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From your NRO

A BIG THANK YOU IN GREAT APPRECIATION!

Our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was held on the 26th of October, and what a wonderful group we had! I had so many places saved for me to sit, that I could not choose. I really cannot tell you all how important you are, not only to C.O.P.S., and the various volunteer tasks that you perform, but to me personally. The sense of service and pride in community is unmatched. There were significant awards presented, and we were honored to have our new Chief of Police joining us. **Chief Kirkpatrick** seemed to know everybody's name by the end of the evening. Her support of this program is vital!

It is an honor to have so many dedicated volunteers that keep SPD going day after day. I was personally honored to be able to introduce so many of you, as there are several shops that fall into my area (we really have no boundaries, do we?) Thank you all so very much!

There have been many concerns raised regarding the release of the Logs for Calls for Service. I have a mailing list of about 300, to whom I send County and City News Releases. Today I got the Release that had the Call Log on it. I am happy to confirm to all that were concerned about privacy that what is being released does not compromise SPD's ability to investigate, nor does it compromise victims that call in, or witnesses that may place a call. The addresses are listed by hundred block, and the disposition of the call is recorded. This gives a good picture of events, and what is going on in what location. I have fielded several calls from persons that were very concerned about being exposed for retaliation. There does not appear to be any reason for this concern. No one is being compromised.

We are happy to congratulate **Ofc. Bill Schaber** on his retirement, after over **30 years of service** to the Spokane Police Department. His last day was October 30, and we wish him well. Ofc. Schaber served the East Central neighborhood for about 12 years as a dedicated and effective NRO. He set a high standard, and a good example.



Mayor Dennis Hession and Police Chief Anne Kirkpatrick at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.



Over 300 volunteers and guests attended the dinner.



Neighborhood Resource Officers of the Spokane Police Department. Ofc. Bill Schaber in the circle.

Since he has been gone, and while he was off last year, I took many of the complaints that came in to C.O.P.S. East Central. It is important that the volunteers at C.O.P.S. East Central continue to get some support, so if a call makes it to our phone line, please be sure to be of as much assistance as you can. I am happy to address their concerns, and to make as many contacts with the citizens from that neighborhood as possible. It won't be long before there will be a new NRO for that shop.

Speaking of retirements, we are sad to see **Shirley Hooper** turn in a leave of absence. We have simply refused to take her retirement! Shirley and **Bob Hooper** were the foundation of COPS Southeast, and we will always be grateful to them both for their contributions, and time and energy and time and energy and time.....Thank you. We anxiously await your return.

One of the calls for service that has really increased are the complaints about Graffiti. We have been inundated city wide with reports of Graffiti damage. **Twila Reese** has done hundreds of reports, and has done the follow up to get things cleaned up. I would like to thank her, and acknowledge that her reports are excellent. Thanks, Twila.

That's all for now; remember that together we can make a difference.

Brenda Yates



Neighborhood Resource Officer Bill Schaber at C.O.P.S. East Central.



Marie Yates with Bob & Shirley Hooper.



Happy Thanksgiving!

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