SYC Youth Violence Committee end-of-the-year report

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`Youth Violence is very popular in the Seattle area. Did you know murders are mainly caused by youth? As a Youth Violence Committee, our goal is to build bridges between youth and police in their local community to decrease stereotypes on police and also for youth to feel comfortable talking to a police. Youth Violence Committee is a very strong committee and the reason why all of our group members joined this committee was because we found youth violence an interesting topic to do research on and help in creating a difference in our community. Also a couple of our members actually could relate to a scenario one of their friends/family have recently experienced. Moreover, we really enjoy working as a committee together because we are all strong members and we each equally pitch in on helping plan events, etc. We plan to start noticing a change in youth violence over a few years therefore we do a lot of outreach outside of SYC.

`Over the past year in the youth violence committee, we have been to many different high schools such as Rainier Beach, Cleveland, Garfield, Franklin, and Bishop Blanchet. While we were visiting these schools we hosted a discussion with these students to receive and give feedback on how we can decrease youth violence and seen their different perspectives on police. In addition, we have worked with Chief Diez and he has helped us with contacting police officers from different communities to ask them to come speak to the youth so that they can build bridges. We had two events , one of the events was hosted at Rainier community center . While the other was at Garfield teen life center. Basically we did a quick introduction and explained what Seattle Youth Commission does , then we sat a police at table with a group of kids and just asked each other questions and had a discussion for an hour. Then we wrapped up by having the youth fill out a survey and serving pizza.