

CITIZENS AUXILIARY ADVISORY SHERIFF'S MEETING

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News about the jail. For years the biggest complaint in the Sheriff's Office was the overloaded jail facility and the reluctance to officer staff. Now because of the lower-case load for the substitute Public Defender position and the restricted arresting authorization from Olympia for drug position and drug related crimes, the jail is now almost empty. Capital funds are being addressed in Olympia for the support of a new Sheriff's Jail/Office to include a co/campus for substance abuse and crime. Garbage pick-up by prisoners on work release and trustees produced 66,820 lbs. of garbage and 84 dump sites were cleaned up since June 7th. The Sheriff's Office is offering a ten-thousand-dollar sign-in bonus and opening the recruiting age to 18. Of course, all requirements must still be met. Charlies Vision Fund Raiser was discussed for trying to acquire a Command Vehicle which is greatly needed for extended criminal events away from facilities. Discussed the arrest of a Shelton High School Counselor. Had to go to Spokane to contact previous student to acquire evidence. Canines within the Sheriff's Office was at four. One just removed, one retired, one died, now down to just one canine. There was an overdose situation within the jail. Even though all mailings are inspected it has been discovered that letters are being dipped in drugs that have been liquefied, dried then sent to prisoners and eaten. The fix is all mailings are now being run through a copy machine and then a "copy" will be given to prisoner. This month there have been Animal Control- 800 complaints. Everything from pigs, cows, dogs, chickens. 250 911 calls in the past 24 hours. This month the Sheriff's Office is losing 3 officers for multiple reasons. Because of drown interference at active investigations/events they will now be shot down. Sheriff Spurling announced he will be attending a North Mason Community Voice Meeting at the Hub at 6:00p.m. I attended and listened to the new Auditor, Mr. Duenkel's presentation. He is focusing on all future voting procedures, counting, locations, and public observations of counting, cameras at all ballot boxes. He is not suggesting that previous voting processes had issues. He just wants to make sure that all future voting will not be suspected of illegal/questionable activity. Every month this organization meets at the Hub at 6:00p.m on the second Thursday of every month with different guest speakers. Everyone is invited.

Respectfully submitted,
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