

## Langley City Council Special Workshop

May 3, 2011

### Police Department Work Plan and Emergency Management Plan

Present: Hal Seligson, Bob Waterman, Fran Abel, Rene Neff, Robert Gilman, Paul Samuelson, Chief Randy Heston, Deputy Clerk Annette Andrews-Lux, citizen Thomas Gill

Acting Chief Randy Heston reviewed the current Police department work plan and addressed the following topics:

#### **A. Community Relations**

-Committed to maintaining this as a high priority

-Randy is committed to continuing to build a positive and public presence in the community, esp. with the youth.

-Initiated an educational/awareness event at LMS in response to the two drug/alcohol issues that happened a week or so ago.

-Comments from the council:

Rene: aware of the kids that regularly go down to the waterfront after school, and in particular a certain youth that is problematic. Randy encouraged us to tell people to call 911 right away if there are any issues.

Hal: Commended the idea of getting out of the car and walking in the streets and among the people.

Robert commended the emphasis on community relations. Mentioned the benefit of riding along with an officer for one evening. Fran recommends this as well and encouraged the rest of the council to take this opportunity.

Fran: offered comments to encourage the community relations and the "life in the street".

#### **B. Training and Education:**

-Reviewed the limits of having only three officers- each work a shift alone. Going okay but summer will be an increased load.

-Bob asked about required firearm training. Now we have to rely on the county and go up to Coupeville.

-What other kind of training might be desired? Department has a very small training budget. Randy tries to take advantage of free trainings that are offered. Each officer needs 24 hours a year. Key topics of desired training: Field Training Officer, Crime Scene Investigation, Interview techniques

#### **C. Administration**

-Trying to do some cross-training with other officers.

-Special training is needed for anyone to help with some of the data input.

-Overtime- use of Langley Reserve officers is going okay- issue is what we can currently pay them

-Council comments:

Robert: suggestion of community education to make the patrolling of streets easier, try to lower the threshold so business owners feel free to call sooner rather than later.

Rene noted issues of kids hanging out at park and ride near the HUB.

#### **D. Equipment**

-Noted particularly needed equipment: protective vests, esp. for Randy

-Randy is working diligently to upgrade and replace all necessary equipment.

-He is doing a thorough job of cleaning out supplies in the police department that are no longer being used and making note of what is needed.

-Explained the benefits of new SECTOR program.

#### **E. Emergency Plan**

-Randy reviewed the plan currently in place with Randy Palmer, new chief of Fire District #3 who affirmed our current plan. Randy reviewed what he would like to see put into place to reinvigorate the community around emergency preparedness. Northview (Hal's neighborhood) is a good model for neighborhood cooperation around emergency preparedness. Margot Jerome is a good resource person.

-Paul noted that in Jan. 2010 Lynn's position ended. It has taken over a year to return back to this point of planning.

#### **F. Future Plans**

Rod and Gun Club is a viable choice to pursue for firearm training. Clean up of the office is providing access to the interview room, which Randy was encouraged to use for private conversations with citizens.

Final comment: **GOOD JOB, RANDY!!!!**

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Andrews-Lux, Deputy Clerk