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THE SPD WOMEN'S BUREAU

Seattle's Policewomen-A Bold Move to the Future

By Jim Ritter #4710 (Ret), Seattle Metropolitan Police Museum



The Seattle Police Department has been known for many historic firsts in the policing world, including hiring its first African American policeman in the 1890s, engaging in futuristic community policing efforts in the 1920s, and employing the nation's first criminologist in the 1930s. These bold historical changes propelled the SPD to national notoriety years before other law enforcement agencies attempted such dynamic practices.

Although these were all professionally and socially significant transitions, none drew more internal and public attention than Seattle's new policy of hiring policewomen in 1912, becoming the first law enforcement agency in the United States to do so. Even more nuanced was that female police officers were paid the same as their male counterparts, a concept virtually unheard of during the Era. The only significant difference was that female police applicants were required to possess a 4-year college degree, whereas the male police applicants did not. This requirement ended in 1968.

Seattle's documented history regarding the inclusion of women serving in the police department is nothing less than trailblazing. Upon his appointment in 1912, Seattle Police Chief Claude Bannick wasted no time incorporating women into the male-dominated police force, paving the way to equality many law enforcement agencies would not adopt until (forced to do so) sixty years later.

In 1998, this author interviewed Chief Bannick's daughter, Barbara Lockhart, to discuss her father's life and accomplishments. She proudly relayed a memorable comment her father made to her as a child in 1930, *"Hiring women on the police force was the best thing I ever did."*

Within two years of their initial hiring, Seattle Police Chief Austin Griffiths sought to expand the role and numbers of women on the Seattle's police force in 1914, becoming a staunch supporter of the concept. In the 1914 annual report he wrote:

"I believe in the need and usefulness of women police. In this city, except as to the present members of the Women's Division, admission to the force and their support of the pension fund should be on the same basis as that of men. With the growth of this division, rightly in the course of time, no doubt the then Chief will appoint a woman Sergeant. Next year, in the event of the expected large increase of travel though our city, I believe it would be wise to increase the number of women police."

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President's Message

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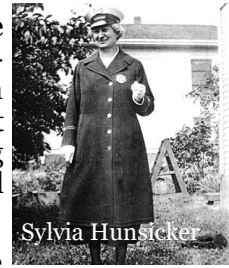
Now that a new year is upon us, we can all have optimistic feelings of what the year will bring. I look forward to seeing Tom Homan in action. Others, I am sure, have different views. Looking back on 2024, there were highs and lows. For me, on the high side was welcoming to the world our first great grandchild. Another was when Jerry Taylor offered me this position of president of the RSPOA. For that I am thankful forever. On the opposite side, in 2024 we published 19 "Sad News" messages. Each message brought sorrow to the family and friends. Maintaining friendships is what is so important to our extended SPD family. An easy way to stay connected with your friends is attending the monthly RSPOA meeting and the weekly Thursday RAP meetings. The RAP Club was formed in April 1980. A group of officers and friends would meet for lunch weekly at the Butcher Block Restaurant on 4th Ave S. A decision was made to formally name their weekly get-together as Retired & Active Police (RAP). A charter and by-laws were written. Some of the charter members include Ted Fonis, Joe Sanford, Shaun O'Kinsella, NFL Hall of Famer Hugh McElhenny, retired Secret Service Agent Elmer Moore, and King County Sheriff Captain, Ken Roskie. Ken served as the first RAP Club President. King County Council member Paul Barden became a regular attendee. Over the years RAP Club meetings have been held in Chinatown, the Georgetown Eagles, the Lake City Elks, and currently at the Nile/Shrine Temple in Mountlake Terrace. There has been a solid core group of between 18-20 men and women attending the Thursday meetings. The current club president, Pepper Pramhus, has been working to increase the attendance. The meetings are fun to attend. At 12 Noon, the pledge of allegiance is cited, a pension office report is made, the treasurer report, birthdays are celebrated, jokes are told followed by the door-prize drawing. If you have not recently attended an RAP meeting or are considering attending, please make the effort to do so. You will be welcomed and have a good time visiting with friends.

SEATTLE POLICE PENSION BOARD



L-R, John Nordlund, Scheereen Dedman (City Clerk), Joy Hollinsworth (City Council) Jamie Carnell (Finance Director), Dan Oliver, Joe Bouffiu

Although there were many variations of the roadmap involving women serving on the SPD, the initial vision took many different forms. This included the likes of female Seattle police officer Sylvia Hunsicker, who in 1919 took it upon herself to personally design her own uniform, donning her police badge in public and walking her "beat" throughout the city's docks and depots. These danger-ridden areas were challenging by any policing standards, and Hunsicker's bold Suffragette-era mentality blazed an unpredictable trail for many future policewomen who would soon follow.



