

Our First Newsletter

Although newsletters have been around for several hundreds of years, this is the first newsletter from your Burlington, WA Police Department. Not only are we a few hundred years behind the times of distributing newsletters, but we are also a bit behind our goal of publishing a quarterly newsletter.

Like everyone, COVID-19 has consumed our efforts while other goals are put on hold, delayed or scrapped altogether. None the less, we hope you enjoy what should be the first of many newsletters from your Burlington Police Department.

The Chief's Corner

By Michael Luvera

“The Only Constant Is Change”
Heraclitus

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines change as “to make different, to undergo transformation or substitution” “to replace with another”. In the last couple of years BPD has been in a state of change. Up to this point, the far majority of the transitions are things that would not be noticeable to those outside the organization. Changes in areas such as: updated radios, installation of an evidence barcode system, replacement of firearms, electronic equipment updates and building security are just a few of the many physical changes we have experienced. In addition to these physical changes we have updated our Mission Statement and identified core values that help guide us in our work. Continued page 2



The Chief's Corner continued:

Transitions, no matter how necessary, cause disruption and some level of distraction in the workplace. BPD staff has worked diligently to accept the transformations within BPD.

BPD changes are now beginning to flow outside our walls. These are the things that would be more visible to our community such as: bicycle patrol; increased visibility at community events; hosting events and programs (Drug Take Back, National Night Out, Coffee with a Cop, RAD program) and Flash the radar trailer.

The most recent and most publicly recognizable change is a transition to the graphics on our patrol vehicles (pictured on page 1). Our intention was to have a bold and professional graphic which would be immediately recognizable as a City of Burlington Police Department vehicle.

“The only constant is change” seems to be the best mantra for BPD. Stay tuned as BPD is only a week or two away from our next, quite visible change.

**SERVICE INTEGRITY
PROFESSIONALISM**

THANK YOU



Many thanks to Bruce Maskell who hand crafted this plaque and donated it to BPD. It now is proudly displayed in the Burlington Police Department.



CALLS FOR SERVICE

From January through the end of March 2020, BPD has received 131 fewer calls for service than this same time period in 2019. The COVID-19 “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” proclamation has had a slight overall impact on our calls for service. Calls associated with vehicle traffic have dropped while other calls such as family disturbances have risen. Future newsletters will include more information about BPD calls for service and crime data.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES (check www.burlingtonwa.gov for latest info)

Burlington City Council Meetings

7:00 pm on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at City Hall.

Burlington Public Safety Committee Meeting

4:00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Held at the Public Safety Building.



Peace Officers Memorial Day is observed on May 15th of each year. The first observed Peace Officer Memorial Day was in 1962, when Congress requested that President Kennedy designate the day of remembrance through proclamation. Over 24,000 police officers in the United States have died in the line of duty while serving their communities.

Did You Know?

- ❖ There are approximately 700,000 police officers in the United States employed by over 15,000 agencies. BPD has 27 commissioned police officers.
- ❖ The City of New York employs approximately 34,000 police officers. Chicago has approximately 13,000 officers while Los Angeles has 10,000. Across the entire State of Washington there are approximately 11,000 police officers.
- ❖ More than 70% of police officers in the United States serve communities that have 10,000 or fewer people.
- ❖ Police radio codes are not standard across the United States. BPD does not rely on codes to communicate information.

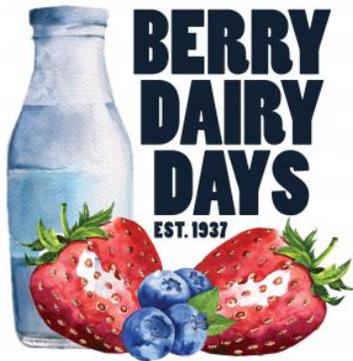


FUTURE NEWSLETTER CONTENT

- Current happenings and updates within your police department.
- Other City and community “news.”
- Calendar of upcoming BPD programs and events we are participating in.
- Crime data with tips and techniques on how you can help reduce crime.
- Highlights of employees and their duties within the department.
- Answers to frequently asked questions.
- And so much more!

Berry Dairy Days

Rescheduled for August 21-23, 2020



For the health and safety of all, our historical celebration will now happen in August. For the latest updates and information on this fun filled weekend please visit the Burlington Chamber of Commerce at www.burlington-chamber.com.



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