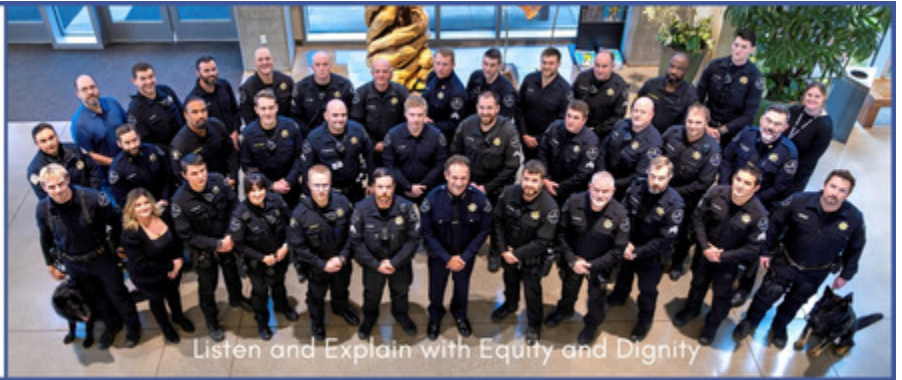


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Chief's Message



This week we had a poignant reminder for officer safety put out by our own Sgt. Merclich. I want to thank him for putting this out and emphasize how much I agree with him. In most cases there is no reason that we should not be waiting for a partner to back us up when the opportunity arises. It's not only good practice, but it falls into our policy for de-escalation. I am sure everyone took this as a good reminder and will be implementing this into their daily activities.

Fall is here and the end of our year is rapidly approaching. Please stay on top of your training requirements. November 1 is a hard and fast deadline for the online training, and the department is not very forgiving when we don't meet our training requirements. My advice is to take some time each day to get one or two of them done. Nobody wants to be stuck behind a computer screen on 10/31 trying to get through multiple training videos.

In the next draft we are going to lose MPO Ater, Deputy Handley, and Deputy Harazim. Please wish them well in their future assignments. We will be gaining Deputy Roosevelt Anderson and Sgt. Cesar Molina. Please welcome them here when you see them. For those keeping track, we will be staffed at 88% with 86% deployable after the draft. The Captains and I are still actively trying to get our numbers up. Our goal this year was to get our staffing to 90%. We achieved that for about three weeks, but we are still pushing to get more bodies up here. Any help in recruiting people to Pct 5 would be much appreciated.

Thank you everyone for your hard work and commitment.

Take care,

Chief Tommy Collins

Multi-Unit Teamwork Leads to Safe Resolution of Reckless Shooting Disturbance

On September 15, 2025 at around 1933 hours, Kenmore and Shoreline Deputies were dispatched to a disturbance call involving an individual who had early in the day been involved in a pursuit with Bothell Police Department as well a reckless shooting incident that was being investigated. Upon arrival Deputies heard several shots being fired from the area where the disturbance was coming from. Deputies were on the phone with the victim when this was going on and were able to get up to date information. Deputies with UAS's responded to the scene and were able to get a view of the property and the subject who was still shooting a firearm.

Several more shots were fired and could be heard ricocheting as Deputies were arriving on scene and contingencies were set in place to deal with the suspect if he tried to leave the property. Due to the unique terrain and the suspect having a higher elevation and angle on approach if anyone came up the driveway, quick thinking was made to ask for any armor in the area to assist, while TAC-30 was still enroute.

Several Deputies responded from different work sites to assist with perimeter positions, arrest/rescue team, UAS's, less lethal, K-9 and Detectives began working on a search warrant for the property. Overall, the teamwork, communication and willingness to assist by all involved should be commended. Here at the King County Sheriff's Office, we often work around each other but only under unusual circumstances do we all work together. It was a stressful call with lots of moving parts. All involved should be commended on how they communicated, handled the situation and ultimately brought the event to a successful resolution.

This case demonstrates the vital work that is done each day by Deputies within the King County Sheriff's Office. These Deputies make the community a safer place for all residents and are the perfect example of our core values of service and teamwork. Thank you to all of you for your dedication and teamwork with this case. Well done!!!

- Sergeant Kurtis Andrews

Thank You Blue Hero Project!



Blue Hero Visit



The Blue Hero Project began in 2021 as a small act of support by Kirkland Police Officer Davin Hwang and his wife Diane for Seattle-area law enforcement. It has since grown into a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to supporting police officers and their families across the Pacific Northwest.



From delivering refreshments during agency visits to hosting family events and offering support in times of need, their mission reflects a deep appreciation for those who serve. Founder Diane Hwang (along with her kids) and small business owner and cookie artist Kim Wren visited the Shoreline Police Department on Tuesday, marking their 215th visit to a law enforcement agency. A heartfelt thank you to the Blue Hero Project for the wonderful food and drinks they delivered.

If you would like to learn more about the Blue Hero Project, please see the link below. You may also donate to their organization through the King County Employee Giving Campaign.

Blue Hero Project
