



## HIGHLIGHT OF PROGRAMS FUNDED IN 2007 THAT ARE ASSISTING THE SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

In 2007 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:*

#### **TRANSLATION/PRINTING FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY BROCHURE**

SPF funded translation and printing of a Pedestrian Safety Brochure into 13 languages. In the last year the number of pedestrian related collisions resulting in serious injury or death has increased dramatically. In response, SPD created an educational brochure to provide information on laws regarding pedestrian responsibility and ways to reduce the risk of being a victim of a pedestrian collision. With the number of limited English speaking community members living and working in the City, having the information available in the most commonly spoken/written languages has made this educational campaign much more effective.

#### **BREAKING THE SILENCE ON BLACK ON BLACK VIOLENCE**

SPF funds supported the Silent War campaign, which works to increase awareness of the effects of black on black crime in the Seattle community. Twice in 2007, Silent War brought a motivating guest speaker to Seattle who talked with Seattle youth about the causes of violence in their lives, and ways to overcome it.

#### **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS/SNAP**

The goal of this public education program was to help residents of selected SHA properties become prepared for natural disasters and other emergencies through a combination of written materials, demonstrations, and skills training. As a result of this program, 130 people from Seattle's most vulnerable population are better prepared to take care of themselves following a disaster, thanks to SPF funds that purchased crank radios that were part of a power outage kit given out at community preparedness presentations.

#### **PORTABLE EDITING EQUIPMENT LAPTOP & LCD SCREEN**

Thanks to SPF funding, the SPD Video Unit now has a portable editing system that allows SPD to respond to other units in the department and to community requests for production services. The Video Unit has already successfully completed two video productions in the field, one with the Latino community and one at the SPD Range.

#### **URBAN YOUTH CHESS CLUB**

The Urban Youth Chess Club was the first of its kind in Seattle's Rainier Beach/Rainier Valley area. The chess club teaches a variety of life skills to young people and serves as a model for developing a stronger sense of self, personal responsibility and community responsibility. The Urban Youth Chess Club has provided an opportunity for youth to meet and play chess with various members of the police department and develop positive relationships between the youth and the police officers. Young girls and boys (ranging in age from 5 to 17 years old) have the opportunity to meet on Saturdays during the summer months, and learn to play chess and prepare for a championship. There have been as many as 27 youth at any given time on Saturdays, eager to learn this mind-expanding game.

#### **TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OF YOUTH THROUGH FITNESS**

Twelve youth interns earned stipends by leading a 10-week Late Night Fitness program over the summer. The program additionally required the interns to make a commitment to their own health by keeping a journal and tracking their personal health and fitness over the summer. They also participated in several community festivals and events over the summer. The program was a huge success, and provided the youth with an opportunity to not only earn money, but also gain self-esteem and self-confidence.



#### **SEATTLE TIMES ANNUAL REPORT INSERT**

*Seattle Police Department-A Report to the Community* reached a total of 112,000 subscribers of the Seattle Times/Seattle PI within the City of Seattle. The specific need for this report 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.

#### **SOCCER TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP**

SPF funds provided financial support for the 2008 North American Police Soccer Tournament, a tournament attended by law enforcement departments from all over the U.S., Canada, and Bermuda. The tournament raises money for local charities in the area that it is held, and has been ongoing for over 20 years. Seattle is one of the founding members. In 2008 the tournament will be raising money for Child Haven and Tree House for Kids.

#### **COMMUNITY POLICE ACADEMY (CPA) GRADUATION PLAQUES**

CPA increases understanding between SPD and Seattle's community members through education and interaction. Community participants learn about various facets of SPD and gain insight to law enforcement's role in the criminal justice system and the daily tasks of police employees. SPF funds purchased 180 plaques for CPA graduates. Citizens who participate in CPA commit to meeting once a week for 10 weeks for 3+ hours. Graduation is very meaningful to community members who participate in the CPA sessions, and giving out plaques is a way for SPD to show appreciation for their participation over the 10 weeks.

#### **DEMOGRAPHIC ADVISORY COUNCIL PROJECT FUNDS**

SPD's ten demographic advisory councils are crucial to the Department's proactive effort of building bridges with minority communities. Advisory council members invest their time and expertise and the Department values their input. SPD incorporates what is learned from the Councils into Department policies and strategic planning. SPF funds support the work of the councils, and pay for such things as booth rental for community festivals, translation costs for community videos, printing informational flyers and community safety information, and for purchasing Child ID kits for the Latino community.

#### ***Employee Development—***

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

#### **REFERENCE BOOKS**

SPF funds purchased books for the SPD's homicide reference library. These books assist detectives investigating homicides to have a better understanding, knowledge, and insight into the complex investigations related to murders, and leads to the arrest of suspects and the successful prosecution of these types of crimes.

#### **47TH ANNUAL INT'L WOMEN POLICE TRAINING CONFERENCE**

Seattle will host the 47th Annual International Association of Women Police Conference in Seattle in 2009. SPF grant funds were utilized to promote the conference, and to recruit participants for this important annual event.

#### **MATS FOR GROUND TACTICS TRAINING**

SPF funds purchased thick wrestling style mats to establish a grappling/ground survival training area in the Integrated Combat and Control (ICC) training annex. These mats provide padding for the floors and walls of a section of the training area. This allows for safe takedown, grappling, and control tactics type training on a regular basis. These mats provide for enhanced officer safety through increased, more efficient, and safer ground tactics training.



