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SAD DAY AT THE STABLES

Seattle Disbands the Mounted Patrol Unit

By Terri MacMillan & Rich O'Neill



After over 150 years of service to the City of Seattle, the Seattle Police Mounted Patrol Unit is no more. Late last year, the Mayor's Budget eliminated support for the unit. A savings of just \$230,034 out of a police budget of over 457 million dollars. The sergeant and one officer who were full time at the unit have been re-assigned and the horses, many of whom were purchased by the Seattle Police Foundation, are being given away. The unit began back in the 1880's and continued serving until it was disbanded following the Longshoreman Strike in 1934. In 1973, the unit was reestablished. Over the years, the unit has served a variety of functions including crowd control, park patrols, crime patrols, public relations, and ceremonial duties like parades and funerals. During its heyday it was common for the unit to make over 30,000 positive contacts each year. The unit issued thousands of citations and also made numerous arrests as it logged countless hours patrolling parks and tourist areas. The Mounted Patrol Unit has come under the budget ax in the past, both in 1999 and in 2010. Both of those times the unit survived when the Seattle Community voiced support for the unit and the Seattle Police Foundation raised and donated funds, horses and equipment to "Save Our Steeds!" In 2014, then-Mayor Ed Murray's budget restored general-fund support, calling the unit a "valuable public service."

This time many tried to rally support once again to save the unit. This included a letter that RSPOA Vice President Terri MacMillan, who served many years in the Mounted Unit, sent to the mayor and city council. In her letter, Terri pointed out: *This is about the third time to my knowledge that decommissioning the unit has been tried since 1973. While the excuse is always funding, staffing etc., your MPU has been under-utilized in the last several years. Their expense will not make or break Seattle, nor will the two officers that currently can provide pro-active services. You currently have a nice MPU facility, good horses, trained staff, newer equipment. It would cost a fortune to get it all up and running again, when you finally see the need for their skillful use in law enforcement. There are high profile events coming to Seattle in the next few years. Be prepared! Please learn from history and previous mistakes. No one likes to reinvent the wheel! It was wasteful that The Foundation recently purchased another two MPU horses. As a former member of the MPU, 1986-1993, and Acting Sgt, I am thinking of the all-around value of the unit to the city. I wonder if the history, abilities and knowledge is known by their chain of command. The MPU could currently be doing crime prevention and enforcement as well as public relations assignments by:*



-Patrolling remote area of parks and beaches, under viaducts, alongside roadways, enforcing the law and/or documenting for follow up by other units -Patrolling perimeters of public schools -Crowd control -Pioneer Square -Market -Waterfront -Main tourist areas -Main pedestrian crime areas -Outside high

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President's Message

By John Nordlund President, RSPOA



Ken Jakobsen was supposed to be featured in this Call Box edition, but health concerns prevented his response to Rich's questions. Jake is a good man and a great friend. Even though he is not up to hitting a golf ball like he used to, he mustered enough strength to host his annual Super Bowl party. This year's party was dedicated to the memories of Mike Burke and Dan Melton. Although attendance was a little down from previous years, everybody had a fun time, especially the Hargraves and the Hoff's who played the sporting boards with great skill. Dan Melton's passing left an opening on the RSPOA Board. It was an honor for me to ask Myrle Carner to fill Dan's position. Myrle accepted my invitation. Welcome to the Board, Myrle.

It appears that Senate Bill 5085 is on the fast track. As you know the bill merges LEOFF 1 with the TERS and PERS pensions into one big pension plan that will be called the Legacy Pension Plan. The main purpose of the bill is to use the LEOFF 1 surplus funds, said to total around two billion dollars, to make the TERS and PERS plans fully funded. There is another Bill that has yet to be assigned a number that would merge LEOFF 1 and LEOFF 2. It is very apparent that the Legislature has its sights set upon the LEOFF pension system. We have joined forces with the retired firefighters in opposition to both Bills. Phil Talmadge represents both us and the firefighters. For the Bills to become law, they must pass the I.R.S. restrictions on pension plans. Phil believes the Bills do not meet the I.R.S. guidelines. If in fact Governor Ferguson signs the Bills into law, our only recourse is a Class Action Lawsuit. So please continue to contact your State Senator stating your opposition to the merger.

