

Chief's Message



This was a busy and extra hot week! Please make sure you are taking breaks and staying hydrated... especially those of you working uniformed positions. Our Executive City and County Leadership recently visited and asked to remind everyone on the idling policy. I know this means your cars are hot, so please crack your windows when safely parked here at the station and look for shade every chance you get. We want you to stay safe and healthy.

Thank you to everyone on patrol for covering extra shifts. This month is <u>exceptionally</u> rough with staffing, and I know you are all feeling it. Although we keep hearing about how low our vacancy rate is now, we all

know that until the MANY people we have hired are through Phase 1-2, relief is not seen on our end until new hires make it out to Phase 3 and we can actually fill a shift vacancy. THANK YOU to our PTOs, who are working so hard to get folks

successfully through the program and to those of you in Phase 2 and 3 working hard to make it through the program. Help <u>IS</u> on the way as both Kenmore and Shoreline have been promised staffing raises to +80% in this next staffing draft round. We will see some relief by mid-August with the addition of patrol deputies and a Shoreline patrol sergeant.

Our KC Councilmember Dembowski visited the precinct again on Tuesday to have a ride-along with RCR Crisis Responder, Emily. The RCR Executive Director, Brook, presented him with a plaque in recognition of his support of RCR from infancy (Shoreline RADAR) and continued advocacy for our program. We love and appreciate our RCR partners! Thank you, Melissa, John, Emily and Ruby!

Wednesday, we hosted another successful Justice Based Policing class for Post BLEA in continued support of KCSO ATU/BTU efforts. Thank you to Sergeants Speight and Woodruff for the assistance in continuation of this program.

- Chief Park







RCR Success With MPO Rodriguez

Last Saturday, I co-responded with MPO Rodriguez to a woman's house. She is going through a tough time: a dissolving marriage, on administrative leave at work, and - just the day before - hospitalization for a suicide attempt.

She was hostile toward police and refused to let MPO Rodriguez into her house, but she was willing



to sit with me and talk. She was visibly intoxicated, and eventually let me know that she had started drinking early that morning. She admitted that her alcohol use has gotten out of control and is ruining her life. After about 90 minutes, she agreed that she wanted to go to a detox facility and would accept my help getting there.

I called the Recovery Navigator Program to locate a treatment bed at Recovery Place. It was too late for RNP staff to transport her there, but a family friend stepped up to drive her to the facility in Beacon Hill. Thank you to MPO Rodriguez who

waited patiently and made sure I was safe while still respecting the client's boundaries.

The client's therapist, ex-husband, and best friend were all very thankful that a 911 call was able to generate a social worker response for her instead of another involuntary hospitalization.

- John Streimikes, MHP

Thank you to CIU - Illegal Tire Dumping



We want to recognize Det. Gedney and Shoreline CIU for their efforts to attempt to identify suspect(s) illegally dumping used tires in Shoreline. Collection and disposal costs can total hundreds of dollars in addition to the work and environmental impact.

We are asking al lot of each and every member right now. To each of our detectives, we share our sincere thanks for investigating cases of every kind. The work on this case - and so many other - matters to our community.

- Captain Tim Meyer

