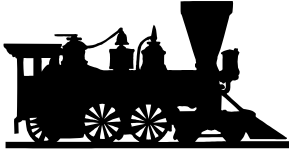


TALES FROM THE RAILS

C.O.P.S. NORTHEAST 625-3343

JUNE/JULY 05



If you would like to become a volunteer at COPS NE please drop by N.5208 Market. We'd love to see you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT!

We are approaching 13 years of service to the Hillyard Area this summer. Sounds good, doesn't it? What does it mean?

The COPS program began in response to the deaths of Rebecca West and Nicki Wood in the West Central Neighborhood. People in the neighborhood were determined to make a difference, to increase access to the Spokane Police Dept. for the citizens of their neighborhood. Several concerned citizens in the Hillyard neighborhood also took up the cause and COPS NE was born. Over the years, we have seen many changes. Officers were a bit wary of us at first, after all they weren't used to having the citizens spoiling them! A sergeant said something during our training that I have always

remembered. "Officers see the best people at their worst, and the worst people at their worst, and then we wonder why they get cynical." In the COPS program, they deal with citizens who want to help, even if it's just hot coffee and a workstation to do a report at. We have taken over several things to help SPD.

We now document and do damage assessments of graffiti, then send them to SIU. There is no way that the dept. could keep up with the proliferation of graffiti in our neighborhoods.

We hand out flyers warning citizens of level two and level three sex offenders in our neighborhoods.

We offer solutions to people outside of the dept., after all, not everything is a police matter.

We offer local access of a Neighborhood Resource Officer, who informs the rest of Patrol what is going on in the neighborhood. The information you bring in to the shop may help give officers what they need to complete an investigation or to start one. Those of us at the front desk may not be aware of how important your information is, but we pass it along to the NRO anyway.

We work with other agencies. Foremost in our shop is Code Enforcement and the WA. State Dept. of Corrections. It is awesome to see these guys and SPD work together to solve neighborhood problems. Other shops work with Juvenile Correction and Office of Neighborhoods. Not all the shops have all the services, depending on

neighborhood needs and demographics.

We also do Operation Family ID, which provides parents with a current picture of their child on a floppy disk, and a set of fingerprints. This is especially useful in case a child becomes lost. It is very quick and easy to get their picture to the media.

We have two dedicated volunteers who oversee Block Watch and NOP(Neighborhood Observation Patrol)

We have several internal programs, such as Safety Fairs, Betty's Teddy's, Pet pictures with Santa and our Christmas Store and Santa's Secret Shop.

Some of this might seem like fluff to some people, but our most important job is creating a link to Law Enforcement and the public, via people who have a vested interest in the quality of life in this community. If I say so myself, we have a great group of people in our shop, who are dedicated to making sure the Hillyard Neighborhood is the best it can be. I am lucky and privileged to work with these people.
By: **Luann Suryan**

WORDS FROM OUR DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS OFFICER

My name is Doug Holland and I am proud to be employed at the NE COPS Shop as a Washington State Department of Corrections Officer serving to make Hillyard a safer place to live. My background consists of 22 years of unbroken service with DOC, except for a short educational break I took from July 1999 to July 2000 to attend the Criminal Justice Master's program at WSU-Spokane in pursuit of my master's degree.

Prior to taking a job with the DOC in community corrections, I worked in the State prison system for 16years. While serving in the prison system, I worked as a recreation specialist and supervisor, a classification counselor, an administrative lieutenant, a custody unit supervisor, and a community involvement program coordinator. One of the things I

learned in prison was to mean what you say and say what you mean, especially in the middle of a riot. All of my different experiences prepared me for my responsibilities and duties at the NE COPS Shop in Hillyard. Other life experiences that have shaped my community involvement commitment and interest include fund raising for high school sports programs, serving on ad hoc committees for sports development in schools, coaching boys and girls baseball/softball programs, raising dogs and grandkids, and being married for 19 years. My lovely wife, Karolyn also works for the Department of Corrections at Airway Heights Corrections Center as the Secretary Administrative for the Superintendent.



JUST A REMINDER

Please remember to engrave your belongings. If your house should become burglarized and you report the theft, if there is any chance that your belongings could be returned to you, it will make it much easier for the police if your items are engraved. If you do not have an engraver yourself, or the funds to purchase one, you can bring some of your items to NE COPS and we can engrave them. The preferable identification to engrave is your driver's license number. Please do not use your social security number.

By **Bernadine Howell**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS ! ANNIVERSARY DATES FOR JUNE AND JULY:

Robert O 7 years

Della O 7 years

Kelly S 1 year



BLOCKWATCH

Block Watch is a communication program that focuses on crime prevention by education and involving neighbors to reduce their risk of becoming victims.

What you can do to protect yourself from Automatic Debit Scams.

- **Don't give out your checking account number over the phone unless you know the company and understand why the information is needed.**
- **If someone says they are taping your call, ask why. Don't be afraid to ask questions.**

Companies to not ask for your bank account information unless you have expressly agreed to this payment method.

By law, a telemarketer is required to obtain your verifiable authorization to obtain payment from your bank account.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS AUGUST 2ND!!!!!!!

NEIGHBORHOOD OBSERVATION PATROL (NOP)

N.O.P. is a volunteer patrol/observation program designed to aid a neighborhood in reporting suspicious and criminal activity.

Volunteers are trained to be the “eyes and ears” in supporting the police department. To become a N.O.P. volunteer, a citizen must fill out a C.O.P.S. application and submit to a criminal background check. Once approved, the volunteer attends special N.O.P. training (3-4hours) by a Spokane Police Officer. Volunteers are required to sign a CODE of Ethics and have a vested interest in their neighborhood. Units use their own vehicle and travel with no less than two persons per marked vehicle. They must have a scanner and cell phone while patrolling in case they need to report any suspicious activity or emergency they may observe.



CONGRATULATIONS TO SARAH ANDERSON MAY'S SUPER KID!!!!!!