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Chief's Message



Greeting Shoreline PD,

This week I wanted to address some concerns that have popped up recently about immigration enforcement. We do not have any information that Immigration and Customs Enforcement is operating within the boundaries of Shoreline. If for some reason you get information that there is an operation going on within the city, please remember that *it is not our job to enforce federal immigration laws*. If we get an officer needs assistance call, we will respond like we

would for any other agency to assist in resolving the situation and ensuring the safety of the officers involved. Once the scene is secure my expectation is we leave the scene, and do not get involved in the business of enforcement. If you have any questions about a situation please contact your supervisor. Sergeants, if you have any questions please contact your Captain.

Det. Matt Volpe will be joining our ranks on 07/19. Det. Volpe is a long-time detective with a ton of experience, and we are lucky to have him on our team. If you get a chance, stop by the CIU office and welcome him to Shoreline.

Sgt. Merclich has had a few individuals sign up for our Anti-Crime emphasis this summer. Thank you to those who have volunteered. If you think you may be interested, please send Sgt. Merclich an email expressing that interest.

That is all for this week.

- Chief Tommy Collins

Swingin' Summer Eve Brings the Heat



Photos Courtesy of Pam Barrett and Detective TF Velie

Swingin' Summer Eve came out HOT! Even the 95-degree sun could not stop us from meeting and mingling with some great Shoreline (and beyond) residents. Captains Neil Woodruff and Brian Angelo, Sergeant Charlie Akers, and I battled the

heat (with the help of a water-cooled tent) to enjoy an evening of good music and great food trucks. We brought out the electric vehicles—the Zero Bike and MachE—of which everyone was a fan of. So many great families came to meet us and hopefully left with smiles on their faces and maybe a sticker or two as well.

We are looking forward to the upcoming events—National Night Out and Celebrate Shoreline—and maybe a few degrees cooler weather.

- Community Outreach Detective TF Velie

Detectives Go Back to School to Apprehend Stalking Suspect



On July 9, 2025, Detective Sergeant Scott Fitchett and Detective Josh Gedney conducted a follow-up investigation while working undercover on the University of Washington campus. They canvassed the halls until they located the suspect believed to be stalking a professor with whom he was reportedly infatuated with.

After spotting and following him, the detectives called in their arrest team— Detectives Jeff Durrant and T.F. Velie—to take the suspect into custody. The team pursued the suspect on foot, adeptly jumping a bush and a parked electric Lime bike before taking him into custody.

The suspect was booked into King County Jail for Investigation of Stalking and Felony Investigation of Violation of a No Contact Order.