



HIGHLIGHT OF PROGRAMS FUNDED IN 2006 THAT ARE ASSISTING THE SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

In 2006 the Seattle Police Foundation provided more than \$175,000 in support through the semi-annual small grants process. Seattle Police Department employees competitively apply for funding of innovative and cutting-edge projects in three program areas .

Build Community Partnerships-

The Foundation serves as a link and positive catalyst between the community and the Department by supporting the following programs:

WEST SIDE STORY PROJECT

Marking its 50th anniversary in 2007, West Side Story is the classic American musical of two rival youth gangs in New York City (Jets and Sharks) whose battle for turf and superiority provides the backdrop to an exploration of youth gangs, police relationships, prejudice and the romance of two young people caught in a violent cross-cultural struggle. The electrifying music of Leonard Bernstein and the prophetic lyrics of Stephen Sondheim hauntingly paint a picture as relevant today as it was fifty years ago. The themes of this quintessential story will serve as the catalyst for a series of community dialogues for youth and adult audiences. The dialogues will focus on Seattle's youth--their hopes, dreams, and challenges as well as the relationships between youth, the SPD and the social /community-based systems that seek to intervene with them.

TRANSLATION SERVICES FOR INFORMATIONAL VIDEO SERIES

Cops, Culture & Conversation is a informational video series explaining Seattle Police Departments responsibilities in enforcing local, state and federal laws to the East African Community. This video then explains to Law Enforcement the cultural perspectives of the East African Community of how law enforcement was perceived in their native country. SPF funding is provided for translation services for this series.

ANNUAL REPORT SUPPLEMENTAL

SPF funds provide for printing and insertion in the Seattle Times of a supplement called "Seattle Police Department: A Report to the Community." This report will highlight the achievements of the department, basic facts on service demand/delivery, and crime data, including the mission and public safety issues in general. The specific need is to provide alternative avenues for community members to learn about and evaluate the work of the Seattle Police Department. The current annual report is a large document that is printed in relatively small numbers. While much of it is not of interest to the general public, there is a portion of the report that individuals routinely request. Additionally, putting the information in a publication that is read by thousands provides community members who might not otherwise seek out the information more insight into the workings of the department.

- *Restoration Fees for SPD Police Museum*
- *Spanish Language for Law Enforcement (Pilot)*
- *Community Outreach*
- *Explorers*
- *Laptop for Community Presentations-North Precinct Community Policing Team*
- *Victim Support Team-Domestic Violence Response Volunteer Program*



Support and Enhance the Training, Recognition, and Well-Being of SPD Personnel-

WOMEN IN POLICING CAREER DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

The full day Women in Policing career development seminar was held in March 2007 and focused on civilian and sworn employees in the law enforcement profession. This is a peer support program with subjects to include emotional survival, balancing career and home life, mentorship and sharing your knowledge. The health, well-being, and leadership of officers are critical in order to retain them in this challenging profession. All SPD employees were invited to attend as well as other local area agencies. Opportunities to support, train, and network with other women and men for their leadership skills and development were provided to over 200 police personnel. The format included two key speakers, video, and a panel.

CRISIS NEGOTIATION TRAINING

Negotiations techniques are constantly evolving due to a better understanding of the actions and motivations of subjects in crisis, whether due to mental issues or other stressors. With the success or failure of an incident often riding on the negotiators shoulders, the need to provide ongoing quality training for them cannot be over stressed. This program allowed the SPD Hostage Negotiations team to bring in Dr. Kris Mohandie to conduct a one-day training seminar. Subjects to covered include the Psychology of Crisis Negotiations, Threat and Behavioral issues in Suicide by Cop cases, as well as Stalkers and Crisis Negotiations.

INTEGRATED COMBAT AND CONTROL PROGRAM

The Seattle Police Foundation has been instrumental in helping us establish the department's Defensive Tactics program, which has developed to a point where we have instituted a formal instructor training and certification process, with levels from basic through full instructor. We are again seeking funding for quarterly training seminars to supplement training provided to officers during Street Skills. These seminars would cover elective topics in high demand, but cannot be fit in with yearly department wide training programs, e.g. ground fighting. The primary target group is our cadre of field instructors, but the seminars are also open to all sworn personnel and outside agencies as space permits.

- *Elder Abuse/Neglect Investigation Conference*
- *Education Fund*
- *Quarterly Defensive Tactics Seminars*
- *Peer Support Program*

Enhance Law Enforcement Services-

The Foundation helps augment law enforcement services by supporting the following advanced technology and specialized equipment projects as well as projects that enhance the effectiveness of specialty units:

SILENT POLICE ALARM PROGRAM

The current technology will allow the silent police alarm program to perform better and will increase its reliability. The silent police alarm program was established in 1974 by grant and provided wireless Varda alarm units to allow the police department to be directly alerted in the event of a robbery, burglary, or domestic violence emergency. The program historically had about 200 alarms but today has less than 50 serviceable alarms from failure due to age. This grant will fund up to 25 new alarms to replace failed equipment and keep the silent police alarm program viable and reliable. The majority of silent police alarms are deployed at the homes and businesses of the citizens of Seattle. When these citizens have been the victims of a major or repeated crime, the



silent police alarm program is the major technological tool to assist the department in apprehending the criminals victimizing the community.

VIDEO-BASED K9 TRAINING SYSTEM

Infrared equipped hard drive video camera, infrared light source and computer with video editing capability. This equipment is used to provide both real-time and archival video-based training for canine handlers. Canine handling involves “reading the dog”. This requires that each handler learn the meanings behind very subtle changes in the dog’s body language. The ability to quickly and repeatedly review dog performance greatly accelerates learning this critical skill.

CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM

The Crisis Response System is a real-time, portable communications system offering audio and video intelligence to enable SPD crisis / hostage negotiators and tactical teams (SWAT) to safely and effectively respond to hostage, barricade, suicide and other crisis situations. The entire system is enhanced with a two-way wireless duplex (TWD) unit, which provides secure wireless communications. With wireless capability, the system has a variety of applications outside of crisis response.

- *German Shepherd Dog for K9 Unit*
- *Specialized Binoculars for SWAT Team*
- *Portable Breath Tester for Night Club Emphasis*
- *Quarter Master Kitchen equipment*
- *Wireless Phone Recording Controller*
- *Remington Eye Ball Camera System*