

**Skagit County Law and Justice Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 8th, 2011, 8:15 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

Will Reichardt	Ken Bergsma	Richard Weyrich
Dave Needy	Lisa Rumsey	Gregg Freeman
Charlie Wend	Jennifer Kingsley	Ken Dahlstedt
Chuck Benjamin	Gary Shand	Delilah George
Mike Mahoney	Larry Otos-MV Parks	Lynsi Burton-SV Herald
Lin Tucker	Dale Ragan-MV Council	Jill Boudreau-MV Candidate
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*.

May 11th, 2011 Meeting Minutes

There was a motion and second by the Council that the May 11th, 2011 meeting minutes be approved as written. The motion carried.

SPEAKERS:

Bill Maikai-MV Work Crew Supervisor, **Luigi Galliano**-SW Work Crew Supervisor, **Paul Tingley**-BUR Building & Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, **Sgt. Ron Coakley**-SCSO Jail Alternatives, in addition to **SWPD Chief Doug Wood** and **Marilyn Dite**-BUR Court Administrator

The above panel comprised of City and County Work Crew and Jail Alternative Program Supervisors described to the Council how their programs help keep minimal offense offenders out of the jail facility. These agencies have found ways to work together to save their agencies money, and benefit their community and the offenders themselves.

FOLLOW UP ISSUES:

Jail Video: **Charlie Wend** is working with the video producers to add footage from the patrol perspective and to put further emphasis on the safety factor on the jail overcrowding. The Jail Task Force will activate once the jail video is ready to use in presentations.

Lisa Rumsey was introduced in her new position as Juvenile Court Director. The Juvenile Court will now come under the supervision of the Superior Court Judges. Applications will be posted for Juvenile Detention Manager.

DOC Update: Gregg Freeman related that the new Tolling Legislation has recently passed and will become effective 7/1/11. This change will shorten the amount of DOC supervision as the clock will no longer stop for any jail time violations during the supervision period.

Mental Health Update: Chuck Benjamin brought a recent study that stated 50% of the U.S. Cigarette market is made up of people with serious mental health illness. Perhaps smoking cessation classes would be given a higher priority in the future. Further Details: <http://www.openminds.com/market-intelligence/intelligence-updates/043011-smoking-mental-illness.htm>

NEXT MEETING- is scheduled for Wednesday, July 13th, 2011.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

Approved 7/13/11