A little preview of the upcoming RSPOA meetings. For the March meeting, we will have Jan Brandes from the pension office along with representatives from U.M.R. to explain just how LEOFF 1 members medical bills are paid. This is a follow-up to an email I received from one of our members asking that question. In April, we have Ian Adair as a speaker. Ian is the new executive director of the Police Foundation. In May, Myrle is scheduling the new Chief of Police Shon Barnes to speak at our meeting. So, remember the second Thursday of each month is the day for the RSPOA meetings. Meetings are always a fun time to enjoy and be with friends.

RSPOA MEETINGS COMING UP

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
March 13	11:30am	Nile	Jan Brandes
April 10	11:30am	Nile	Ian Adair
May 8	11:30am	Nile	Chief Shon Barnes

RAP meets every Thursday at the Nile, 11am

crime bus stops -Outside high crime areas and businesses -Alleyways -Event parking areas for car prowlers and areas known for car jackers -On-Views, thefts in parking lots, Warrant arrests, etc., etc. -VIP perimeter security - Writing traffic tickets, checking for warrants both traffic and nuisance -Felony arrests -Search and rescue. Public relations assignments can include: - Patrolling the outside of nursing homes - Events - Memorials - Parades - Tours- Demonstrations - The waterfront and market - Being seen at Youth and neighborhood activities - Being seen at diverse functions, etc., etc. There is a lot of documentation about the productivity of the MPU in the past. Again, your MPU is under-utilized today. Put them back in an SPD uniform on horseback and have them write tickets and make arrests. It is doable! What other unit is as diverse as the MPU in their law enforcement skills and duties? Good luck for the future of the City of Seattle if the Mounted Patrol Unit is eliminated. I look at the new overlook off Westlake that just opened. Proactively one can see issues related to crime there already.

Sincerely, Terri MacMillan #3969 Retired SPD Sergeant

Last year, the Mounted Patrol Unit itself even sent out a plea for help that was published in the West Seattle Blog. In their letter the unit pleaded with the public to not allow the “storied heritage of the unit to be eliminated.” They pointed out, “Once it is gone, there is no bringing it back!”

Sadly, the letters and pleas for support did not work this time like it did in previous years. The SPD released a statement which read:

The Seattle Police Department is heartbroken that we have to make the very difficult decision to begin decommissioning our Mounted Patrol Unit over the next several months. The unit has a storied, 150-year legacy and has been utilized over the years for many different missions, including crowd control and patrolling city parks. However, over the past decade, due to lack of resources, the unit has been downsized and is primarily used for community events, ceremonies, and memorial services. The downsized mission of the unit has been made possible through supplemental funding from generous donations from individuals and organizations....Maintaining a mounted patrol unit is complex and cannot be “started and stopped” as resources ebb and flow. The animals require and deserve a great deal of ongoing care, which requires expensive facilities, trainers and caretakers to ensure the health and well-being of the horses, even when they are not being used by police.

We recognize the deep and abiding relationships that so many inside and outside of SPD have developed over the years. We will be working to find a compassionate and meaningful transition for each of the animals. We hope that some of them might be used to serve the community in other ways, such as therapy horses. Former owners of the horses will be given the opportunity to take back ownership. SPD is grateful for the Seattle Police Foundation’s efforts and the generosity of their donors that have supported the Mounted Unit for many years.

So, that is it. The Mounted Unit is eliminated just like the department did in the last few years to the Traffic Enforcement Cars, DUI Squad, Anti-Crime Units and Community Police Units. The Mounted Patrol Unit, when fully staffed could be available for crowd control like they did during the WTO fiasco and other large-scale events. It has been said that in a crowd management situation, a well-trained horse does the work of a dozen officers in riot gear! And wouldn’t you know that in 2026 Seattle is hosting the Soccer World Cup. The World Cup is expected to draw over 750,000 visitors for the matches. If you have watched the World Cup in Europe you know the fans can get boisterous and rowdy. Seattle may come to regret the day they eliminated the