Sylvia Hunsicker

Commonly referred to as the SPD "Women's Bureau", the female component of the police department was also established as the "Women's Protective Division" (1922), "Women's Bureau" (1923), and the "Women's Division" (1932). The duties included working with families, specifically women, children, runaways, etc. In 1954, Seattle's citizens were introduced to the concept of policewomen driving fully marked patrol car #777 (with no uniform) throughout the city and responding to relevant calls for service. Although their duties were primarily "humane-related," their highly visible presence did not exempt them from handling the occasional "on-view" incidents in which arrests had to be made.

In 1955, Seattle Police Chief Jimmy Lawrence approved the policy allowing policewomen to wear regulation uniforms for the first time. The stylish attire was duplicated from the Pan American Airlines stewardess's uniforms, complete with a navy pencil skirt, jacket, white blouse, hat, and black high-heels. This ensemble was made complete with a customized black purse with pockets for a snub-nose .38 caliber pistol, handcuffs, whistle, mace, and extra ammunition.



By late 1968, the Seattle Police "Women's Bureau" officially ceased to exist, and all its members were re-assigned to various detective units throughout the SPD. In 1975, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) made recommendations to law enforcement agencies throughout the U.S. to eliminate gender-related optics, including allowing women to wear the same uniforms as their male counterparts, eliminating the terms "policeman" and "policewoman" and replace the antiquated verbiage with the term "police officer."

As with all historical reflections, the memory of those individuals who served proudly in the past makes way for the present and the future. Over 120 years have passed since the first policewoman was hired in Seattle. As of December 2024, only five women remain to tell their stories. Of these, only three can reflect on a bygone era of women police within the SPD. These women serve as examples of generational change agents within the SPD and graciously shared their stories with this author in December 2024. Mary Hallowell, Pat Lamphere, and Marilyn McLaughlin reflect on their history so that others can gain a better understanding of women's history and accomplishments within the Seattle Police Department.

Mary Hallowell: #1656 Hired: 8-22-55, Retired 9-17-86, Sergeant

Sergeant Mary (Montague) Hallowell, #1656, is one of the last surviving members of the SPD Women's Bureau. Mary Montague's (Hallowell) police career with Seattle began in August of 1955 when she was hired as a provisional Seattle police officer and assigned to the Women's Bureau. Her appointment became permanent in September 1955. Just months before her appointment, on February 14, 1955, Seattle's policewomen were issued regulation uniforms for the first time in history. It was a novelty that Seattle's citizens had not seen since 1916 when Seattle policewoman Sylvia Huntsinger designed her uniform as a symbol of defiance to the status quo during the Women's Suffrage Movement.



Mary's desire to work for the SPD came immediately after graduating college. Unlike Seattle's policemen, female applicants were required since 1912 to have a 4-year college degree. "I thought it would be an interesting job," Mary stated. When asked if there were any internal or external pressures placed on her and the other women of the Bureau, she abruptly responded, "We didn't pay any attention to the limitations that others had of us." Hallowell's confidence in her abilities to perform whatever duties the SPD could create for policewomen was evident even after being retired for nearly 40 years. "We were tolerated and people didn't regard us as real police officers. There was also some resentment of us by our male co-workers. "We were resented by some of the male officers because we got paid the same as men and didn't do street duty." Mary resigned from the SPD in April of 1963 to raise her children, but returned seven years later

FROM THE PENSION OFFICE

BY STEPHANIE COLEMAN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

1. LEOSA Qualifications - To schedule your shoot time please contact Emily White in SPD HR at 206-684-5454 or Emily.white@seattle.gov or you may not be able to shoot. SPD HR will no longer process LEOSA credentials by mail, it must be done in person. The range will no longer issue duty ammo for LEOSA shooters. Bring enough ammunition to shoot the course of 25 rounds or ammo can be purchased from the SPAA store. Guns must be inspected prior to shooting the qualification. Arrive at least 45 minutes early. The first two dates in 2025 for LEOSA are **January 21 and March 10, 2025** at 1000 hours and 1400 hours.

2. The 2025 DRS COLA percentages for LEOFF plans have not yet been released. DRS will update the information page at <https://www.drs.wa.gov/life/retired/cola> when they determine the COLA, which usually comes sometime in March. COLA effective Dates for LEOFF1 are April 1 and for LEOFF2 it's July 1.

