



Officers Craig Hanaumi and Raph Park building community with Bellevue kids

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the *BPF Bulletin*, a bulletin from Bellevue Police Foundation about the most recent happenings at the Foundation and more. Stay informed about recent activity, upcoming events and other relevant items. We plan to send the Bulletin at least once a calendar quarter. Read on for the latest!

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Bellevue Police Foundation

2021 Grants for Officer Training, Health and Wellness

Despite the challenges we've all experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Bellevue Police Foundation continues its grant making process in 2021. In March, the Foundation Board of Directors voted to grant the Department \$104,000 for two critical programs.

The majority of the funding will provide a new Training and Command center to replace the outdated and aging equipment and software currently in use. The Training and Command center is used for a variety of training purposes including de-escalation tactics, new investigative techniques, and 200 hours of new recruit training. We want our officers to be as well prepared as possible to meet challenges of their daily work and new Training and Command equipment helps ensure that.



Equally important, funds were also granted for a mobile based Health and Wellness application for current and retired officers as well as their families. Because first responders encounter highly stressful and dangerous situations almost every day, Bellevue Police Department leadership has made it a priority to provide holistic care for the health and wellness of its officers and their family members.

Meet new Executive Director, Villette Nolon. Kudos to former ED, Sharon Linton!



We are excited to announce that in March 2021, Villette Nolon accepted the role of Executive Director of the Bellevue Police Foundation. Villette was most recently the CEO of Kirkland based affordable housing developer, Imagine Housing, a role she held since 2016. Prior to that, Villette's career was in high-tech executive management with a variety of innovative start up companies. Villette has lived in Bellevue for 25 years and has watched the city change and grow dramatically during that period. She's looking forward to serving her community through the Foundation.

We also want to take the time to congratulate and thank Sharon Linton for her three years of service to the Bellevue Police Foundation. Sharon's contributions were immense and we can't thank her enough for the positive changes she made



during her tenure. We'll all miss her, but wish her luck in semi-retirement. THANKS AGAIN, SHARON!

The department objective is to give officers the tools they need to deal with physical, mental, social, and financial stressors. This very proactive Health and Wellness program started in October 2020, and the Foundation grant provides the software to make the program benefits quickly available from officers phones.

Later in the year, the Department plans to acquire another K-9 to replace Ozzy, who passed away in 2020 and Tyr, who retired in 2020. The Foundation hopes to provide funds to keep this important part of policing going strong!

Board Changes

It's with regret that the Bellevue Police Foundation said goodbye to Board member Jim Hill from Kemper Development Company in March. But, it's with much excitement that we announce the election of Meeghan Black, Public Information Officer for the Bellevue Police Department to our Board of Directors.



Meeghan brings over 20 years experience in media, PR, and communications to our Board. "I'm excited to formalize my role assisting the Bellevue Police Foundation by joining the board of directors. The Foundation's support has made a significant impact on the police department and I look forward to contributing to our future success." says Meeghan.

Upcoming Events

Coming up from May 9-15, National Police Week is a week established by a joint resolution of Congress and signed by President John F. Kennedy in 1962, to memorialize police service to the community.



Celebrated for over 50 years, National Police Week is an important time to say thank you to our police. While we won't be able to have any in person events this May, we will observe National Police Week by offering Bellevue Police Department supporters special opportunities to show their support.

Bellevue Police Foundation is planning to reinstate our annual Bold for the Blue Breakfast in Spring of 2022. Until then, we look forward to seeing you in the community!

Donate to Support Your Police

Bellevue Police Foundation fosters business and community support to fund equipment, training, tools of accountability and efforts that build connections between the Police Department and the community. You can help provide critical support by donating now.

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