Terri MacMillan, Paul Stimmel & Bob Robbin



Mark Wubben



MPU at the Retired Officers Banquet



MPU on patrol



At Protests



WTO Crowd Control

FROM THE PENSION OFFICE

BY STEPHANIE COLEMAN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

1099-R Tax Form - Retirees who receive a line-of-duty disability pension did not receive a 1099-R form from the city for 2024. To provide some context, the Police Pension has long requested that the city refrain from sending 1099-Rs to those with a line-of-duty disability, as this pension is tax-free. The city initially stated they could not determine taxable income for this category, which led to the requirement of sending the 1099-R. Recently, however, the city implemented a new Workday System which recognized that retirees on a line-of-duty disability are considered disabled and are not required to report their pension as taxable income. Consequently, no 1099-R form is necessary for this group. When you retired, you received two legal documents: an "Order" and "Findings of Facts and Conclusions." These documents are signed by the Department of Retirement Services (DRS), and we have a copy in your police pension file. Should you come under audit by the IRS, please let us know so we can provide you with our "IRS Packet," which proves your pension is tax-free. Tax Withholding changes can be made anytime throughout the year. Should you need to change your city escalator withholding, please contact Lisa Porter at 206-256-5127 or email her at Lisa.porter@seattle.gov. Please remember, that she cannot change your DRS/State Pension withholding as this must be done directly with DRS.

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 at the end of February or beginning of March. The COLA effective dates for LEOFF1 are April 1 and for LEOFF2 it's July 1.

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.

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 dates in 2025 for LEOSA are March 10, 2025, April 7, May 23, June 16, August 4, September 15, October 6, November 14, December 9. All are at 1000 hours and 1400 hours.

Pension Office Phone Numbers:

For: Medical/Rx, Dental, Durable Equipment Assisted Living, Home Care, Adult Family Home Call: Jan Brandes, 206-256-5126 Janice.Brandes@Seattle.Gov	Office: Cassidy Fitzsimmons, 206-684-5332, Stephanie Coleman, 206-256-5128.	For: Pensions, Death Benefits, Death Notifications, Pension Verification Payroll including direct deposit & taxes Call: Lisa Porter, 206-256-5127 Lisa.Porter@Seattle.Gov
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Writing a Last Ring can take time, especially gathering information. If you are willing to assist in our efforts of honoring our friends and co-workers with information about them or a good, difficult, funny, or historical memory you have with one of them, please contact me. Your contributions are invaluable to us. Please feel free to reach out with your stories and insights. Do note that some submissions may be edited for conciseness or formatting purposes. You can contact me at 206-348-8018 or email stephnie.coleman@seattle.gov and together we can keep the memories of our friends alive. Thank you!



Last Ring



Maury Erickson

#2063, retired Seattle Police Detective, passed away on July 10th at 91 years of age. Hired: July 25, 1960, Class # 42, Assignments: Patrol Central Area, 1969 promoted to Detective, Homicide & Robbery. Retired: September 5, 1980 with 20 years of service.



Robin L. Clark #4507,

retired Seattle Police Assistant Chief, passed away on June 22nd, 2024, at the age of 65. Hired: October 1, 1980, Class #129, Assignments: Patrol East 2nd watch & 3rd, 1985 promoted to Detective, Special Assault Unit, Green River Task Force, Burglary/Theft, Background Investigations, 1993 promoted to sergeant East Precinct, Special Activities, IIS, 2003 promoted to Lieutenant, SWAT, North Precinct Watch Commander, Traffic-Motorcycles, North Precinct Admin., 2009 promoted to Captain. North Precinct, 2014 promoted to Assistant Chief, Criminal Investigations Bureau, Homeland Security, Major Crimes. Retired: September 30, 2022 after 42 years of service. Robin is survived by her devoted spouse of 33 years, Pam McCammon #5474; siblings Debbie, Jackie, Marty, and Mark; and her beloved, Ryder.



Legal Beneficiaries:

Marie Fletcher, wife of deceased Seattle police officer Barry Fletcher #2681, passed away on December 18, 2024 at the age of 78.

Spouses:

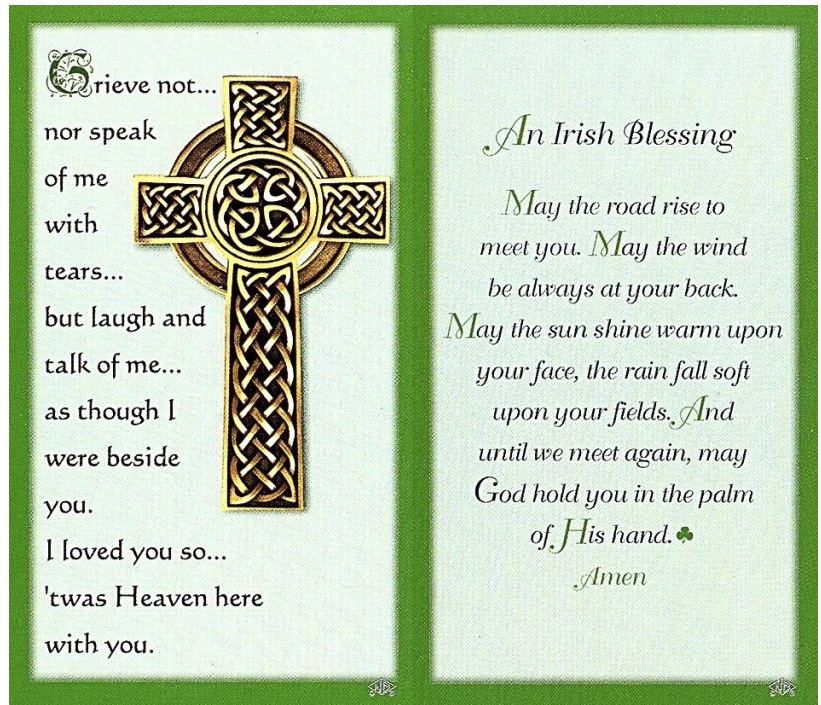
Joy Jarvis, wife of retired officer Steve Jarvis #2688, passed away on December 13th, 2024. Joy was seventy-seven years of age.

For a complete obituary go to
www.rspoa.net

Recent Deaths

Last Ring for each of these officers will be coming soon. Please contact Stephanie Coleman with information on these officers. 206-256-5128

Steven Quint #4059
John Larson, Jr. #2060
Clay Monson #4904
Timothy Perry #2602
Michael Hagler #3397
Thomas Sutton #2421
Milton "Mel" Rasmussen, Jr #2227



UPDATE ON TAHOMA NATIONAL CEMETARY PROJECT



Retired SPD Officer, Randy Robinson, #4699 volunteers each week at Tahoma National Cemetery. Last year, he announced that he was taking on a project to create a list of all SPD officers who were also veterans and are buried at Tahoma. We are happy to report that Randy has completed his work. The list contains a map and the name, section, row and grave number for each officer. Randy also compiled a list of family members of SPD officers who are buried at the cemetery. The list will be posted on the RSPOA web site. You can also obtain the list by contacting Randy by email at tomsixty2@msn.com or Stephanie Coleman in the pension office. Thank you "Tom 62" for a job well done and for your volunteer efforts to honor all veterans!

RSPOA FEBRUARY MEETING

Steve Strachan, the Executive Director of the Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs (WASPC) was the guest speaker at the RSPOA February Meeting. Steve gave an update on some of the proposed legislation being considered in Olympia and how it impacts Law Enforcement.



Steve Strachan



Fred Hill & Eric Barden



David Rose

Terri MacMillan

Myrle Carner

ARIZONA SPD 931

If you are in the Arizona area, you are invited to the "3rd Annual Arizona 931"

Date : April 10, 2025

Time: 1300

Location: Icons Sports Grill (formerly Catching Flights Bar & Grille)

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Gilbert AZ, 85233

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Christian MacMillan

RSPOA/RAP CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Photos by John Nordlund

On December 19, 2024 a large crowd gathered at the Nile for the Annual RAP/RSPOA Christmas Lunch. Kevin O'Neill played the Christmas tunes and even sung a few himself. A good time was had by all.



Kevin O'Neill



Jim Yoshida

Hank Gruber

Rudy Sutlovich

Annetta, Melody & Shelby Schenck



John Nordlund

Stephanie Coleman

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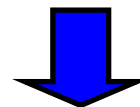
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Helpers Needed: contact Kevin (206)
218-8920 or Rich O'Neill (206) 992-9516



Mounted Patrol Unit. It is truly a sad day for many who worked in the unit and thousands of community members who supported the unit over the years.



Great Public Relations



Funeral Honors



The end of 51 years of dedicated service!

