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Chief's Message



Good Afternoon,

I generally use this space to put out information, quash rumors, and dole out well deserved kudos. Today I am going to address the situation that occurred this week here in Shoreline. As many of you know we were scheduled to be hosted for Coffee with a Cop on 03/26 by Pilgrim Coffee. On Monday the City started to receive emails and traffic on their social media about the event. As some of you know, our own Facebook page also received both positive and negative comments regarding this event. In general, I do not pay attention to comments on social media. Over the years I

have found many people will say things online that they would never say in person. However, I was requested by the City to change the venue of the event because of the concerns of protest during our meeting. I do not like giving in to the heckler's veto, but this is a community engagement event that was supposed to give us an opportunity to talk with the residents of Shoreline to discuss policing issues. With

that in mind I honored the City's request; To be clear this was my decision. This business did not sign up for us to bring a protest to their front door. Although conflicted, the right thing in my view was to cancel the event for now. In the future we will be hosting all Coffee with a Cop events at City owned facilities.

Today, along with Dahlia, I will be meeting with the management team of Pilgrim Coffee. I want to express my thanks to them for volunteering to host our event. They were the only small non-corporate coffee shop in the City of Shoreline to volunteer when Dahlia put out the request. I also want them to know that they deserve the same protection and service from Shoreline PD that any other business in Shoreline deserves. I have been told that many of you frequent this coffee shop during your day. I would encourage you to continue visiting if you so choose. The people that work here at Shoreline PD pride themselves on getting involved in this community. In my view that means everyone in our community regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, creed, political viewpoints, or race. We serve everyone!

Stay safe,

~ Chief Tommy Collins

Officers Help Three-Year-Old and Mom

Deputy Schettler and MPO Ater responded to a welfare check at an apartment complex in Shoreline on March 8, 2025, at approximately 6:40 AM. Upon arrival, they found a 3-year-old boy, nearly naked, alone in the downstairs lobby. None of the apartment residents recognized him, but he appeared happy and intelligent. Without hesitation, Deputy Schettler offered his jacket and engaged him in conversation, while Sgt. Mandella brought clothes and games for him.



The officers soon located the child's home and learned that his mother was facing very difficult circumstances compounded by the recent loss of the father figure. MPO Ater actively listened and went out of his way to introduce the mother to our regional crisis responders (RCR) and to connect her with other independent resources, assisting not only her but her entire family. Deputy Schettler and Deputy Lipke helped her unpack and pick up around the house. While this may seem like a small gesture, it provided much needed support in a challenging time. Our officers are not only skilled investigators but also demonstrate empathy by putting themselves in others' shoes.

This is 1st shift B-squad improving the quality of life for a struggling family and representing our agency and profession in fine form! - Sgt. Mandella

Commendation for Deputy Boyer



On March 3, 2025, Deputy Andrew Boyer conducted a welfare check on an elderly Kenmore resident who lived alone. He had assisted her in the past. He noticed signs of inactivity around her home and tried to reach her but did not get any response. He called for backup and he and Deputy Wren entered the home where they found her deceased.

Her neighbor, who had made the initial request for a welfare check a long while ago, thanked Deputy Boyer for his compassion and dedication. He highlighted that Deputy Boyer had consistently checked in on the woman well beyond his initial request. When there was no response during the final visit, Deputy Boyer went above and beyond to contact her next of kin and to reach out Tom. Tom praised the deputy's kindness, compassion and commitment to the community.