3. If you failed to return your 2024 Reporting Form, you will not be reimbursed for your 2024 Medicare Part B Premium until we receive Reporting forms. If your 2024 Reporting form is still outstanding, contact Cassie at Cassidy.fitzsimmons@seattle.gov or 206-684-3375. The 2025 Reporting Forms will be mailed to your address on file April 1, 2025. Change of address information can be emailed to lisa.porter@seattle.gov or by calling Lisa at 206-256-5127.

4. We have had an influx of LEOFFII's contacting us about Assisted Living. Due to the great partnership, our office has established with Sunrise Assisted Living and Memory Care communities, we are happy to announce that they have agreed to extend waiving all move in fees to LEOFF II retirees. If you are interested in a Sunrise Living location, please reach out to Mary Watkins

Mary.Watkins@sunriseseniorliving.com or 425-672-3853 or cell 425-569-3897 and let her know Jan in the Seattle Police Pension office referred you. Move in fees can be between \$5,000-\$8,000 at your typical long term care facility and they are all non-refundable. Additionally, they have a veteran's incentive that could apply to some.

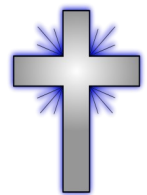
5. If you are a LEOFF1 member and need to discuss Long Term Care/Assisted Living/Home Care, please contact Janice Brandes at 206-256-5126 or Janice.Brandes@seattle.gov and she will go through your benefit with you or your POA directly.

6. As a reminder, your LEOFF1 pension covers DME (Durable Medical Equipment) devices only; we do not cover retail items you purchase. If you have a RX for a DME (shower chair, scooter, lift chair, supplies including diabetic and incontinence supplies) please contact our supplier, Ron Santana at Home Health Solutions at 425-251-5995. He can also ship the DME's anywhere!

7. Stories for Last Ring. As you know, writing a last ring can take time especially gathering of information. If you are willing to assist in our efforts of honoring our friends and co-workers in their Last ring, please contact me with information or stories to share of a recently passed member. Please contact me at stephanie.coleman@seattle.gov or phone at 206-348-8018. The Last Ring is meant to honor their time with all of us and we can do that by remembering who they were and how they served.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Charles "Chuck" Allers #4196
Danny K. Melton #2711
Joseph "JJ" Jankauskas #2729
Larry Brotherton #5284
Charles Lindblom #1890
Francis Riley #2393
Frances James "Jim" Johnson #1979
Joseph "Joe" Nicholas #2683



(Please call Stephanie at the Pension Office with information on the above officers for their Last Ring Announcement 206-348-8018)

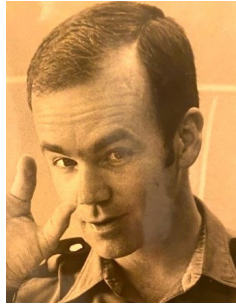
**For a complete version of each Last Ring,
please go to www.rspoa.net**



Last Ring

Danny Barrett

#2948, retired Seattle Police Detective, passed away on May 16, 2024, at 82 years of age. Hired: 7-23-68, Class #57 Assignments: Patrol, SPD Pistol Team, TAC Squad, Academy Instructor, Accident Investigation, Auto Theft, Bomb Squad, Juvenile, Gang Unit. Retired: 1-4-94 after 26 years of service. Danny is survived by his wife of 30 years, Linda, his children, Jeremy, Shannon, Carrie and Kim; Eleven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.



Bruce M. Creamer

#5910, Retired Seattle Police Sergeant passed away on May 27, 2024, at 74 years of age. Hired: 11-23-93, Class #408, Assignments: Patrol South, promoted to Sergeant in 2007, East Patrol and South Patrol. Retired: 1-1-2014 after 20 years of service. Bruce is survived by his wife of 53 years, Karen; his children, Bradley and Leslie; and his four grandchildren; Ryan, Gabe, Aria and Katia.

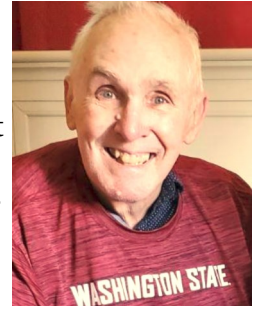


Timothy Gifford,

#7613, Seattle Police Detective, passed away on May 12, at 43 years of age. Hired: 2-12-2012, Class #681, Assignments: East Patrol, South Patrol, Navigation Team, Harbor Patrol, Background Investigations. Tim passed away after a long and difficult health struggle. Tim is survived by his wife of 21 years, Megan; their two daughters, Olivia and Sophia, and his dad, Greg Gifford.



