



## Chief's Message



This week Cpt. Meyer and I joined the city in a Town Hall discussion with North City regarding significant parking concerns. We are so fortunate to work with such a compassionate and competent crew with our city. The discussion was led by the super Christina Arcidy, our traffic engineer, Kendra Dedinsky, our senior planner, Elise Kein, and our CE/CRT partner, Bob Crozier.

I wanted to thank each of you who participated in the threats incident at King's School Wednesday. I have reached out to our Sound Transit partners with additional thanks for their assist. Your swift and professional response were very appreciated by the city, school, students/families of Kings.

On Thursday, we had the pleasure of attending Sgt. Mandella's promotional ceremony. Sgt. Mandella has made such an amazing addition to our team and community in Shoreline. He has taken our co-response to another level with his SME years of experience. We look forward to many years of partnership with him.

One of the goals we have for this year is to start rebuilding our re-deployed Traffic Unit. This will be reimagined to include the addition of impaired driving emphasis cars. The goal is to have one car (FTE) in place before the end of 2024. That individual will have a fixed 4/10 schedule and must be willing to apply for and complete certification as a DRE within a reasonable amount of time. They will be expected to engage in education efforts and social media engagement with our community and schools. If you have interest in this position, please speak to Sgt. Fitchett. More to come!

FMLA/AL/ML changes... Historically, anyone contracted who remained on FMLA, Administrative Leave, or Military Leave was moved off the contract "books" to unincorporated KCSO after 90 days. This process was paused as we worked through a significant staffing crisis. Through the work of the contract city chiefs, human resources, and budget and accounting, this practice will soon begin again. Changes come along with it though. Anyone on ML for 30 days, or anyone on AL or FMLA for 120 days will be moved off the contract "books" to a ghost unit until able to return to work. This will help maintain unincorporated staffing percentages while saving the contracts from being billed and not represented in true staffing numbers for draft purposes. If you have questions feel free to come and see me.

Thank you all for your dedication and service.

- Chief Park

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## Sgt. Mandella's Promotion Ceremony

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(L-R) Chief Park, MHP Melissa Hartley, Kelly Mandella, Sergeant Mandella, MHP John Streimikes, Captain Meyer and Captain Lockhart at the Promotion Ceremony earlier today at Black River.

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## RCR Outreach Success

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Connections, like the one shared below, is among the most important work performed by our RCR MHPs. I appreciate MHP Streimikes sharing another success thanks to his efforts with Sgt. Mandella. We are making gains one contact at a time -

- Captain Tim Meyer

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***I got a wonderful text message today from a client that Sgt Mandella and I visited and referred to the Recovery Navigator Program last week. The client was a vulnerable man in his late 50s... who was detoxing from alcohol abuse in his home. He was surrounded by empty vodka bottles and his place smelled terrible. He was a very sweet gentleman however, fully cooperative with efforts to help him. Except he was unwilling to go back to any ER or detox facility due to previous mistreatment. He was determined to quit on his own, and was resigned to going through the process alone.***

**Instead, I visited again... bringing him some sparkling water that he likes and introducing him to two peer counselors with Recovery Navigator Program.**

**Here's his text to me today:**

**'HeyO, John. I'm doing pretty well. I have to say your referral to John and Ron have been great. I've used a lot of their advice through conversations and I've been able to get through some pretty dark times, really. No drinking!!!! Lots**

**of walks, back to work, and you wouldn't recognize the art studio as it's been cleaned. Thank you so much and I don't know I could have done this w/o them. Plz be safe! And thanks again.'**

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*- MHP John Streimikes*

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