MARK THE NARC

By Officer Mark E. "Buzzy" Katzer, SPD Retired #3159

(On going stories from his days as a cadet)



Once Christmas break ended, Mike and I were assigned to a different school. In this case Nathan Hale way out in the north end. We were both enrolled as students. I remember Mike used the name, Randy and I opted for the name "Hank Miller." Side note:

my dad would use the name Hank Miller when he played hooky from work and played golf with clients. I couldn't use my real name on account of the publicity from the rally at Franklin High School. My backstory would be I was a transfer from Oakland, Ca. Easy enough, since that was true and the Oakland Raider decal in my red Mustang would match. The first day I went to Nathan Hale, there were a couple of inches of snow on the ground. I got there early and saw a big empty parking lot, so I drove into the lot, cranked the steering wheel, hit the gas and started doing donuts. Big fun. A kid named Bruce saw me and came down. I stopped

and opened my window. He asked if he could get in and do some more donuts. I said sure, hop in. He did and I did donuts for a few more minutes. Then I drove up to another parking lot closer to the school and parked. We got out of the car and Bruce wandered off, he would be telling other kids about the new guy in school that was cool and drove a red mustang. I went into the school and found the Vice-Principal's office. As I mentioned before, the V-P's were the only people in the schools who knew our true identities. The V-P led me into the outer office and introduced me to a teacher that would be my counselor (and I think he was the same man that would teach my civics class.) He was extremely helpful and worked hard to get me enrolled in the classes that I would need to complete to graduate. He was a credit to the school system. He then introduced me to a young student aide, a senior girl named, Janet P. He told her to give me a tour of my classes and where my locker was. She was cute. She led me through the school and I worked up the courage to ask her if I could buy her lunch at break time. She said yes. Later, I picked her up and drove her to a local hamburger joint. During the drive and burgers. I off-hand mentioned the drug scene. Janet piped up and said she was a regular dealer. She said she had a boyfriend that was 21 years old and he'd give her marijuana to sell. She said for every four baggies he gave her, she could keep one for herself. She could use it or sell it. She had to return \$30.00 to him. We talked some more and she said she would bring me a baggie in a day or so. A day or so later, I met up with Janet again and took her to the same burger joint. She sold me the baggie of weed and asked me to take her to a local Safeway store. We went in and she bought some cigarette papers. We drove to a secluded place and she rolled a joint. I asked her to roll down the windows on account of I didn't want any smell from the marijuana in the car, on account of my mom often drove the car. Janet complied and lit up. We passed the joint back and forth and I was able to employ my "pinch the joint" technique and exhale cold vapor. I had a buy in first couple of days but things would go slow for the next couple of weeks. It seemed any drug traffic was conducted off campus.

Meanwhile we were still acting on hot tips that were called in, and one other item of interest came

up. It seems there was a transfer kid that enrolled at Ballard High School during the break. His name was Randy, and he drove a Chevy. That info matched what was known about Mike Fann and his alias. This new kid was singled out and beat up by a bunch of dudes from Ballard. That was a sad event. One afternoon Gerry Adams took a phone call from a young girl named Helen F. She was a student at Ballard and wanted to report drug activity. Gerry had a couple of conversations with her over a week or so and then finally collared me and said "Here Mark, you talk to this girl, she knows a lot about the dope scene. You can learn some stuff." So I did. In fact, I talked with her for an extended time and even met her. I remember she took me to her Dad's place once. I did learn some stuff, but not much developed from that. Then one day, the Detectives decided I should go to Ballard High and wander around, maybe to be able to make a buy. Two, two-man Detective cars would shadow me. That plan didn't work out to well. I remember walking around the perimeter and a bunch of students saw me. Before I could do anything, they saw I was a stranger and that I must be a narc, so they started chasing me. I ran like hell, hoping to spot one of the Detective cars. No luck. I outdistanced my pursuers and finally made it to my car, which was parked a couple of blocks away. Ho hum.

Back to Nathan Hale and school days. Still not much luck making buys at school. I didn't try for any more scores from Janet and at one point, I met with the Detectives and suggested we try to turn her into a snitch. They said no. By now, Mike Fann had transferred out of the unit. One day, my Civics class teacher (and assigned counselor) announced that our class would be going on a field trip to the Public Safety Building. The class could tour the building and sit in some courtrooms. My red flag lit up. No way was I going on that trip, so I played hooky that day.