Michael Burke #3140, retired Seattle Police Detective, passed away on May 7, 2024 at the age of 79. Hired: 5-6-69, Class #60, Assignments; Patrol Downtown, Foot Beats, Patrol North, Traffic Enforcement, DWI Squad, Traffic Motorcycles, Motorcycle Drill Team, Vice Unit, Sex Offender Detail, A/Sgt South Patrol, Communications. Retired: 6-11-03 with 34 years of service. Mike "It's an Edmonds Kind of Day" Burke is survived by his wife of 46 years, Dawn; his daughter Alison; three grandchildren; and many nephews. Mike is predeceased by his son, Adam.



LEGAL BENEFICIARIES

Caryl Clark, Widow of retired deceased Detective Duane Clark #2171, passed away on November 26th at 95 years of age.

SPOUSES

Constance "Connie" Still, wife of retired detective Fred Still #3104, passed away on November 17, 2024. Connie was 73 years of age.

Yohko Farley, wife of retired officer Ray Farley #2740, passed away on November 18, 2024, at 91 years of age.



SAVE THE DATE



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

81st ANNUAL RETIRED OFFICERS' BANQUET

PICTURE QUIZ

Can you name these two SPD officers exercising a search warrant? (Answer on page 7)



*GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN
MAY THEY ALL REST IN PEACE!*

and was quickly transferred to detectives following the elimination of the Women's Bureau. Mary was later promoted to Sergeant in June of 1979 and assigned to the Communication Division in January 1986, where she remained until her retirement, eight months later.

Beryl Thompson: #1833 Hired: 2-3-58, Retired 4-1-89, Major

Beryl Thompson was hired as a provisional Seattle Policewoman in 1958 and was elevated to regular status in July of that year. Upon her graduation from the police academy (Class #39) in March 1959, she was placed into the Women's Bureau where she performed a variety of duties involving family and juvenile issues. Throughout her career, Beryl was continuously promoted, eventually achieving the rank of Major in 1983. She remained at this rank until she retired from the Seattle Police Department in 1989. (NOTE: Unfortunately, Beryl was not available to be interviewed for this article).



Helen "Hester" Hendrickson: #2444 Hired: 10-28-64, Retired: 7-15-87, Sergeant

Helen "Hester" Hendrickson was hired by the Seattle Police Department in 1964 as a Provisional Policewoman and assigned to the Women's Bureau. Soon thereafter, she was elevated to a permanent position, graduating in October of 1965 from SPD Academy Class #49. "Hester" as she was affectionately known, performed various duties in the Women's Bureau until it was dissolved in late 1968. Hester was then transferred to the detective division and was eventually promoted to Detective Sergeant. She continued to serve proudly until she retired from the SPD on July 15, 1987. (NOTE: Unfortunately, Hester was not available to be interviewed for this article).



Patricia "Pat" Lamphere: #2687 Hired: 4-7-67, Retired: 12-30-93, Assistant Chief

Patricia "Pat" (Gallagher) Lamphere (#2687) was hired in 1967 for service in Seattle's Women's Bureau. Pat came from a law enforcement family. Her father was a veteran Tacoma policeman, and her interest in the police profession came from her adoration of her dad. Pat's opportunity to join the ranks of the SPD was quite unexpected. Since the police department was unable to find enough male applicants, it arbitrarily added two policewomen to substitute for the lack of male candidates during the 1967 testing period. After being hired, Pat had to wait to attend the police academy until another female recruit could accompany her. "They wouldn't let just one female go through the academy; there had to be at least two of us." Both women eventually graduated from Class #53. Her entry into the police department came during a time of great change for the agency and its policewomen. By the end of 1968, the Women's Bureau was abolished, and its members were re-assigned to various detective units throughout the department. Lamphere reflected fondly on her 27-year career with the SPD and was rapidly promoted through the ranks, eventually retiring on December 30, 1993, as an Assistant Chief. When asked how her male co-workers of the era reacted to being supervised by a woman, she said, "They were all great to me, and most of the men were exceptional. It was a wonderful experience because I worked with a lot of great people."



