

My name is Jennifer Burbridge, and I recently accepted a position as the Crime Prevention Coordinator at the Seattle Police Department's SW Precinct. This is the first of my monthly newsletter that will be distributed throughout the SW Precinct and the City of Seattle. In this first newsletter, I would like to introduce myself, discuss the importance of calling 911 and reporting crime and explain my role in the SW Precinct area.

First off, I would like to tell you a little bit about myself. I earned my Bachelor's Degree from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma in Sociology, and completed my Master's Degree at Seattle University in Criminal Justice. Throughout my Master's Degree, starting in January 2015- I was a graduate research analyst working out of the SW Precinct, specifically focusing on the Micro-Community Policing Plan Project. I took this new position as Crime Prevention Coordinator because I truly believe in being a part of the solution. I also understand the importance of the partnerships between the community and the police and how these partnerships can go a long way towards bettering a community and decreasing crime.

The first message I would like to convey to the community is about the importance of calling 911 and reporting crimes. Captain Davis of the SW Precinct often says- "If you see something, say something!" Even if you are unsure if the situation is an emergency, officials recommend that you call 911 anyway, and allow the 911 call-taker to help determine the best course of action. Calling 911 and reporting crime creates statistics and statistics help drive enforcement. Even if the crime or suspicious activity is not investigated immediately, or deemed to be low priority- it is still very important to call 911 and report it!

As the Crime Prevention Coordinator for the SW Precinct, I will be working closely with SW Precinct community members, as well as officers of the SW Precinct. The goal will be to decrease crime by developing, implementing and coordinating a variety of police programs geared towards crime prevention. I will be organizing special Seattle Police Department functions such as the Night Out Against Crime, community clean-up events and help coordinate the annual SW Precinct Picnic. I also plan on regularly attending Block Watch and community crime prevention meetings.

Below you will find my contact information. I want to remind you to keep an eye out for my newsletter next month which will focus on a specific crime and include important prevention techniques and ideas. Please feel free to contact me with questions, concerns and/or to request my presence at a future meeting.

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Upcoming events in SW Precinct-

- Monthly West Seattle Crime Prevention Council meeting
  - Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 7pm- 8:30pm, at SW Precinct (2300 SW Webster St.)
- West Seattle Block Watch Captains Network meeting
  - Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30pm- 8:30pm, at SW Precinct (2300 SW Webster St.)

Other resources-

- Seattle Police Department's Website: <http://www.seattle.gov/police/>
- Seattle Police Department Non-Emergency Number: (206) 625-5011
- Contact information for other SPD Crime Prevention Coordinators:
  - North Precinct- Mary Amberg- [Mary.Amberg@seattle.gov](mailto:Mary.Amberg@seattle.gov)
  - East Precinct- Felicia Cross- [Felicia.Cross@seattle.gov](mailto:Felicia.Cross@seattle.gov)
  - West Precinct- Terrie Johnston- [Terrie.Johnston@seattle.gov](mailto:Terrie.Johnston@seattle.gov)
  - South Precinct- Mark Solomon- [Mark.Solomon@seattle.gov](mailto:Mark.Solomon@seattle.gov)