighborhoods and business climate.

Search warrants, body cameras, public disclosure - these are all topics that are always in the news and are part of the ongoing balance we need to strike between privacy rights, personal liberty, and public safety. The nurse in Maine who will not cooperate with the Ebola quarantine that has been ordered by the State of Maine is another example. Some people think she is a hero who is standing up to overreaching government restrictions, and others think she is foolishly risking the lives of the public. In the midst of the media coverage and what can be perceived as some level of sensationalism, this is one of the best videos we have seen on real facts about Ebola and the law enforcement and public safety response to it. It is from the Nashville, Tennessee Police Department. It is aimed at law enforcement and first responders, but is good information for anyone:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6xkDsnBH50&feature=youtu.be>

Along with the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office, we assisted Poulsbo P.D. last week on their

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case involving threats made by a student at North Kitsap High. There have been a number of incidents this week at schools all around the area following the shootings at Marysville-Pilchuck a couple weeks ago. We received updates each week from our School Resource Officer, Matt Strombach, and many of the cases involved interacting with students who make concerning statements, or engage in some activity that causes concern for staff, students or parents. We are very fortunate to have this resource, which is funded both by our City and the School District in a great cooperative effort. There is also a national effort underway to work with the media on incidents such as the one in Marysville, to stop spending so much time and effort trying to immediately get information out about the name, background and every Facebook posting ever made by the shooter. It celebrates and reinforces the behavior, and many think it creates copycats. In our country, with a free press, it cannot be mandated, but it can be requested, and consumers of the media can demand it. It is an interesting development in the distressingly frequent incidents of mass violence and the media coverage of them.

With the retirement of Det. Floyd May, Beau Ayers will be moving to Detectives soon. Congratulations Det. Ayers!

We received some great feedback last week from a homeowner in West Bremerton:

*We had a strange car prowling and someone acting weird in the neighborhood for about an hour. We called it in over the weekend and your Officer was there in a jiffy. Not sure what the issue was and that's okay. The car left and hasn't been back. Thanks again for taking such good care of our neighborhood! We have to tell you that we bought this home as our forever house and dreamed of doing some major upgrades, but the state of the neighborhood made me wonder if putting a lot of money into it was reasonable...maybe we'd just move out. Your department's commitment to us makes us feel confident in putting those investments into our home and staying :) We are so grateful for your department!*

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