

December Outreach Report 2015



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Community Partnerships

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Partnerships with the community are key to the mission of the Sheriff's Office

The Community Outreach Unit is staffed by one sergeant and one Program Assistant. The Outreach Unit is responsible for monitoring and tracking community events and ensuring consistency in outreach efforts. This report provides a summary of the various outreach activities, crime prevention efforts, and community collaborations which have taken place. Many of these outreach efforts are ongoing programs such as Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.), the Disabled Parking Volunteers, Explorers, and the Business and Security Managers

Group. Other outreach efforts include presentations to various groups including schools, Boy Scouts, service organizations, and other citizen groups.

Additionally, many deputies conduct outreach activities as part of their day to day work in patrol or wherever they are assigned within the Sheriff's Office.

All branch employees of the Sheriff's Office contribute to the outreach efforts of the agency.

The year ended on a busy note, with several holiday-related events.

December Outreach activities:

December 1- NOW Potluck

December 3- Kindercare

December 3- Santa's Posse Pancake Breakfast

December 12- Applebee's Pancake fundraiser for Explorers

December 14- S.A.L.T. Senior Social

December 14- PAL Literacy event at Silver Star Elementary

December 17- Santa's Posse wrapping

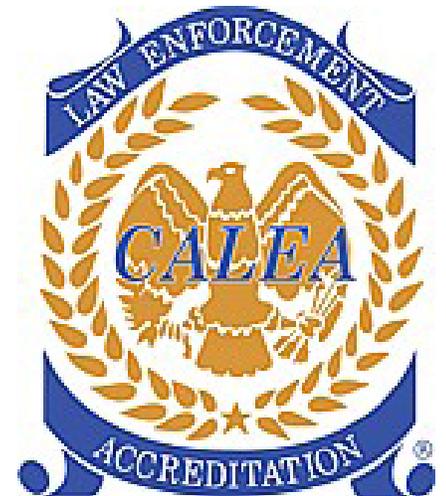
December 19- Santa's Posse delivery



Photo: Sgt. Schoening and Brenda Bennett, our tenured disabled parking volunteer, at the S.A.L.T. Holiday Senior Social December 14th.

Community Partnerships

- YWCA
- NACCC
- Safe Kids
- Regional SRO meeting
- Safe Communities Task Force
- Citizen Advisory Meeting
- Substance Abuse Advisory Board
- Prevent!
- Student Threat Assessments
- Lutheran Community Services
- Neighborhood Assoc. meetings
- Community Services NW
- PAL-Police Activities League





Outreach Activity

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DEPUTY OUTREACH ACTIVITY-December	West	Central	Other	TOTAL
Neighborhood Watch	0	0	0	0
Neighborhood Association Contact	0	0	0	0
Citizen Ride-A-Long	14	0	0	14
Presentations/Guest Appearances	0	0	2	2
Community Events	0	0	0	0
Problem-Solving	0	1	0	1
Other	0	4	0	4

Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch is a neighborhood-based crime prevention program. Residents interested in starting a watch in their neighborhood contact the Outreach Unit to schedule a presentation. The beat deputy is then assigned to give a Power Point presentation at the time and location determined by the residents. The presentation covers; how to organize and maintain a watch, crime prevention tips, crime stats specifically for that neighborhood, and Q&A.

Neighborhood Association Contact

Clark County currently has 26 Neighborhood Associations, 23 of which are active, facilitated by the county PIO. The Outreach Unit works closely with the NA presidents and also coordinates the assignment of deputies as liaisons to each NA. Depending on the size and activity level of the NA, either one or up to four deputy liaisons are assigned. The role of the deputy liaison is to make monthly contact with NA president, attend meetings and give presentations on crime prevention or other topics as requested, offer support and build partnerships with the community. The current list can be found at <http://www.clark.wa.gov/neighborhoods/index.html>. New assignments will be made in January.

Citizen Ride-A-Longs

The Sheriff's Office offers ride-a-longs to citizens who meet certain eligibility requirements. Volunteers such as Explorers and potential employees also participate in rides. K-9 ride-a-longs are occasionally offered as a raffle prize for charity events. Rides are approved by the precinct commander and then assigned through the patrol sergeant.

