

***Southeast Seattle Crime Prevention Council - Southeast Weed & Seed***  
Meeting Notes from Wednesday, April 5, 2006

**Call to order:** 7:05pm by Mariana Quarnstrom with 42 in attendance

- RBCC 3days/wk free tax preparation
- Spring Clean SAT 4/15, see ad in SE District Journal
- Egg Hunt at the Dakota on SAT

**Barb Graff - City Emergency Management Program**

*JoAnn Jordan – Education Coordinator*

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Our city has been planning for 15 years for worst possible hazards  
What is worst-case scenario? Our “Katrina” is a really big Earthquake.  
If you’re ready for an earthquake, then you’re ready for almost everything else.

Comprehensive Plan

- Seattle Disaster Emergency Readiness Plan – deals with consequents that we deal with after disaster (traffic impact, need for housing)
- All City – have been training or using the plan for last five years; City of Seattle’s ability to accept and dispatch 911 during disasters.
- TOP OFF (Top Official) - International exercises for federal government to pretend to survive a dirty bomb and test public workings - City Light, public information service, and telecommunication.
- Day of disaster there will not be not enough help to go around, so you need to be prepared to survive on your own for 3-10 days.
- To Prepare: Think how might I get ready for an urban camping trip?
- Prepare for no lights & no supermarket.
- Are you ready to face that at home? Are your kids prepared at school? Have you practiced?

5 Basic ways to prepare

1. **Gather Supplies:** Water food, flashlight, radio, pet supplies, and medication –customize to your own needs.
2. **Reduce Hazards:** anything that might break or fall. Inside - if it could break, make sure it won’t hurt anything; if it falls make sure it won’t block your path out.
3. **Learn Now (Today) Important Skills:** update CPR & First Aid, control utilities
4. **Create a plan for you and your family** (1<sup>st</sup>), then your community (2<sup>nd</sup>): How will you contact each other? Have an out of state contact. Have you established who that will be?
5. **Practice Your Plan:** (the Northwest has been doing it for the last 10 years) Kids are prepared, but not at home. In the Nisqually Quake no school child was hurt, because they were under desks.

**Make a personal goal for yourself:** Your goal is to get ready for the disaster. Make a plan and share it with people.

**SPD Reports**

*In a disaster* – you won’t get a response from 911 and can’t wave down police. SPD has specific things they need to attend to that do not address individual needs. You are on your own for at least 3 days – good week before semblance of normal. RB Valley – could be in accessible. Out of town officers cannot get back in, and will probably assist outside agencies.

Circumstances	City wide	SE
overall	- 15%	-16%
auto	-18%	-18%
non-residential burglaries		Up ( <i>individual units</i> )

\*When a burglar breaks into a storage complex each individual unit counts as one.

Emerging youth violence issue (Rainier & Henderson) – especially between East/Central youth & Rainier Valley youth. Police are working jointly with school principals from RBHS, FHS, and GHS. This is captain Byers #1 priority. There will be “heavy” management around schools for petty crimes - not to harass, but to stop crime.

**Police Action:** home visits made to let parents know of troubles teens are getting into. Many kids involved are not homeless or rejects, but students who attend school and come from two parent homes. Put huge responsibility on schools too.

*What cooperation are you getting from schools?*

Good relations with schools directly, but more difficulty with school district. There is a meeting with Mary Bass April 14<sup>th</sup> at Garfield HS to just listen to community.

**Action:** Community get parents to get involved with what their kids are doing.

Gangs & Wanabes – call themselves gangs or gang associates. Started with fight after a football game two years ago.

*How safe is it for me to walk around there?*

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They are not picking random neighbors. They are targeting each other. It's usually at its worst when school lets out. Concentrations of incidents occur when school is in session or when there is an event. Police suspect that with Spring Break it will disperse into tiny pockets.

*Are there surveillance cameras?* There are no cameras, but the City is looking into it.

### Seattle Public Library

For all the libraries – only one security officer: 1 south of ship canal, 1 up north, and the rest downtown.

Secure observation – when Parks Dept. closes kids move to libraries – hottest time 2-3 hours. Mark Solomon has made suggestions -

**Action 1:** charge layout of the library, cost effective, low labor, high impact

**Action 2:** if having problem call SPD

Arcade – 9509/9507 Rainier Ave S (57<sup>th</sup> & Rainier) - Lt. Koutsky & Officer Daman

Empire Club – use to be a church – opened March 15<sup>th</sup>, the City shut down in couple of days because complaints next door. All complaints have been anecdotal, because of past history.

Don't know if they have a business license.

No business plan in place: 1 pool table, 4-5 video games (2 don't work). Business hours 8pm-2am with no target crowd, no food or beverages other than vending machine.

Owner knows SPD is watching – hope is that it is made a viable business if, 1) Business offers legal activities, & 2)

Does not have negative impact on community. Main concern no parking and no heavy frequency.

### Weed & Seed

Focus on Rainier & Othello, because community has stepped forward dedicating effort & time toward improvement.

Purpose of power-point 1) identify in public setting community disturbance; 2) identify public coordinators involved; and 3) identify impact or lack thereof.

-Barb has list of concerns

- they will bring up at next interagency within next month Barb & Veronica invite all businesses to ROSA. Also new CPTED update with business involvement

-positive response from ROSA another active group ONA received matching grant to do neighborhood beautification.

-Spring Clean on April 15<sup>th</sup>

### Auto Service detail and Grubb Grill @ Rainier & Garden

car wash, \$10,000 on back taxes, foreclosure warnings on all three units

- tub is where waters to be recycle – but fireplug is gone

### Lucky Furniture

Complaint – recycling not contained in proper container, but in a fence. Wind blows trash into street. Picture was mailed to SPU. Have cleared out trees in lot behind store, which may be for sale.

### Community Concerns

- Fontanelle Apartments (50 units) - Mr. Boyd, owner – added a uniformed security officer for building 7pm-Midnight. Made an initial step towards beautification. Cars parked in driveway. Owner may have trespass signs.
- SHA looking into the redevelopment of a 40-unit apartment.
- Concerns advertisement for free rent bring in an undesirable type of people.  
**Action:** Will find out about screening process, amount of available parking per unit, and how much is being charged for parking.
- A request made for Creston Apartments (51<sup>st</sup> & Bangor) to be made a “hot spot”
- Admiral Apartments (21 units) – Gary Hubbard owner – man evicted, then arrested for carrying a knife w/ 15” blade. [SPD] Prostitution in vacant apartments. Unknown if there is an onsite manager. Screening process is questioned.
- HIV Positive, known prostitute back in area (Rainier & Orcas).  
**Action:** Have SOAP reinstated

### Educating City Council Proposal

Neale Frothingham gave a presentation sighting background of police to resident staffing ratios.

- We only have 2.2 officers per 1000 residents. Ideal would be 2.7 officers per resident.
- We haven't resized since 1979.
- A lot of nuisance crime

Right now police can only address high priority 911 calls, unless a slow day.

Resolution – for Crime Councils to make a unified statement rallying around the idea of educating City Council on the need for more officers.

*Motion for SSCPC to adopt resolution - passed*

**Action:** Email City Council today.

Veronica will email proposal to e-mail list.

**Adjournment:** 8:40