

Chief's Message



Next week we look forward to celebrating an excellent year in Shoreline with our end-of-year All Staff Training and Awards. Please RSVP to Victoria NOW so we have a proper count for food. Wear your jumpsuits for the annual photo, please. If you are actively injured, you are of course exempt from the uniform. This year the goal is to get everyone's face in the photo! We will share a meal, hear from Deputy

Chief Andy McCurdy about wellness and resiliency, and recognize some amazing accomplishments! OT requests should go to your immediate supervisor.

Sgt. Rich Torres stopped by my office today to recognize excellent follow-up work done on Thanksgiving by Dep. Han Mainaga. After a hit and run, Dep. Mainaga searched for and located the suspect RV parked deeply back in a driveway in Richmond Beach leading investigators to the suspect and a locked tight case! Excellent work, Dep. Mainaga!

Thank you all for the work you do every day!

Team Effort For Return Home



A young woman and her friend came into the precinct last week requesting assistance with shelter to escape domestic violence by her ex-partner, as well as threats by her family of origin in Washington. The woman presented as upset; crying, breathing quickly, and speaking in an elevated tone, while expressing concern about being in Washington. She desperately wished to return home to Arizona but was stuck in Washington.

She was anxious and panicked about living unhoused in Washington through the winter. She pleaded for help getting into a shelter or hotel until she could manage to get home. In addition to being unhoused, she had been carrying her deceased infant's ashes inside of a doll. She was continually concerned her ex-boyfriend might hurt her son, referring to her lifelike doll containing her son's ashes. The woman alternated between referring to her son as real and understanding the doll is handmade and is holding her son's ashes; regardless, the doll holds tremendous importance and sentimental value for her.

Dahlia, our CSO, stayed late and searched diligently until she managed to arrange with recovery navigators in Federal Way for her to stay in a hotel for the evening in Federal Way. They also agreed to transport her to the airport the following day. While she was requesting shelter, I secured funding for her to fly home to Arizona. The cost of a flight was less expensive than two nights in a hotel. I purchased a ticket for her to fly home the following day. There was another barrier to her departure. She had left her Arizona State ID at Virginia Mason a few weeks earlier. I went to the Emergency Department at Virginia Mason and helped security and patient care representatives search for her ID until it was located. I met her at the airport with her ID and gave her an activated cell phone with unlimited minutes and data for a month. I also brought her food for her trip home. She was elated and grateful. The recovery navigator, Nikki, was incredibly KIND and patient. She

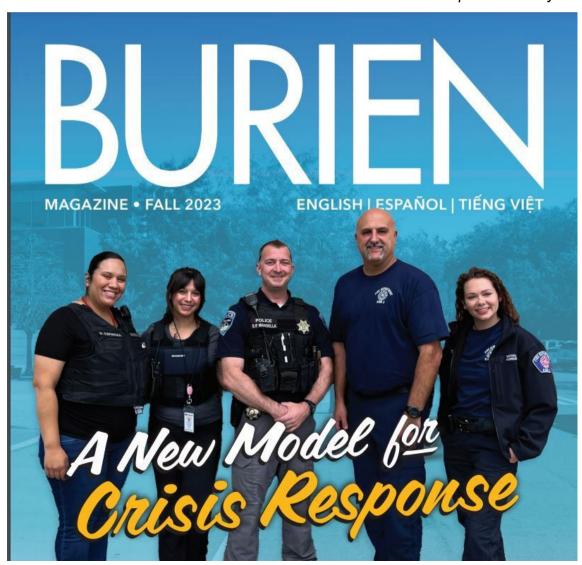
provided transportation to the airport, bought her lunch and waited with her until it was clear she had her ID to travel. After she arrived in Arizona, the young woman notified me that she was so happy to be back and was relieved to have a familiar place and providers to have herself admitted to a psychiatric hospital in Arizona to address her grief and trauma.

- Melissa Hartley, Crisis Responder

On the Cover: Sgt. Mandella

I was at Precinct-4 this afternoon where I spotted our own Sgt. Mandella on the cover of *Burien Magazine*. We could not be more pleased to have him now leading co-response efforts here. Again, welcome Scott!

-Captain Tim Meyer



Photos needed!



Have any work related photos to share?

We are looking for photos for slide show.

PLEASE SEND TO KRIS BEFORE NEXT THURSDAY, THANK YOU!