



BREMERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



Chief Strachan's Weekly Update

Proactive Patrol = Stopping a One-Man Crime Wave: On December 20th, Officer Jordan Ejde was dispatched to the report of a possible drug house in West Bremerton. As he watched the house for any suspicious activity, a car left the area and rolled through a stop sign, without coming to a complete stop. Officer David Hughes attempted to stop the car, which took off at a high rate of speed on 13th Street. Officer Hughes immediately terminated the pursuit, but just moments later the car went into the T intersection at 13th Street and Naval Avenue, and came to a rapid stop against a concrete wall. Both airbags deployed and the male driver and female passenger ran away on foot. Officers Ejde and Hughes pursued the driver on foot and deployed their secret weapon Officer Bryan Hall and his K9 partner Ando. Officer Hall gave multiple, very loud, announcements for the suspect to show himself, or else he would deploy the dog and the suspect would possibly be bitten. After receiving no response, Officer Hall began the K9 track. "Ando" tracked directly to a residential porch, approximately 75 feet from where he had done the announcement, and located the suspect hiding under a porch. The man was taken into custody. He was wanted on an arrest warrant from the Department of Corrections. The female passenger was not located. Officer Hughes returned to the car and found a loaded, .380 caliber, semi-auto handgun approximately ten feet away from the car, and the gun was determined to have been stolen from a burglary in unincorporated Kitsap County earlier this year where multiple firearms were stolen. In the car, officers located a small cloth baggie containing ammunition. The suspect, a 4-time convicted felon, was treated at Harrison Medical Center for dog bites and then booked into the Kitsap County Jail for Felony Eluding Police, Hit and Run, 2nd Degree Unlawful Possession of a Firearm and Possession of a Stolen Firearm. Absolutely outstanding police work by all officers involved, including Officers Hughes, Ejde, Hall and K9 "Ando"!

Saving a Life on Festivus: On December 23rd, Officer Kelly Meade was dispatched to a report of a man getting ready to jump off the Warren Avenue Bridge. Officer Meade contacted the 22 year old, who was holding onto the rail on the south side of the bridge. He was with his girlfriend and stated that he was bipolar, and had been thinking of committing suicide. Officer Meade talked him off the rail and the man agreed to be taken to Harrison Hospital for a mental health evaluation.

Christmas Eve Fire: It seems there are large residential fires right around the holidays far too often. On Christmas Eve, Bremerton Fire and our officers responded to a residential structure fire on Houston Avenue. When Officer Jeff Inklebarger arrived, the duplex had fortunately already been fully evacuated, but the building was fully engulfed. Below is a photo taken right after arrival shows the intensity of the fire. The Red Cross also responded to assist the two displaced families.



Cheech and Chong Would Be Proud: We generally have not seen a massive wave of marijuana related traffic issues, but on the 27th we had one. Officer Brandon Greenhill was behind a vehicle stopped at a traffic light at Wheaton and Sylvan. As the light turned green, the vehicle sped off at well over 50 mph on Wheaton Way and was weaving in and out of traffic as it crossed the Warren Ave Bridge. Officer Greenhill stopped the vehicle for speeding. The driver admitted to smoking marijuana and consuming alcohol. During the field sobriety tests, Brandon said the driver could not stop smiling due to the effects of the marijuana. The driver was arrested for DUI and jailed. Another potential crash taken off the roadways by good patrol work.



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Fathers and Sons Should Have Common Interests: Officer Jacob Switzer stopped a man at 10:25 PM last week for not signaling a turn on Sylvan Way. Sgt. Mike Davis stopped another man, who it turned out is the son of the first driver, at 10:35, just ten minutes later, for spinning his tires for a lengthy distance entering Wheaton Way. The father was intoxicated and arrested for DUI. The son was also intoxicated and was arrested for Negligent Driving in the 1st Degree. The son was booked first, and the father was later booked after processing. The two were reunited in a holding cell at the jail.

A few weeks ago, Det. Crystal Gray received a great letter from a victim we helped a few years back. The woman was victimized by a boyfriend way back in the late 70's and early 80's; to the point she had actually had a bomb placed in her car. The woman was forced to change her identity and completely relocate for her own safety. After 25 years, she decided to return to this area, believing the threat was gone. Unfortunately, the suspect had hired a private investigator and located her again. The man began sending her flowers and notes and she believed he was again stalking her. Our detectives were able to gather enough information to assist the woman to seek and obtain a lifetime protection order. It has now been a few years and she again wanted to sincerely thank our detectives for all they did a few years ago.

With the retirement of Officer Robbie Davis, we have made a job offer to Michelle Greisheimer, an experienced lateral officer who comes to us from the Chandler, Arizona Police Department. Michelle also worked with the Seattle Police Department. She will start in February - welcome Michelle!

Happy New Years!

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