

**Skagit County Law and Justice Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 8th, 2012, 8:15 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

KEN BERGSMA	RICH WEYRICH	DALE RAGAN
CHRIS LOVING	DAVE NEEDY	LISA RUMSEY
DEANNIE NELSO	PAM SPRINGER	CHARLIE WEND
GREGG FREEMAN	SHARON DILLON	TIM HOLLORAN
JENNIFER KINGSLEY	KEITH TYNE	CHUCK BENJAMIN
DELILAH GEORGE	MIKE MAHONEY	PETER BROWNING
MIKE ELLIS	PHIL McLAUGHLIN	ROXANE GOSS
GARY SHAND	LIN TUCKER	LYNSI BURTON
DON McDERMOTT	JENNIFER SHEAHAN-LEE	MARC ESTVOLD
LAURIE JAROLIMEK		

Today's meeting began at 8:15 a.m. with introductions and a welcome from **Ken Bergsma**, *Mount Vernon Police Chief and Law & Justice Council Chairman*.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

There was a motion and second by the Council that the January, 11th 2011 meeting minutes be approved. The motion passed.

MEETING TOPIC:

NEIGHBORHOOD DEPLOYMENT, Lt. Greg Booth, MVPD

Lt. Booth presented information on the Neighborhood Deployment program that has been underway in Mount Vernon for just over 2 years. This program is designed to instill a greater sense of ownership with residents in the particular communities as well as officers assigned to these communities. This relationship gives officers the opportunity to be proactive in their community. They have begun this partnership in 3 of the 14 zones already, and have had very positive results.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

JAIL FACILITY TASK FORCE

Chief Charlie Wend, Sheriff Reichardt and Jail Projects Manager Marc Estvold are currently talking to city mayors regarding the jail situation, and the safety of our community. Tim Holloran reported that Marc Estvold is concurrently working on several areas of the jail project such as financing, site location, permits and zoning, court and transportation concerns, and will be analyzing all options. The plan is to have a site selection made in the next couple months.

At-Large Representative on Law & Justice Executive Board-There is a vacancy due to Andrea Vallee's leaving. Gregg Freeman nominated **Jennifer Kingsley** to fill the spot. This was seconded and unanimously approved. Welcome Jennifer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Retirements: Chuck Benjamin and Gary Shand will each be retiring soon. We wish them all the best and thank them for their many years of service to the community as well as to the Law & Justice Council in particular.

Court Docket Information: Pam Springer from District Court announced that a new digital sign has been installed in the window of the Public Safety Building to list all Court Dockets. It is hoped that this will clear up public confusion as to where court hearings will be and lessen security traffic through the doors.

NEXT MEETING- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14th, 2012.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20.

Approved _3/14/12_____