



Remembering Officer Jake Gutierrez

Last month, the Tacoma Police Department lost model police officer Reginald “Jake” Gutierrez to a fatal gunshot wound he received while responding to a domestic dispute call in East Tacoma. The tragic incident occurred the evening of November 30 and resulted in the death of the 45-year-old officer of 17 years. The loss shook the city of Tacoma, but inspired an uprising of support for local safety enforcement and Officer Gutierrez’s loved ones. Fellow officers lined the sidewalk outside of Tacoma General Hospital as Jake passed that cold November night. In the days following, flowers and gifts flooded the entry to the South Pine station where he was assigned.

“We would like to personally thank the city of Tacoma for the outpouring of love that has been shown for my brother Officer Jake Gutierrez,” said Antoinette Gutierrez in a statement on behalf of the Gutierrez family. “It is quite evident that he has had a tremendous impact on the community. Although we cannot turn back the clock, I hope everyone can find comfort in the fact that my brother loved his job. He ran towards danger while other ran away. He was my hero before this happened and will be a hero forever in the community. With a heavy heart, my family would personally like to say thank you.”

The South Tacoma Business District would like to send its deepest condolences to those who knew and loved Jake. We would also like to thank all those residents and business owners who lowered their flags in light of Officer Gutierrez’s passing and the public memorial which trailed South Tacoma Way toward a packed Tacoma Dome on December 9. Should you wish to donate to a memorial fund, consider Officer Jake Gutierrez Memorial Fund or Officer Jake Gutierrez Legacy Fund via PayPal or by visiting any Wells Fargo Bank.



First Responders Dinner

The South Tacoma community hosted another successful First Responder’s Dinner on Christmas Day at the Sector 3 Precinct. The event held special significance this year considering the recent loss of local law enforcement officer Jake Gutierrez. The event did in turn provide a positive opportunity for the community to act out in support and gratitude in the form of a home cooked and volunteer served holiday meal. In addition to local first responders, dinners were hand delivered to other agencies that were not able to attend; Dupont, Eatonville, Lakewood, etc.

All year long, without wavering, these civic soldiers protect and serve our community and with a warm meal and a fridge full of leftovers, we offer a heartfelt token of thanks.

Preparation for 2017 Car Show

With winter solstice behind us, we look out toward 2017 with fresh eyes and opportunities. Your district officers and the chairs of the South Tacoma Car Show are already planning and preparing for this summer’s event in hopes of making it one of the biggest and best occasions yet. Please join the discussion at the next planning session on January 11 at 8:30 am at the Chili Parlor on South Tacoma Way (for more dates see calendar). Or contact committee chair Shane Sabeti to find out how you can get involved – scsabeti@msn.com or (253) 307-1085

“Teaser”

Hanging baskets may be returning to South Tacoma Way May through September of 2017. More information on this project next month.



Who Should I Call?



Police-Fire-Medical Emergency.....911

TPD Non-Emergency253-798-4721

Tacoma Police Dept. Sector 3

Lt. Al Roberts, Comdr. 253-591-5190

CLO Jason Milles.....253-591-5692

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TacomaFIRST311: CALL 311 for any complaints or questions that you may have. If they do not have an immediate answer for you, they will find out and call you back. **Just Dial 311**

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- ▶ Spotlight your business in the STBDA Newsletter - circulation 300
- ▶ Link your website to the STBDA website at www.stbda.com
- ▶ Use the Membership Directory - to utilize your fellow business district members when you do business.
- ▶ List your events on the monthly calendar - a great way to invite your fellow district members to sales and events at your place of business
- ▶ Complimentary booth at the Annual Classic Car Show
- ▶ Introduce your business to newcomers in our "Welcome Kit"
- ▶ Host a membership meeting at your place of business
- ▶ Showcase your business at the district booth during community events.
- ▶ Additional 10% discount in Tacoma Weekly Advertising
- ▶ Your dues support the continuation of Beautification Projects.



