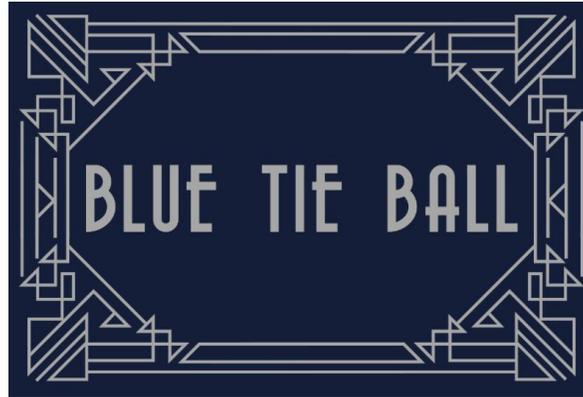




SEATTLE POLICE FOUNDATION
Partnership for a Safe Seattle

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



BLUE TIE BALL

On September 22nd, the Seattle Police Foundation will host its first ever Blue Tie Ball. We hope you can join us for this memorable evening of great food, wonderful auction items, and dancing at the King Street Ballroom & Perch. Guests will be immersed in engaging activities and hands-on exhibits featuring SPD specialty units and programs like SWAT, EMT, Beds for Kids, K9, SeaPAL and more!

Learn more about sponsoring the Blue Tie Ball [here](#).

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FEATURED AUCTION ITEMS

Dinner with a K9 Trainer

In his 43rd year of a K9-centered law enforcement career, Steve White is the only person to have served as a handler, trainer, training-sergeant, and supervisor for the Seattle Police Canine Unit. You and 6 guests will learn about Steve's remarkable career during a private dining experience at Assiaggio. Revered Seattle and owner of Assaggio, Chef Mauro Golmarvi will create a gourmet meal specifically tailored for your group. With an emphasis on creating simple, classic dishes, Chef will incorporate local seasonal ingredients and turn them into a delicious meal.

Paintball with the SWAT Team

Do you have what it takes to take-on the SPD SWAT Team?! Test your skills against the elite members of the SWAT Team while you play paintball at the Paintball Sports Park in Puyallup on a to be arranged date in spring 2019.

Dinner at the Metropolitan Grill with the Horse Whispers and Mounted Patrol Barn Tour

Saddle Up for a great night! You and 5 of your closest friends will enjoy a private dinner at the Metropolitan Grill with world famous horse trainers Shayne McGinnis and Buck Brannaman on October 29th, 2018. Guests will hear about Buck's almost magical ability to calm unruly horses which was the inspiration for the film *The Horse Whisperer* and Buck and Shayne's work training the horses and officers from SPD's own Mounted Patrol unit. The winning bidder will also have the opportunity for a private tour of the SPD Mounted Patrol facility, meet the Police Horses and learn more about the work of the unit. The winner will also receive a coveted Mounted Patrol Challenge Coin and a genuine Mounted Patrol saddle. Giddyup and get those bids cards UP for this fantastic package!



BACK TO SCHOOL FOR THE MOUNTED PATROL

For more than a hundred years, the Seattle Police Department has had a Mounted Patrol Unit. The highly visible and approachable horses draw the young and old alike to an open conversation with police officers while discouraging criminal acts through their presence.

Although officers are not generally doing highly technical riding, the urban environment they ride in is very challenging for the horses. They are constantly bombarded with things that startle, scare, and stress the horses. If the horse and rider aren't comfortable and confident in their abilities to keep each other safe, it can lead to dangerous situations. Ongoing professional training is essential to maintain this highly specialized unit.

Recently, officers in the unit started researching different types of horse training and discovered the methods of famous horseman Buck Brannaman. Buck's is widely known for his magical ability to calm unruly horses and was the inspiration for the film *The Horse Whisperer*. Several members of the unit took it upon themselves to learn Buck's methods with fellow trainer Shayne McGinnis at McGinnis Meadows Ranch in Libby Montana. When they returned and began to implement what they'd learned, the results were astonishing. Horses that previously would startle, bolt across roads, bite, or throw riders are now being ridden safely.

In an effort to assist the Mounted Patrol with continued training, the Seattle Police Foundation was honored to fulfill their grant request to send the entire unit to the McGinnis Ranch in August. Officers have noted changes in their horses that they attribute the outstanding training they received at the ranch and techniques they learned from Shayne and Buck.



ARSON BOMB GRANT FULFILLED

When there is a bomb threat, the men and women of the Seattle Police Department Arson/Bomb Unit are called in to keep citizens safe. But how can we make sure that the Bomb Unit technicians aren't hurt? That's where the Seattle Police Foundation steps in. Using funds reserved to purchase items like service enhancements, SPF recently fulfilled a grant request for eight Cap Containment Devices (CCD). These CCDs will allow members of the unit to safely contain a detonator of an IED and prevent injury. SPD Detective Scott Kawahara has said, "Since the Boston Marathon bombing you have seen bomb technicians out on foot for most major crowd events, concerts, and sporting events

checking and clearing suspicious bags or packages. These CDCs will significantly raise the level of safety during our unit training and demolition procedures."

For more information on SPF's grant program, click [here](#).



SEATTLE POLICE ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

On this special evening, we come together to honor the sworn and civilian members of the Seattle Police Department for going above and beyond the call of duty to keep our community safe.

Nominated by their peers, the night is truly a unique opportunity for the department, community leaders, and everyday citizens to recognize the outstanding work this department does every single day.

The net proceeds raised will go to support important community outreach efforts, advanced training and employee development for officers, and innovative, cutting-edge equipment and technology designed to keep our officers and community safe.

[Register and Learn More Here](#)

Learn more about sponsoring the Awards Banquet [here](#).



BEDS FOR KIDS

Beds for Kids is an event that happens once a year. Our goal is to give beds to kids who don't already have one. We can't do it without you and the generosity of our sponsors. You can help buy a child a bed! Make a donation using the link below to make sure a child gets a good night's sleep. If you know a child that needs a bed, please refer them by clicking [here](#). Your support of Beds for Kids through the Seattle Police Foundation is giving children a better night's rest, and preparing them for a better day at school.

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