Then we got another caller, a 14 year old kid who knew of an older guy that was hanging around a Junior High in the Magnolia area. He said this guy, who was about 28 years old named Gary R. K., would have parties at his house (he lived with his mother.) Gary would provide all kinds of drugs. In fact, this kid sometimes would take a young girl with him and drive to Portland to score dope. This case definitely piqued our interests. To bolster things, and with his parent's permission, I drove this kid around a couple of times, buying him cheeseburgers and getting to know him. We eventually decided to ask him to take me to Gary's house and lead me in, but at the last moment he chickened out. We aborted that plan and I took the kid home. Then me and the Detectives met to make another plan. We decided I would go in cold. So on the given night, I drove my Mustang and parked it half a block south of Gary's house. I locked up my car and walked up to Gary's door and knocked. I could hear a lot of noise from inside.. sounded like a party. The door opened and I was looking at Gary. I could see a bunch of young kids inside doing the party thing. Gary asked what I was doing here. I made up a B.S. story about hearing about him at a bowling alley several blocks away and was wondering if he knew where I could buy a baggie of pot. He bought my story and called for one of the kids, about 14 years old, to come to the door. He gave the kid a plastic bag containing a green vegetable matter and told the kid to walk me down the street and then give me the bag and collect \$10.00 from me. So the kid and I walked down the street to my car. I was ready to open my door, but I couldn't find my keys. I looked inside and saw them still in the hanging in the ignition. Frustrated, I gave the kid a ten dollar bill and he gave me the baggie, then I asked him if we could go back to Gary's and get a coat hanger so I could jimmy my door open. He said okay. We walked back to the house and knocked. Gary opened the door with alarm on his face. He asked what was going on. Me and the kid told him about my keys being locked in the car and my request for a coat hanger. Gary relaxed a bit and sent a kid to fetch a coat hanger. While we waited, I asked Gary if I could come back some time to get more stuff and that I lived in Kent and I wanted to have a party. He said okay, as long as you are cool. If you're not, I'll take care of you! He then reached to the corner of a door and picked up a rifle. It looked like an old .22 single shot. He held it up for emphasis. I said cool, I get it. A kid appeared with a coat hanger and gave it to me. I said thanks and walked back to my car. I bent the coat hanger and managed to unlock my door. I drove away and later met up with the Detectives.

I had scored from some 14 year old kid whose name I didn't know, but we had "an in" on a serious dealer. To be continued...

War Stories

By SPD Retired Detective Cloyd Steiger, #4313

In April of 2006, my squad was working nights in Hom-icide.

A little after 8 PM, we got a call of an officer-involved shooting at Broadway and E. John Street.

We arrived at the scene to find a white male dead on the sidewalk. There were several witnesses to the shooting.

I interviewed one of them.

"This guy was standing on the corner," he told me. "He had a gun in his waist. He said he was going to shoot the first cop he saw."

"I walked over to a phone booth and called 911. I told them about this guy. A few minutes later, three police cars pulled up. They told the guy to put his hands up. He pulled out the gun, and they started shooting. He went down."

I looked at the suspect. Medics had cut his clothing off. I could see wounds to his chest and his legs.

His gun lay a couple of feet from him. It was an old-er .38 revolver with a six-inch barrel.

I shone my light on it. I could see something odd in the cylinder gap. The round at the nine o'clock position had been pushed back to the rear of the cylinder by some-thing. Looking closer, I realized what it was.

One of the officer's rounds had gone the wrong way into the cylinder, struck the round in there, and pushed it back to the rear of the cylinder. This was unequivocal evidence that the suspect's weapon had been pointed at the officers when they fired. There is no other possible way the officer's bullet could have entered the cylinder otherwise.

We found a fired bullet, which had fused into the round on the suspect's gun, under a parked car nearby. When the officer's bullet struck his round and the bullet was forced back, it caused that round to discharge, sending both bullets out of the gun.

The TV show, Mythbusters, did an episode about the shooting. They got it all wrong, saying the officer had the revolver, not the suspect, and fired the round into an empty cylinder, not one with a cartridge in it, but they determined it was possible. I know it was. I was there.

From the Police Museum

By Officer Jim Ritter, SPD Retired, #4710,

Territorial Trouble

One of the darkest chapters in Seattle Police his-tory was in 1886 when an angry mob of citizens attempted to forcibly remove the city's entire Chinese immigrant population, who had settled in Seattle upon the completion of the railroad. The dangerous actions of the mob were increas-ingly violent, and the city's small police force was unable to guarantee the residents' safety. Even more troubling was that the mob was led by SPD Chief William Murphy, who was determined to remove the Chinese by loading them onto wait-ing ships. These incidents were common throughout West Coast cities where Asian restau-rants, laundries, and other establishments had thrived for many years following the Nation's westward migration and created the perception they threatened local businesses and jobs. By February of 1886, the lawlessness was so extreme that Washington's Territorial Governor deployed a large contingent of soldiers from the military Home Guard to ride to Seattle and restore order. Following the suppression of violence, Chief Murphy was fired, and the image of the SPD fell into question, especially when Murphy was re-elected to police chief several years later.

