



Bellevue Police F o u n d a t i o n

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INAUGURAL GOLF TOURNAMENT A HUGE SUCCESS!



The BPF inaugural golf tournament was a huge success thanks to our sponsors, partners, players and volunteers who really know how to have a great time!

Over a hundred golfers came out to hit a fun 18 hole scramble while snacking on Blazing Bagels and delicious Dick's Drive In burgers and chocolate shakes. Police officers were on hand to clock ball speed from the first tee and motorcycle cops visited each hole on the course. Chief Wendell Shirley joined the players at the Awards Banquet and many golfers came away with some great prizes.

With players and corporate sponsorships, the Golf Tournament raised over \$45,000 for new technology, specialized training, and access to resources to build positive police engagement. [Click here to see more photos from the event!](#)

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Police Women in Leadership Scholarship Recipient Announced



Officer Peterson receiving award from Chief Pillo

Last fall, retired Bellevue Chief Linda Pillo partnered with Bellevue Police Foundation to provide an annual leadership training grant of \$1,000 to a rising female officer with the goal of advancing female diversity within police ranks. After three years with BPD and six years total experience, Officer Ashley Peterson is the first recipient of the grant which was awarded on August 2nd at the Golf Tournament Awards Banquet.

Her supervisor, Sergeant Kidd, wrote this about Officer Peterson: "She has been exemplary in all aspects, most notably in work ethic and community engagement. As a result of this, she was selected to be a Field Training Officer and is growing quickly in that role. She is also a member of the department's LGBTQI+ advisory council. She already embodies many of the traits needed for leadership roles, especially in setting the example, selflessness and decision-making. In her time away from the department, she enjoys growing her own food, working out and exploring the great Pacific Northwest."

We are proud to offer her this opportunity to advance her training and looking forward to her continued success with the BPD.

Largest Grant Award in BPF History

In July, the BPF Board of Directors voted to award up to \$253,000 to the Bellevue Police Department for essential training, specialized equipment, recruiting tools and to reinstate the community academy.

BPF has supported BPD's forensics

department needs for several years. This year, we granted \$31,000 for an evidence drying locker and a fuming chamber to process items such as latent fingerprints while eliminating staff exposure to hazardous chemical fumes. BPD's forensics lab is one of four that supports all of King County.



You may remember the dramatic home burglary on Lake Sammamish that resulted in a three hour standoff with Bellevue Police this past February. That event highlighted the need for specialized detection and communication equipment. BPF has granted up to \$144,000 for night vision devices and a long range acoustic device that enable police to better find and communicate with offenders to de-escalate the situation.

It's critical that today's police leaders have the right skills to manage and motivate their officers under the most challenging circumstances. High quality leadership training provides emerging and experienced leaders with ways to improve their communication skills to negotiate, influence and resolve conflicts among officers. A single course can cost up to \$10,000 for a Captain or Major. BPF granted \$50,000 for BPD to hire highly experienced trainers to provide courses tailored to its entire leadership team here in Bellevue, reducing typical travel and related expenses.



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**CITIZENS'
POLICE ACADEMY**



One of BPF's pillars of support is to provide tools for the police to be connected to the community in positive ways. After a hiatus due to COVID, BPD will reinstate its Citizens Academy later this year. BPD is also stepping up its recruiting efforts to bring both experienced and new officers to Bellevue. BPF granted \$29,000 for recruiting tools and citizens academy resources.

Police Advisory Council Community Picnic

Bellevue Police has recently re-invigorated its Police Advisory Councils. The goal of the advisory councils is to strengthen the relationship between the department and the community through trust, respect, and mutual understanding. There are seven advisory councils including African American, Muslim, Latino/Latina, LGBTQI+, Interfaith, Asian/Pacific Islander, and South Asian residents.

On July 24, the Police held a picnic for Advisory Council members and their families at the Downtown Bellevue Park. Over 150 people participated in face painting and games while a fun food truck rounded out the fun on a warm summer afternoon. Bellevue Police Foundation helped provide funding for this important community event.



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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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