Marlynn McLaughlin: #3016 Hired: 1-13-69, Retired: 1-19-98, Police Officer

Hired on January 13, 1969, Marlynn was one of the last female police officers hired in Seattle before the department authorized women's full inclusion in patrol and promotions in 1975. When asked why she chose to apply for the police department, she responded: "A female cousin encouraged me to apply, and at \$695.00 monthly, it sounded good to me. I was too tall to be an airline stewardess, so I applied for the police department," McLaughlin said. By 1968, the IACP had made recommendations for law enforcement agencies to fully integrate women. "When I tested for the police departments in 1969, a college degree was no longer required for women applicants."

Marlynn said that when she went into the academy, the women went to the same classes as the male officers—"except for the physical agility classes, those were separate. They actually posted a guard at the door to the shower room at the academy." McLaughlin fondly reflected when she was a rookie female officer, "We got



teased quite a bit, but most everyone in the department was nice. This was the late 1960's and the police department was going through a lot of turmoil with the grand jury. "I really didn't know much of what was going on, I just did my job and enjoyed my career." Marlynn soon became a detective in 1970, spending the next 17 years in a variety of investigative positions. In 1987, she transferred to traffic, and then to patrol in 1989 where she remained until her retirement on January 19, 1998.

These three women reflected fondly on their careers with the SPD. Sharing their memories of determination, pioneering spirit, historical barriers, and indifference to the stereotypes cast upon them during the time in history they served is, to say the least, inspiring. Their vision, contributions, and courage in serving within an often-reluctant, male-dominated profession are worthy of recognition. Their stories also serve the greater purpose of encouraging other women to serve their communities from within law enforcement agencies throughout the Nation.

I would like to personally thank all of the women in this article, as well as the efforts of Sgt. Terri MacMillan (SPD-Ret) and Adam Eisenberg (King County DPA- Ret), for their tireless efforts in ensuring that the contributions made by the women serving within the SPD are not forgotten.



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From the Police Museum

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"G-DECK...A WORLD OF ITS OWN" Very few SPD



"old timers" remain who remember the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Old Public Safety Building in 1951. The structure was immense and housed the majority of Seattle's police vehicles used by staff from headquarters, West, and East Precincts as of 1983 when I was hired.

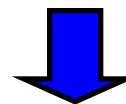
After attending roll call and having their portable radios and shotguns issued, officers walked through the double steel doors onto "G-Deck." The experience for me was nothing short of circus-like. There were so many patrol cars stuffed into a relatively small area that it required an officer assigned to the upper ramp to direct traffic to prevent accidents from occurring. That duty may have been one of the most dangerous assignments of the era. The virtual sea of patrol cars parked on, around, and under G Deck occupied every available square foot, with new patrol cars parked next to the spare units that had clearly not survived numerous collisions with the massive concrete columns they were forced to park between.

Patrol cars were everywhere, parked in the stalls and along both sides of the entry and exit routes, both of which consisted of the same 8-foot wide area. With keys left in the ignitions, with often only 8" to squeeze into their cars, officers hoped there was enough fuel left in the tank to make it to the pumps. They also prayed they would not fall victim to the previous shift of mischievous coworkers who found perverse pleasure in leaving the siren on to activate upon starting the car. The simultaneous onslaught of cursing that followed was deafening!

The PSB was torn down in 2005, forever ending the chances that our successors would ever experience the same. Those days are long gone but certainly put a smile on the faces of those of us who experienced it back in the day.

PICTURE QUIZ ANSWER

(From page 5)



Officer Larry Burtis #2904 in uniform and Sergeant Chuck Pillon #2408 "knocking" on the door!

MARC THE NARC

By Retired Officer Buzzy Katzer #3159

Chapter 8 (Extraneous activity 3) (Continuing stories about Buzzy's early days as a cadet)

There was an event that happened in the early weeks of my stay at Rainier Beach. As noted earlier, I'd hang around Atlantic City Park and pick up litter and mingle. About two weeks in, I saw another guy hanging around. I recognized him. He was a schoolmate of mine from the one year I went to Kent-Meridian High School for my senior year. In fact, I sat next to him on the school bus every day. His name was Jim R. so I made every effort to avoid him. I wasn't sure if he knew I worked for the police, but I couldn't be sure, and if he did, what the consequences would be. But one day we encountered each other. It was a pleasant meeting. Jim came to the school to visit his girlfriend, a senior. No mention was made about my attendance, other than I was a janitor. A week or two later, Barb Carlson, one of our Detectives got a phone call. It was from Jim. He asked her about me, and if I was some kind of an agent. She didn't offer him any info, but she confronted me about the call. I told her about our background. We didn't know how things might play out, but from that time on, a pair of detectives would drive to the area of the school and try to monitor my activity. One day I stayed until the end of the school day. That was because I had agreed to give three of the girl students rides home. The detectives didn't see this, so when I finally returned to the office it was empty, except for Lt. Terry. He told me all the Juvenile Detectives, and patrol units in the south end were looking for me. I was reprimanded and told to always announce any diversions to my regular schedule.