This poster declared martial law throughout the city as a stern warning to those who dared to defy it. If you have any historical items from the SPD that you would like to share, do-nate, or sell to the Police Muse-um, please con-tact me at:

Jamesritter@gmail.com

Or 206-949-9143

MILITARY HEADQUARTERS,

Seattle, W. T., Feb. 10, 1886

GENERAL ORDER No. 12.

All disorderly persons, or persons wandering about and having no visible calling or business to maintain themselves, and generally all vagrants, are required to leave the City of Seattle forthwith. All such persons found in this city after this date will be arrested and summarily dealt with.

All persons uttering treasonable or seditious language, or who are guilty of publicly using words or actions tending to disturb the peace, or in contempt of the constituted authorities, will be promptly arrested.

The Provost Marshal and other officers and persons authorized to make arrests are specially charged with the prompt execution of this order.

By Order of

WATSON C. SQUIRE,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief

R. G. O'BRIEN,
Adjutant General



Fallen SPD Officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the months of February and March

FEBRUARY

Judson P. Davis	2/23/1911
Fred D. Carr	2/25/1973

MARCH

Charles O. Legate	3/17/1922
Olof F. Wilson	3/31/1935
Frank Hardy	3/12/1954
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Editor's Corner

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As we enter March, the Washington State Legislature is in session. Our recent state elections failed to produce change in the political scene, like happened in the national election. We must deal with it and stay diligent, keeping an eye on Olympia and any proposed new legislation. What does staying diligent mean? I think it means staying informed and taking the time to voice your opinion on any pending bills. The state makes it very easy to email or call your representatives. I am urging everyone


to get involved. There are numerous bills proposed which are not friendly to law enforcement. One in particular is **HB 1816**. This bill would basically allow the City of Seattle to expand the Civilian Response Team without bargaining with SPOG. This is clearly a "body of work" labor issue. SPOG negotiated the creation of the Civilian Response Team with provisions on what this civilian team could do. This bill would allow the city to ignore SPOG and make changes to this civilian unit. This bill is sponsored by a police abolitionist, who serves in the legislature from the 43rd district as a Democrat. His name is **Shaun Scott**. Email your representatives and tell them to vote no! Respect the bargaining rights of police unions! Also send Rep. Scott an email and let him know your opinion. The next bill that needs your attention is **SB 5085**. This one is coming after YOUR pension! The bill would allow the state to take the surplus in the LEOFF 1 pension and give some money to TERS & PERS pension systems. It also would allow the state to divert some of the surplus to the GENERAL FUND! This has been proposed in the past and failed. There are legal opinions stating it is illegal. Both WAC and IRS rules are clear that the funds in a pension system can ONLY be used for the benefit of its members. The bill is sponsored by **Senator June Robinson**, a Democrat. Send an email to her and each of your representatives telling them this bill is illegal and needs to be voted down. Leave the pension alone! LEOFF 2 members need to voice opposition on this also. If they are coming for L1 pension surplus now, it won't be long before they will start eyeing the L2 surplus. Like I said, the state makes it easy to voice your concern. Go to leg.wa.gov. From there, you can find your district and send emails to different legislators. You can even request a reply to your message. You can find the phone number for each legislator and leave a voice mail. We need to rally the troops, friends and family and urge everyone to bombard the phone lines and email in-boxes of these legislators with messages. I have first hand knowledge that this can work if enough get involved. While President of SPOG, we did such a "bombardment" to get the Jason McKissack Act passed. That bill changed how the state treats LEOFF 2 officers who are catastrophically disabled in the line of duty. I'm told the phone lines in Olympia were actually overloaded and email in-boxes were jammed. The bill became law! So, get busy, tell your friends and family to get busy! Fighting it later on, if it becomes law, will be costly and involve lawsuits. This is YOUR money and YOUR pension!

Spring is just around the corner! The Mariners are still tied for 1st place (along with every other team)! Hope Springs Eternal! I hope to see you at our monthly meetings at The Nile!


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