

# Chief's Message



As you are all aware, part of the changes that came with I-940 included having a list of willing, backgrounded, and trained community members to pull from and assist independent investigation teams for major events within our community. I have been working with the City Manager to solicit new applicants and conduct interviews to update the original list Chief Ledford and the former City Manager created. It has been an encouraging process to see so many

interested members of our community, and I look forward to sharing the newly updated list once we finish the selection process and get folks through backgrounding.

### **Connecting With High School Students**



Captain Lockhart with students from Shorewood High School's Independent Living classes.

Recently, along with Councilmember Chris Roberts, I had the opportunity to speak with Shorewood High School Independent Living students in the council chambers. The visiting Independent Living classes support students with a variety of

disabilities, physical and intellectual. Their teacher works with them on the concepts of laws and rules. I was able to speak with the students about how police enforce laws and how we work with city government to create change.

They were a great group of students and had thoughtful questions. They really enjoyed the opportunity to speak with us. We welcome the opportunity to connect with our community in a variety of settings.

- Captain Tony Lockhart

# **Celebrating Five Years of Service**



K9 Deputy Dallon, Deputy Fenton and Chief Park

This week Deputy Fenton was presented with a coin celebrating his five years of outstanding service and dedication to King County Sheriff's Office.

Congratulations Ryan!

#### Please Consider the S.H.E.R.I.F.F. Fund



With our upcoming open enrollment and Employee Giving Program (EGP) push, I wanted to take some time to discuss a worthy cause. I belong to the S.H.E.R.I.F.F. (Sam Hicks Employee Relief Interim First Fund) Board, and I can tell you it is a worthwhile effort for all of us involved. The board currently consists of: President: Maj. Jon Mattsen (retired), VP: Sgt. Rich Torres, Secretary-Treasurer: Me, Board Members: Deputy Bob Nix in Metro, Sgt. Tom Liu in Metro, Cpt. Scott Dery in ST, and ATU's Dep. Jahie Miller.

Every year for the last 24 years, we have given as gesture of goodwill and with absolutely no strings attached money to first responders and their families in times of crisis and unexpected turmoil amounting to tens of thousands of dollars annually. As anyone who has ever reached out or has asked for funds for others know, the process is as simple as contacting a member of the Board with a specific request on the emergent need for grant assistance. We may or may not seek clarification questions (usually always very general in nature), the Board votes via email usually within the day, and we push the funds out to those most in need of emergency cash.

Whether or not the S.H.E.R.I.F.F. Fund is something you are interested in or not as part of EGP, I encourage you all to participate in the EGP in some form or fashion. It is a very easy thing to do, you will be helping others, and more importantly, this Fund may benefit you or one of your friends or family members in the future.

Last year the Fund was not included in our EGP due to a major issue that our and several other charities faced with the WA Secretary of State's backlog on annual charities renewals. Please consider giving again this year.

Thank you all.

- Chief Park

#### **Listening to Our Youngest Voices**



Third grader Lincoln meeting with Officer Schettler this morning.

This morning I had the pleasure of speaking with Lincoln, a 3rd grader, regarding his safety concerns with aggressive drivers at his school bus stop located at Forest Park Dr. NE and 19th Ave NE. Lincoln is visually impaired and uses a cane but that has not stopped him from being vigilant of dangerous drivers.

Lincoln displayed great leadership and initiative by coming into the precinct and voicing his concerns for his own safety and the safety of his fellow classmates. If you have any time during your shift to observe the bus stop, we can show Lincoln his efforts and courage paid off. The morning pick up starts at 08:14 hours and afternoon drop off is at 15:25 hours. Thank you for your help and be safe.

- Deputy Schettler