PROJECT PEACE
WINTER 2019/20

Partnering for Equity and Community Engagement

Project PEACE helps build relationships between the Tacoma Police Department and residents of Tacoma. Combined with our longstanding philosophy of Community Oriented Policing, Project PEACE helps foster safer neighborhoods and a higher level of community engagement.

This happens through numerous interactions each season. Here are just a few highlights:

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

- 22 meetings in schools — awards ceremonies, sunrise readers, lockdown drills, lunch periods and more.

- 18 meetings outside of school at youth centers, Boys & Girls Clubs, sporting events, etc.

- 9 Explorer meetings, recruiting, and Winter Academy in Selah.

- Met with UW students on CPTED as a class project.

- Multiple Pioneer Youth Center meetings — diverting youth from the criminal justice system.

- Shop with a Cop and Toys for Tots events.

DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

- Día de los Muertos community celebration at the Eastside Community Center.

- Tacoma Public Schools' Community-Based Transition Program (special education).

- Multiple meetings with Puyallup Tribal Police to address homeless issues.

- Shilo Baptist and Church of the Living God drop-ins.

- Mental health meetings with Pierce County Crisis Collaboration and Recovery International.

PROFESSIONALISM

- Attended 25 neighborhood meetings/council meetings and 20 Safe Streets meetings.

- Held 8 department training sessions including a 40-hour crisis intervention class, search & rescue, bicycle rapid response team, in-service pistol and electronic control tool training, child abduction response team and more.

- Improved collaboration through meetings with partner agencies like L & I Colloquium, Tacoma Mall Security, Tacoma Housing Authority, Liquor Control Board, Pierce County Health Department, Metro Parks and more.

- Provided safety awareness to multiple outside groups like the Thea Foss Waterway Association, Salon Academy, Tote Safety Fair, Boys & Girls Clubs, Tacoma Southeast Lions Club, Picasso Salon and held a Drug Take-Back Day.