Presentations/Guest Appearances

The Sheriff's Office receives numerous requests to give presentations to various groups (civic organizations, businesses, schools, churches, etc.).

Community Events

The Sheriff's Office receives numerous requests to partner and/or participate in community events throughout the year.

Problem-Solving

Problem-solving is a key component of outreach and vital to the mission of the sheriff's office. Problem-solving efforts and outreach include a description of the identified problem, planned actions, a statement of progress and extra efforts taken.



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S.A.L.T. (Seniors And Law Enforcement Together)

The S.A.L.T. program is a nationally recognized community policing initiative between seniors, law enforcement and service providers. The purpose of S.A.L.T. is to identify safety concerns, provide crime prevention education, reduce the fear of crime and improve the quality of life for our seniors. There are monthly meetings on topics relevant to seniors, a monthly newsletter, annual events, and an advisory board that meets quarterly.

MONTHLY UPDATE

The annual Senior Social was on December 14th. There were 50 seniors and several law enforcement officials that attended. Columbia Ridge Senior Living and Addus HomeCare provided the food. We didn't have entertainment this year. Next year we are moving this event to the west side meeting location for more space and parking.

The January S.A.L.T. Times newsletter will have highlights from the social. More info about the S.A.L.T. program can be accessed online at <http://www.clark.wa.gov/sheriff/community/salt>.

Business & Security Managers Meeting

The Business and Security Managers Meetings were launched in 1993, by the Clark County Sheriff's Office to establish a networking relationship between the Sheriff's Office and the business and security managers of large corporations in Clark County. The monthly meetings provide information on relevant crime and security issues and also provide a venue for open communication between corporate and private security, and law enforcement.

MONTHLY UPDATE

Sgt. Hoss gave a presentation on "Active Shooter in the Workplace" at the December Security Managers meeting. There were 21 people in attendance-the largest group of the year. The next quarterly meeting is March 3rd.

Disabled Parking Program

The purpose of the Disabled Parking Citizen Volunteer Program is to maintain the availability and access to parking spaces designed for use by disabled persons. Volunteers have a limited commission that allows them to monitor and enforce Handicapped Parking Access Statutes.

MONTHLY UPDATE

The new disabled parking volunteers received their limited commission by Chief Chapman (see front page photo) and are now in the training process.

On December 10th, DPP volunteers wrote 7 infractions for violations. What a great training day!

Disabled Parking 2015	December
Volunteer Hours	35.75
Warnings	24
Infractions Issued	15



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NOW- Neighbors on Watch

MONTHLY UPDATE

Neighbors on Watch is a volunteer program for the Sheriff's Office that allows citizens to patrol in pairs, adding extra eyes and ears to the community. It is a high visibility, no confrontation program that requires a 24 hour training academy and a 10 hour mentoring period. Volunteers are asked to commit to four hours of service each month.

The NOW potluck was held on December 1st. At the potluck, NOW Volunteer Dan Enright presented Sgt. Walker with a gift of appreciation for his involvement with NOW (see photo). Sgt. Walker is transferring to a new position and will not be involved with the NOW program.

NOW Volunteer hours DECEMBER	2015
Patrol	50.75
Administrative	47.25
Volunteer TOTAL HOURS	98

The NOW Academy will begin on January 20th. The curriculum is being assembled and currently there are 16 applicants planning to attend! This will double our current NOW volunteer program. This is very exciting for the sheriff's office to be having its first NOW academy.

With the growth of the program, in an effort to reduce program expenses NOW volunteers will not be issued their own magnetic door signs. They will be able to check them out with radios when they go out on patrol.



Explorer Post #893

MONTHLY UPDATE

The Clark County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with Learning for Life, has sponsored law enforcement Exploring since 1971. Exploring is a volunteer program for young men and women who are interested in careers in the field of law enforcement. Exploring offers experiential learning with lots of fun-filled, hands-on activities that promote the growth and development of adolescent youth.

There were several events for the Explorers this month in addition to preparing for the Winter Explorer Academy. The Explorers held a pancake breakfast fundraiser at AppleBee's on December 12th. They raised a record amount of \$4100 which will help pay for uniform and academy expenses. On December 17th, several Explorers helped at the Santa's Posse wrapping event. And then several more helped on delivery day. 18 Explorers attended the Winter Explorer Academy in Yakima.