

Thursday, May 18th, 2023

#### **Chief's Message**



Thank you to those of you willing to step up and have a voice in the KCSO Strategic Planning SWOT Sessions. Often, I heard great ideas, wants and wishes for the state of our department. These sessions are a first step opportunity for everyone of those ideas, wants and wishes to really be <u>heard</u> and prioritized with *your* input. I can tell you firsthand that Maj. Mendel and Van do an excellent job facilitating these fast-paced two-hour sessions that are worth every minute your are willing to put into them. We have a beautiful sunny day set for our first Precinct 5 Qual Day at Ravesndale this Friday. Thank you, Sgt. Salter, for coordinating our day and scheduling!

- Chief Park

# All Staff Meeting Wednesday, May 24

Please remember the all-staff meeting and awards ceremony is next Wednesday (May 24th 1400-1700) at the Shoreline City Hall Council Chambers.

Enjoy a catered lunch and presentations by our esteemed colleague, Detective Debby Schmitz, and Mike Washington, a former U.S. Marine, retired Seattle Firefighter and Gold Star father. Mike is an incredible person. If you don't know him, please visit this KING-5 link to learn more about his personal journey -



See you Wednesday -

**KING-5 Story** 

# **Strawberry Festival 2023**



We want to recognize Deputy Jurado and all his partners for attending the May 6th Strawberry Festival. There was exceptional turnout and continued partnership between us and members of the Shoreline Fire Department.

None of these events happen without the behind the scenes logistics and support of Detective Kieland. Thank you to all who support our critically important community outreach efforts. This work matters.

## We Hear You...



This photo captures how I recently felt trying on my new jumpsuit. We hear you. For many of us the fit, finish and quality simply don't work. Shoreline is not alone.

There have been, as we know, many ideas to address this jumpsuit challenge. While things never move as fast as we'd like, there are efforts downtown (as recently as today) for the *Uniform Equipment Board* to consider alternatives and other remedies for an issue that touches each and every worksite. Nothing is final, but there is hopeful progress.

Please know your concerns are not unheard. With a bit more time, Chief Park and I are encouraged we'll have options that better fit *(pun intended)* our uniform needs.

-Capt. Tim Meyer

### Stacie

Anyone serving in Shoreline over the last two decades likely knows Stacie. Her struggles with alcohol - and the public safety challenges that creates along the Aurora corridor - are known by most. So frequent are our contacts, we need only her first name.



This week, thanks to a very welcome invitation from the city of Shoreline, we partnered in efforts to source

supportive housing for Stacie. The hope is with mental health and related services we can break Stacie's costly cycle of arrest and release. This is a first step in a long and uncertain path. Do nothing and nothing happens.

Our efforts started yesterday when Christina and I shared nearly an hour with Stacie's brother at the Dayton Ave N home they shared as children. Learn more about Stacie, we reasoned, and our efforts will be more successful. We confirmed her challenges with mental health and alcohol span decades. She sometimes leaves, but always comes home to Shoreline.

Next Monday we take a second step. We are visiting SCORE where Stacie is being held through early June. Find some rapport and there's hope for a next-step. Maybe what works for Stacie will work for others we often contact.

-Capt. Tim Meyer

# **Gosling Release at Ronald Bog Park**





Wildlife Naturalist Anthony Denice with the Progressive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) released five orphaned Canada Goose goslings to wild "foster parents" on Tuesday at Ronald Bog Park. Denice says the preferred rehabilitation process for goslings of this species is to unite them as quickly as possible with geese who have biological offspring in the same developmental stage.

This allows goslings to grow up with other geese rather than be raised in human care. The color of their down feathers indicates these goslings were only 1-3 weeks old at the time of release. Within 10 weeks, they will have developed their adult plumage and will be able to fly.

# **National Police Week Wraps Up**



King County and the rest of the nation observes National Police Week from Sunday, May 14 through Saturday, May 20,2023. Community members will take time to honor the dedicated and courageous men and women in law enforcement. This weeklong recognition coincides with National Peace Officers Memorial Day—May 15—which President John F. Kennedy signed into law in 1962. During this week and year-round, we express our gratitude for the Nation's law enforcement community.

- Kris Tsujikawa

