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APRIL NEWSLETTER



Help Us Purchase New Technology for the Arson Bomb Squad

As the only full-time Bomb Squad in Washington State, Seattle Police Department Arson Bomb Squad needs the proper tools to carry out their mission and keep our communities safe.

ABS's 13 year old bomb robot has struggled to handle the approximately 200 "E incidents" (chemical, biological, or explosive incidents) annually in Seattle and throughout the region. With a failing battery and breaking parts, it is time for a piece of updated technology.

Seattle is home to a number of high-profile potential targets, and unfortunately the threat of chemical and biological incidents is very real and increasing during these times of civil unrest.

Without a working robot, bomb threat investigations can shut down large areas of the city and commerce for an entire day and put officers and citizens at great risk.

SPD ABS has identified the Telemax HYBRID Robot as the ideal instrument to meet their needs going forward, representing the state-of-the-science in commercially available mobile robot manipulators for unstructured and hazardous environments.

While the total cost of the robot is approximately \$350,000, thanks to a matching funds grant, we only need to raise approximately \$90,000 to purchase this important and life-saving piece of equipment.

Please donate to this important public safety project click the button below.

Donate to the New ABS Bomb Robot

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SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April is **Sexual Assault Awareness Month** and Seattle Police Foundation would like to highlight the important work of the Victim Support Team (VST) and Victim Advocates.

The Victim Support Team provides crisis intervention and support to domestic violence victims including the victims of sexual assault. This important program addresses the gap in services for victims and their children in between the time patrol officers respond to a call, and the time that advocates, detectives, and prosecutors make contact with the victim for follow-up.

In 2020, Victim Advocates assisted 564 individuals. Seattle Police Foundation is proud to support VST by providing funding for:

- Hotel night stays for survivors who need safe emergency housing
- Cell phones so victims have access to emergency services
- Diapers and clothing for child and adult victims
- Emergency meals
- Travel tickets for survivors fleeing the area for safety
- Car Seats
- Hygiene kits

If you are the victim of sexual assault, call the National Sexual Assault Telephone Hotline at 1-800-656-4673.

To find out more about the Victim Support Team or to become a VST volunteer, click [here](#).



National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Every year during the second week of April, 911 operators are honored during National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. This week is a time to celebrate and thank those heroes who are always heard but rarely seen.

Seattle Police Foundation would like to thank all of the staff members at the Communications Center for all the sacrifices they make to create a better and safer Seattle.



Keep Your Kids Safe Online

The number of cases involving crimes against children online has grown during the coronavirus pandemic. The Washington Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, run by SPD, wants to share this list with parents to make sure that their kids are safe online.

1. Talk to your kids. Know what they are doing online and who their friends are. Start the conversations early and have them often.
2. Start slowly with access online. It's a new community our kids are exploring, and we would start them slowly when exploring our neighborhood and the same should be true for online community.
3. Understand the permissions that each app downloaded request. Read the terms of service and understand that the app is usually requesting access to many features and information on your device it may not need to operate.
4. Use privacy settings and keep their accounts private.
5. Keep electronics out of the bedrooms. They should be charged in the living room or kitchen and limit time spent on them. Have device free time as a family and model the behavior you wish to see in your children.

For more information on Internet Crimes Against Children or to reach their office click [here](#).



Save the Date!

The Seattle Police Foundation's Board of Directors and Chairman, Charles Huber, invite you to join us at the 2021 Blue Tie Ball.

Evening festivities will begin with cocktails and hor d'oeuvres served while guests interact with members of the Seattle Police Department. Everyone in attendance will have the opportunity to be immersed in engaging activities and hands-on educational exhibits featuring SPD specialty units including:

- Mounted Patrol
- K9
- CSI and Photo Unit
- Arson Bomb Unit
- Narcotics
- and more!

Dinner guests will be able to purchase unique live auction items including exclusive SPD experiences.

Funds raised from the auction go directly to the Seattle Police Foundation. In addition to funding police programs, the Foundation provides grants to improve employee development and assist in providing the latest in equipment and technology to ensure officer safety.

Our evening will conclude with guests dancing under the stars on the Perch at the Blue Tie Ball Afterparty!

Click [here](#) for information.

Joining The Guardians, our dedicated community of monthly donors, is the most effective way to support SPF and SPD as we adapt to ever-changing circumstances due to COVID-19.

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