Here's an ego moment: During the Christmas break, and after our raids, a bunch of civilians staged a protest at Franklin High School. Odd, we hadn't staged any scenes at Franklin, but that's where the demonstration was. It was also covered by the press. The protest was about the police use of agents in high schools and the "evil that entails..." blah, blah, blah. Some artistic soul created a flyer. It was entitled "Beware of Mark the Narc, out in the park, in his red Mustang." Flyers were passed around. A couple of our Detectives, I think Larry Grout and Danny Melton went to the protest, sort of incognito. They managed to collect twenty or so of the flyers and took them back to our office. I think they had a purpose in mind. Here is what that purpose was...in the couple of months following any time we did a buy-bust at some location when they left, the detectives would affix one of those flyers to the door and above where it said "Mark the Narc" they would use a felt pen and write above that portion: "Was Here." Pretty cool for a Cadet.

Another after school event. We had another tip that there was some dope being sold from an apartment in about the 8100blk of Rainier Ave. So, on the third floor, which was rented by a kid about 20 years old. The detectives did some research and learned there was a reported runaway staying there also. One of the complaining witnesses was an older man that lived in the apartment next door. So, the detectives decided to send me in cold. Two of the detectives would occupy the apartment of the older man and would be ready to bust in if I got in a jam. My signal would be to throw a chair or something through a window and make enough of a disturbance to alert them. So one evening I went to the apartment and headed up the stairs. The detectives were already in the apartment next door. I knocked. Some kid answered the door. He didn't recognize me and was reluctant to let me in, but another kid came to the doorway; he did recognize me and declared "hey it's Mark.. he's the janitor at the school, he's cool." So I was invited in. The rest of the kids were in a dining room area playing cards. I recognized some of them, and some recognized me. I also recognized the runaway from viewing a mug shot of him. So I got a place at the table and started playing cards with them. We ended a hand and the kid who owned the apartment said stop. He pointed to about four of us, including me, and said hey you guys come with me, I gotta show you something. We headed to a bedroom. I was thinking "oh shit, I've been made." I started looking for a chair. We got in the room and he closed the bedroom door. I stood as close to a window as I could. I picked up something from a table and held it ready. The kid then said he didn't want the other guys to know about this. He held up a bottle of whiskey and said "I stole this from my old man, I don't want to share it with those other guys." He opened the bottle and passed it around. We all took healthy slugs and eventually returned to the poker table. I

didn't make a buy, and I lost about a buck ten playing cards. But I did get a free drink and I didn't get my ass kicked. More importantly, my cover as the janitor at the school was intact, and probably enhanced. The runaway got collared later.

I mentioned before the raid that the detectives did just before the Christmas break, and the account of the kid named Randy being discovered in a blanket with his girlfriend dead. Here's a sequel to that account. One night Mike and I climbed into the back seat of a Dodge Dart, with two detectives up front. We headed up to the U-district and cruised around. A call came over the radio of an overdose at an apartment building around U-Way and 50th Ave. The detectives parked the car, ordered us to stay inside, and went in to see what was going on. They finally came back and told us a young girl had over-dosed on reds and Rainier Beer. It was Randy's girlfriend. She left a note. "I miss Randy, I want to be with him."

