



Highway 99 Action Committee

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THE HIGHWAY 99 ACTION COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER IS A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION AND PROVIDES INFORMATION ON THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES TO FIGHT CRIME IN THE HIGHWAY 99 CORRIDOR. COMMITTEE MEMBERS CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY THE HIGHWAY 99 LOGO AND DECAL DISPLAYED IN MERCHANT'S AND CITIZEN'S WINDOWS EARNED BY THEIR PARTICIPATION.

Police Department Update



With the retirement of Chief Keith Haines, your Police Department has undergone a great deal of change. As you are aware, Mayor Steve Mullet appointed me to be the Acting Chief of Police on

November 1, 2004. Since you may or may not know me I thought I would provide you with some basic information about myself. I started with the Tukwila Police Department in 1984 as a patrol officer. Over my years of service I have worked at the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain. I have a Bachelors Degree in Business Management and I am a graduate of the #205th session of the FBI National Academy.

My move to Acting Chief created a series of openings that needed to be filled. Lieutenant Darrell Baskin, a 24-year veteran of the department, was given a provisional promotion to the rank of Captain and placed in charge of the Patrol Division. Sergeant Dennis McOmber, a 21-year veteran, was given a provisional promotion to rank of Lieutenant and moved from his assignment in Major Crimes to the Patrol Division. Detective Ron Corrigan, a 15-year veteran, was given a provisional promotion to the rank of Sergeant and placed in charge of the Major Crimes Unit. Lieutenant Don Lincoln, a 15-year veteran, was reassigned from Patrol to Major Crimes. Lieutenant Mike Villa, a 14-year veteran, remains in Patrol. Captain Lori Sutter, an 18-year veteran, remains in command of the Investigative Services Division.

Changes such as these bring a level of challenge and adjustment. I am very pleased that quality individuals have stepped up to the plate and taken on the change with a professional attitude of providing quality service to our community.

Change can also bring opportunity for the future. Since we are a Community Oriented Policing agency I am committed to strengthening our ties with the community. We already have valuable relationships with organizations such as the Highway 99 Action Committee, Community Oriented Policing Citizen Advisory Board, and our Hot Spots Committee, just to name a few. In addition to these I would like to build on our relationships with the general public and enhance our traffic enforcement capability.

I look forward to sharing additional information with you in the future. If you would like to contact me please give me a call at 206-433-1812.

*Article Submitted by:
David Haynes
Acting Chief of Police*



Tukwila International Boulevard
Status update

Phase I (S 139th to S 152nd)

The City recently awarded two small works roster contracts for street trees and two mid-block crosswalks with in-pavement flashing lights (one near the new Taco Bell/KFC and one near Northfield Carwash and Bartells/Blockbuster). Work will begin in early February and will be completed by early spring.

Seattle City Light (SCL) crews have begun placing underground wire and vault hardware. SCL anticipates at least 4 months of work to install and energize the underground power system. QWEST will soon begin placing their underground phone lines. Once SCL and QWEST are complete with their underground system work, the City of Tukwila will send 90-day notices to the property and business owners to connect to the underground power and phone system. After the last property/business owner is converted to underground, SCL and Qwest can begin removing their overhead lines and utility poles.

Phases II/III (S 116th to S 139th)

City staff and consultants are hard at work to complete the environmental permitting process, to be followed by right-of-way documentation and final design. The current target date for construction is early 2006.

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Tukwila City Administrator

The Queen Speaks

I would like to wish all of you a "Happy New Year" full of promise and prosperity.

Thank You to all of our loyal supporters during the year 2004. We have banded together to keep Tukwila International Boulevard as trash and litter free as possible. To date, we have collected and disposed of 14,731 pounds of various types of trash, right on down to the lowly but troublesome, cigarette butt. Thanks to all who have helped with the cleanups. You are very much appreciated. There is still much work to do and we will have our next trash event on Saturday, January 29th, 9:00 a.m., meeting at the corner of S. 150th and T.I.B. We will clean the west side of the street. All we need is you; we furnish the rest.

2004 was brought to a close with our annual Christmas Potluck, December 14th. We had good attendance and a great time. I extend my compliments to all of the good cooks we have in our ranks!

Our Action Committee is looking forward to the challenges 2005 will bring. We know we will have the ongoing support from Acting Chief David Haynes and the officers of the Tukwila Police Department, from Mayor Steve Mullet, and from the members of the City Council. Together we will make a difference.

Please invite a new prospect to one of our meetings. Bring a business owner or an interested/concerned resident from Tukwila. Join with us, find out what is happening around you and along the boulevard. Share with us your concerns and ideas. Help us to improve the community we live and work in.



Warm Regards,
Donna West
Co Chair and "Queen of Trash"

Highway 99 Action Committee Meetings

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Tukwila Community Center.

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