#### **CISM AND HOSPITAL RESPONSE TEAM**

SPF supports the Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) and Hospital Response Team (HRT). The CISM Team assists Department personnel by providing education and emotional support following duty-related critical incidents. The HRT, staffed by CISM Team members, responds to Seattle area hospitals to assist when emergency service personnel require emergency care. SPF funds provide food and drinks for the family of injured or deceased personnel at a hospital, provide clearly marked vests for HRT members, as well as provides for training, including continuing education for current team members and initial training for new team members.

#### ***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:*

#### **PELTOR ELECTRONIC HEARING PROTECTION**

SPF funds purchased electronic hearing protection for the SPD Firearms Training Unit instructors. The equipment is working very well to offer protection from gunshot noise associated with firearms training. A major benefit of this equipment is that it electronically amplifies the voices of the firearms instructors during the instruction phase of their training, while blocking out the loud damaging noises during the live fire portion of training. Because firearms instructors are able to communicate with officers during live fire exercises, safety has been greatly increased.

#### **CELL PHONE FORENSICS KIT**

SPF funds purchased a cell phone forensics kit for the SPD forensic lab. The equipment is used to process cellular telephones that were used in, or as a witness device to, crimes committed. Prior to this purchase, the forensic lab was not able to process cellular telephones. The lab has already processed phones involved with fraud, vice, rape of a child, domestic violence and organized money laundering, to name a few.

#### **QUARTERMASTER: MIXER**

SPF funds purchased a 20-quart mixer purchased for use by the SPD Quartermaster. The mixer has enhanced their capability of sustaining officers in the field and at special events. The mixer has allowed for increased efficiency during the preparation of large quantities of food.

#### **DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDERS FOR DV DETECTIVES**

SPF funds purchased wireless phone recorders/microphones for all detectives in the Department. Detectives are now able to take recorded statements away from their desks, from any phone.

#### **HONOR GUARD UNIFORM SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST**

The Honor Guard is a highly visible unit of the Department during cCity, regional, and national events, and is the goodwill emissary for the City and the Department. The Honor Guard performs duties that reflect the high standard of professionalism of the Department. SPF grant funds assisted the Honor Guard purchase uniform rain jackets in support of their mission.

#### **GPS CHART PLOTTERS**

SPF funds helped the Harbor Unit enhance and upgrade old technology by purchasing equipment for two of its vessels that had not been upgraded. This new equipment provides state of the art global positioning technology that can be overlaid over a chart (map) allowing more rapid and accurate response of rescue resources by identifying the location of persons in need.

#### **SWAROVSKI SLC 10X42 BINOCULARS**

SPF funds purchased high quality binoculars for members the Department's SWAT Team. The binoculars have been used on multiple callouts and other SWAT missions, as a way to gather first hand intelligence information about what is happening in real time. They have exceeded expectations in terms of clarity and light gathering, which has resulted in better, more accurate observations.



## **2 PERSON PREPAREDNESS KITS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS**

SPF funds purchased preparedness kits for SPD police officers. The kits will provide security for police officers who have to leave their families during a natural disaster or other emergency situation. Knowing their families have what they need to sustain themselves during an emergency will provide peace of mind for SPD officers.

## **PORTABLE STEEL BREECHING SYSTEM**

SPF funds purchased much needed equipment for the SPD SWAT Team. The portable steel breaching system allows the team to quickly defeat metal doors such as those commonly found in schools, government and commercial buildings, and aboard ships. This purchase helped bridge a previous gap in the SWAT Team's ability to quickly and quietly breach through a metal barrier, whether it's a door in a school or commercial structure, or a hatchway or bulkhead in a ship.

## **CRIME ANALYST NOTEBOOK SOFTWARE**

SPF funds purchased state of the art crime information linking software for the SPD Crime Analysis Unit. This system is the only one currently in existence that enables crime analysts to link mass quantities of criminal information, i.e. people, places, vehicles, phone numbers, addresses, into incomparable investigatory links. The system is capable of generating incomparable investigatory leads that can solve complex crimes. This is a benefit to both the Department and the community it serves.

## **CANINE VETERINARY SCALE**

SPF funds purchased a walk-on veterinary scale for use by the working dogs of the SPD Canine Unit. The scale assists handlers in keeping track of their dog's weight, which is an important indicator of their overall health. Previously, the handlers would pick their dogs up and step on a balance beam scale, then weigh themselves and subtract their weight to obtain the dog's weight. This was not safe for either the handler or the dog – this new equipment is very much appreciated by the SPD Canine Unit.

## **BULLARD THERMAL IMAGING VIEWER**

SPF funds purchased a Bullard Thermal Imaging Viewer for the SPD SWAT Team. This equipment allows officers to search for suspects or victims using their body heat, and it works in all weather conditions, as well as smoke, fog, bright sunlight or total darkness. The officers now have the ability to search large buildings for suspects or victims, as well as large wooded areas, with a much higher degree of safety. The searching can be done from a safe distance, and/or from behind cover.

## **ELECTROSTATIC DUST LIFTER EQUIPMENT**

SPF funds purchased two electrostatic dust lifters for the SPD Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) Unit. Dust prints at crime scenes previously posed a significant problem for investigators. This new equipment allows the CSI Unit to easily lift dust prints from floors, counters, tabletops, and papers at major crime scenes. This new equipment enhances the ability of the CSI Unit to properly document and collect evidence at major crime scenes.

## **SPD PHOTO LAB LARGE SCALE DOCUMENTATION**

SPF funds purchased a new Large Scale Evidentiary Documentation Station for the SPD Photo Lab. The new station was drastically needed to improve the SPD Photo Lab's ability to capture detailed forensic evidence and to support all follow-up units in the processing of large items of evidentiary value. Detailed evidentiary photographs lead to comparative analysis of the evidence and provide a direct link to the suspect, which leads to an arrest. This in turn makes for a safer community and the incarceration of criminals.