Another memorable event from that time. There were reports of drug activity involving juveniles from an apartment building in South Park at 8th and Cloverdale. The detectives sent in a couple of new Cadets from our unit to try to make buys. They had no success. One of the Detectives said, "let's send in Mark the Narc." So one afternoon I got in my Mustang and headed to South Park. Two or three Detective cars loaded up two-man and joined us in the area. I went to the apartment and headed upstairs and knocked on the door. No response. I waited a bit, and then another kid came to the door and asked if I was looking for "Tom." (I'm using Tom as the name of the dealer.) I said yes and the kid said he was too. He then said let's go check around. So we went back to my car and hopped in. We drove around. I saw one of the Detective cars "shaking down" some kids. Then the kid in my car saw another dude walking around and told me to stop. He hailed the kid and asked him over to my car. I'll call this kid "George." The kid in my car said he knew George, and George knew Tom. So we invited George into the car and we explained we were trying to hook up with Tom and score. George wanted a phone booth so I pulled to the curb at 14th and Henderson. George got out and went to the phone booth. He pulled out a bulky wallet, thumbed through it, and pulled out a scrap of paper. He laid his wallet on that little corner shelf in the booth and made a call. He wrote something down on the scrap and put it back in the wallet. But when he left the booth, he forgot his wallet. He got back to the car and I said "hey man, you forgot your wallet." He said thanks and got his wallet. Then he asked me to drop him off a couple of blocks away. He and the other kid got out of my car and wandered off. I hurried away in search of one of the Detective cars. We had a confab. I described George and his wallet and suggested the Detectives find him and search his wallet for that scrap of paper and the info on it. So they did. I watched from a distance as they did another "shake down" and one of the Detectives went through George's wallet and wrote something down. They cleared the scene and later we all met up. We now had a phone number and an address for "Tom." So I called the number and ended up talking to Tom. We set up a time for later that evening where I could come by his place, just south of the City Limits, and by a package of speed from him. I think it was a \$50.00 buy, but I don't remember the true amount or name of the quantity. He gave me his address, which matched the one we had. So the Detectives decided we'd bide the time at a tavern. We went to the Sidetrack Inn on E. Marginal Way S. Oops.. I reminded the Detectives I was only 20 years old. They scoffed and said don't worry about it. So we went into the tavern, found a table and started drinking beer. No problem with my age. After a spell we left. I got in my Mustang and headed for the address. The Detectives got in their cars and eventually positioned them at strategic locations near the address. I parked and went to the door, knocked and was admitted. There were three people in the living room. One of them I presumed was Tom, he was smoking a cigarillo, the others were a guy and a gal. I made my buy from the guy with the cigarillo then left. When I got outside I made the signal to the Detectives and got in my car and drove a block away. I had a police radio. The Detectives crashed the doors. A couple of minutes later they called me back to the scene. They needed positive ID on the guy I bought the dope from. When I pointed to the guy with the cigarillo he gaped at me and the cigarillo fell out of his mouth. One of the Detectives hung up a "Beware of Mark the Narc" flyer.. Another successful buy and bust..!! To be continued.....

RSPOA MEETINGS

A full house was on hand for the November RSPOA meeting. RSPOA member, Liz Day, introduced the local Queen of Daughters of the Nile, Lynn Haller. She explained the function of the daughters as they raise funds supporting Shriners Children's Hospitals. To show their appreciation for Law Enforcement, they passed out Christmas gifts of candy bags. Myrle Carner introduced the guest speaker, Interim Seattle Chief of Police, Sue Rahr. The Chief related her 45 years of experience in Law Enforcement including her time as the King County Sheriff. She spoke sincerely about her work to improve SPD. Everyone then enjoyed lunch!



John Nordlund & Chief Sue Rahr



Chief Rahr & Roy Skagen

War Stories

By Det. Cloyd Steiger, SPD Retired, #4313

In 2004, I started working with Jason Kasner. Our first murder together was a gang shooting (ho-hum) near Judkins Park in the Central Area. Early on, we learned that the shooter was called Master Rat and was part of the Rat Pack. After several more days of investigating, we discovered that Master was his real name, Master Anthony Jones. He was a juvenile. We developed probable cause and arrested him. There was PC to arrest, but it was pretty weak. Because he was a juvenile and charged as an

adult, he was booked into the Regional Justice Center in Kent. I had a prolific jailhouse snitch who I'd used many times in murder cases. I'll call him Paul. (Not his real name.) Paul looked like a Mafioso hitman. People in jail with him would always tell him about murders they committed. I checked, and sure enough, Paul was in jail downtown. I called the jail. "I want you to transfer Paul to the RJC, and I wanted him placed near Master Anthony Jones." They agreed. A short time later, I received a collect call from the jail. It was Paul. "Cloyd", he said. "They're transferring me to RJC. Do you know anything about that?" "How would I know anything about that?" I asked. I couldn't tell him what I was doing, or he would become my agent, and anything Jones told him would be inadmissible. I was just making any conversation between him and Master possible. "Are you sure?" Paul asked.

"Of course, I'm sure." He called me again the next morning. "I still can't figure out why I'm going to RJC."

"I have no idea," I said. A couple of days later, I got a call from Paul in RJC, "There's a guy here called Master. He told me he killed someone."

