

## ***Rainier Beach Operations Plan***

### **Concept of the Operation:**

The South Precinct is actively addressing current crime trends in the Rainier Beach area of Seattle. We are seeing a trend of strong-arm robberies along the bus lines and light rail as well as the Rainier/Henderson intersection. We are partnering with KC Metro and Sound Transit to engage in enforcement and prevention. Our PIO has established an ad campaign to educate riders to put away their jewelry and expensive electronic devices.

We have had large disturbances and fights break out in the area. The Suspects appear to be juveniles from the local schools and neighborhoods. We have been working with the community to report these crimes and assist the police in stopping the violence.

Our crime prevention coordinator, Mark Solomon, has been active in the area advising local businesses, community center, and library on crime prevention techniques. He has designed several CPTED plans and done site surveys on request.

We attend a monthly Rainier Beach Campus Security meeting with partners from the schools, parks, and community center to plan prevention and intervention techniques. Detective Cookie is very engaged with the community and serves as a liaison with the youth. School Resource Officer Sydney Brathwaite is also assigned to the South Shore School and works closely with school security.

Our Anti-Crime Team and DOC/NCI Team are pro-active in the area addressing fights, assaults, and robberies in the area. They have arrested wanted persons and recovered firearms from convicted felons.

The South Community Police Team has established a trespass program and worked with stakeholders on implementing the program. They also ride mountain bikes through the neighborhood on occasion and patrol the area on foot.

There is a current research project focusing on five hot spots throughout the area called Rainier Beach: a Beautiful Safe Place for Youth or the Byrne Project. They are bringing together researches, the community, and stakeholders to identify problems, determine causes, and come up with non-arrest solutions. We are proud partners in this effort to address youth crime in the area.

Our City Attorney liaison has joined us in setting up meetings with local property owners in the area. We have established good neighbor agreements and encouraged the eviction of problem businesses while promoting productive business. This is sometimes done with a nuisance property agreement or abatement.

**Operational Areas:**

- Area Schools-South Shore, South Lake, and Rainier Beach
- Safeway and the local businesses
- Rainier Beach Community Center and Rainier Beach Library
- Bus stops, transit lines, and light rail

**Assigned Resources:**

- Detective Cookie works in the area for outreach and youth intervention
- School Resource Officer Sydney Brathwaite is assigned to South Shore School.
- Anti-Crime Team and DOC/NCI Team
- Community Police Team
- Crime Prevention Coordinator Mark Solomon
- Two officer emphasis patrol from 2<sup>nd</sup> Watch

**Requested Resources:**

- Traffic units providing emphasis near Rainier and S Henderson Street.
- SWAT units providing emphasis and response to robberies
- KC Metro for responses along the bus lines, and bus stops
- Sound Transit police for emphasis along the light-rail line
- Gang unit for emphasis along the South Henderson corridors

**Budget:**

We have not been allocated additional resources as of yet. All resources have been provided with on-duty personnel and assigned equipment. Beginning in 2014, Precinct Commanders were given control over their respective overtime budgets to address precinct-specific crime issues.

**End Goal:**

Our goal is to have a substantial reduction in the street crimes and strong arm-robberies experienced in our mentioned hot-spots. We plan to increase the feeling of safety in our population centers with visible and responsive police patrols. Our Patrol Officers are prepared to provide bike patrols, foot beats, and emphasis as staffing allows.