



City of Snoqualmie

News Release

For immediate release: March 29, 2017

Snoqualmie Police Department to Host Child Abduction Exercise

Snoqualmie, WA – The City of Snoqualmie will host FBI personnel to conduct child abduction training for the Snoqualmie Police Department during the week of April 3-7, 2017.

This training provides law enforcement with specialized skills and investigative techniques to thoroughly and responsibly investigate child abductions or mysterious disappearances of a child. The training will consist of classroom sessions and a practical exercise near Cascade View Elementary School on Snoqualmie Ridge.

Members of the community will assist with the training. The time and energy of those pre-identified volunteers is of great assistance to law enforcement, making the training as realistic as possible. It likewise serves the community to help law enforcement with preparedness. Those interested in volunteering may contact the FBI Liaison at SeattleJCARD@ic.fbi.gov.

Community members should be aware of increased police presence in neighborhoods on Thursday, April 6. Investigators may approach neighbors' doors who have volunteered to participate. The public should not be alarmed as this is solely an exercise.

"The City of Snoqualmie is looking forward to this exercise," said Police Chief Perry Phipps. "The safety of our community – especially our children – is of the utmost importance. Heaven forbid we ever have a child abduction in Snoqualmie, but if that were to occur, this training and field exercise will help our department respond with greater knowledge and experience."

This training scenario has been conducted in cities across the country, including Texas, Nevada, Louisiana, Rhode Island, Florida, Alaska, North Carolina, New Jersey, Arkansas, and Arizona. Each time the training has been conducted, the community has supported the effort with volunteers and understanding for the police presence.

Feedback from every community has been positive about the benefits they perceived in the police training, and also in their experience seeing the investigative efforts first-hand.

For more information, contact Captain Nick Almquist at 425-999-1522.

#

Contact: Nick Almquist, Captain
City of Snoqualmie Police
nalmquist@ci.snoqualmie.wa.us
425-999-1522