"I'll be right down," I said.

Master later pled guilty to the murder.



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Editor's Corner

By Rich O'Neill
SPD Retired #4451

Fallen SPD Officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the months of December and January.

December

Arthur K. Ruchhart

EOW: 12-27-1914

Lawrence E. Kost

EOW: 12-12-1915

Ellsworth W. Cordes

EOW: 12-31-1932

John T. Clancy

EOW: 12-28-1949

Nick B. Davis

EOW: 12-18-1984

January

Volney L. Stevens

EOW: 1-14-1921

William T. Angle

EOW: 1/21/1921

Neil C. McMillan

EOW: 1-21-1921

James O'Brien

EOW: 1/21/1921

Arthur B. Luntsford

EOW: 1-20-1923

Happy New Year! I don't know about you, but when I hear someone say, "thirty years ago," in my mind, I think "oh, they are talking about the 1970's!" In reality, 2025 and 1975 are the same distance (50 years) as 1925 and 1975! Time keeps marching on for sure!

Retired officers almost always say the same thing: "I don't miss all the BS, but I do miss the people that I worked with!" That is one of the great things about the Retired Seattle Police Officer's Association. We provide many ways for people to stay in touch. We have monthly meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Nile Country Club in Mountlake Terrace. Each month, there are guest speakers and a buffet lunch. Lunch is only \$10. You can't even eat at McDonald's for that! It's a great opportunity to chat with your fellow retired officers and to keep up on all that the RSPOA is doing for YOU! This Call Box is also another excellent way to stay in touch. RSPOA members get it mailed to their home every other month or six times a year. RSPOA also sends out informative emails on important issues like pension news or the passing of one of our fellow officers. Then, there is the Annual Retired Officer's Banquet which this year will be on **Saturday, September 20th**. Once again, we will be back at the SPAA Range Pavilion. For RSPOA members, your ticket is FREE! We are always looking for sponsors and helpers to put on this event which attracts over 400 people. If interested in getting involved, call or email me. President Nordlund, in his column, also mentions the RAP (Retired & Active Police). That organization meets every Thursday at the Nile Country Club which is another great way to stay in touch.

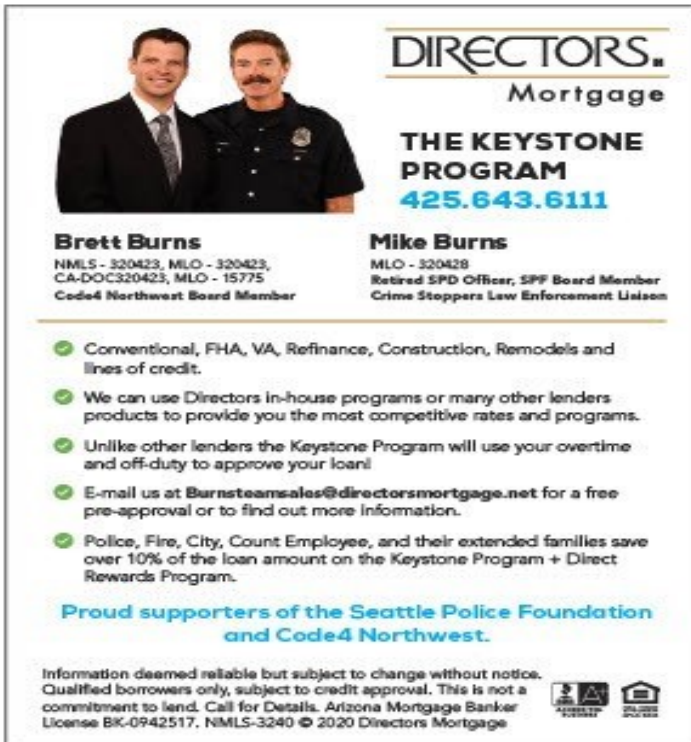
As we start this new year, let's all become recruiters for RSPOA. If you know any retired SPD officers who are not members, encourage them to join! Dues are only \$10 per month! Have them send me or Nick Bulpin an email and we will get them the paperwork.

As the new legislative session begins in Olympia, RSPOA will be monitoring all the issues that are important to us, especially our pensions! There is a LEOFF 1 merger bill rearing its ugly head again. (SB 5085). The newly elected governor ran many TV commercials claiming to be a "supporter of police and law enforcement." Let's see if those campaign promises become reality. I hope to see you at the monthly meetings this year and I hope you have a healthy and blessed 2025!

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