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January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2 New Year's Day Observed	3	4	5 ●	6	7
8	9	10	11 Car Show Meeting 8:30am The Chili Parlor	12 ○	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Day	17	18	19 ●	20 Exec Board 8:00am The Chili Parlor Inauguration Day	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 ●	28
29	30	31				

Weekly events at the Stonegate:
Sunday Jam Sessions with Tim Hall at 8 pm
Thursday Jam Sessions with Jimmy Shew at 8 pm

Weekly event at Dawson's Bar & Grill:
Monday Jam Sessions with Heather Jones & the Groove Masters at 8 pm

Weekly Events at the Cultura Events Center:
Thursday Ladies' Night at 10 pm. Free cover and drink specials. "Dress to impress"/21 +.
Azul Friday at 10 pm. Drink specials and DJ mixes. "Dress to impress"/21 +.

Monthly events:
2nd Saturday 9-12 pm, Wapato Hills Park clean-up (6231 S Wapato St.)
3rd Saturday 9-12 pm, Oak Tree Park clean-up (S. 74th & Cedar St.)



L-R Lt Al Roberts, Sector 3 Commander, Chief Don Ramsdell, Donna Buck

First Responders Armed... ...with Bears and Blankets

Whether a devastating car accident or poor lifestyle choices like drugs, abuse and crime, the trauma of having a family torn apart by such circumstance can be unbearable for younger witnesses and victims. These children need the support of their community. With this mission at heart, South Tacoma has established an annual collection of Bears and Blankets. The inventory of new stuffed animals, toys and blankets, provide a small token of comfort at an uncomfortable time. The gifts are donated by local businesses, community organizations and residents, and are then stocked in the vehicles of first responders answering distress calls involving children. Child protective services offices at the courthouse are also equipped with these gift packs. The Bears and Blankets program is just one feasible way of bringing simple joy and light back to the innocent hearts.

To date, Bears and Blankets volunteers have put together more than 2,000 packs distributed to police and sheriff desks across the South Sound as well as to the local FBI and the local Veteran's Administration Supported Housing (VASH) for homeless veteran families at American Lake Veteran's Hospital. Sample packs have also been sent out across the state and country!

Donations needed: Bears (or other stuffed animals) need to be 12-18 inches long, soft and cuddly. Regular throw blankets are accepted in addition to hot wheel cars. Items are collected year round and packets are assembled after the holidays for the year to come. Please contact Donna Buck at (253) 224-7837 or email her at mrsdonnabuck@gmail.com if you would like to make a donation.

SAVE THE DATE.
Next General Meeting
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9TH
AT GUARDIAN SECURITY



Position Open on Executive Board

The South Tacoma Business District Association would like to announce the opening of the Board Director and Secretary positions available in 2017. If you are interested in being a part of the ongoing efforts within and around your community, please join us. If interested in pursuing the position of learning more about these roles and responsibilities, please contact Vice President Karen Rich at Karen@securityRus.com.

Tax and License with an Innovative Twist

Another tax season is upon us, and while it may not be your favorite time of the year, the City of Tacoma is constantly working to improve your experience as a local business owner. One example of this is the opportunity to file Tacoma B&O tax and business license forms electronically. Ditch the waiting rooms and paper pushing and submit all your forms in one sitting, from the comfort of your own home or office. Don't let January 31st take you by surprise, visit www.filelocal-wa.gov.



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New Fees In Tacoma for 2017

If you own a medium to large business and gross more than \$250,000 a year, be aware that your business license fees will increase from \$90 to \$250. Those businesses grossing between \$12,000 and \$250,000 will see an increase of \$20 to a total of \$110 in 2017. Any establishment earning less than \$12,000 a year can expect their previous annual fee of \$25. This higher rates will help support essential city services such as public safety, officers and street maintenance. For more info, visit www.cityoftacoma.com/businesslicense.



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Return Service Requested

2017 Car Show Meeting
Wed January 11th @ 8:30am
The Chili Parlor



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The Board meets monthly Check your monthly calendar. Meetings are open to Everyone.

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