



The BLOTTER

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If you see something, say something!

Many of you have often heard the phrase "If you see something, say something". Here is why we ask that of you. Last week I received a call of a female sitting at a picnic table downtown. The person who called me said that the female was yelling and screaming, and appeared to be frightening others in the area.

Officer Roe and I responded and eventually located the female about a block away. As we began talking with the female, it was apparent she did not want to be entirely honest about her name. She gave several indications of deceptive behavior. When asked, she said that she may have a warrant and this was her reason for being dishonest.

She soon provided her name and we all learned that she had two separate warrants from two different counties. One of the warrants was for assaulting a Peace Officer! Aside from her legal troubles, we learned she had eloped from a group home and was currently not taking her prescribed medications.

We truly appreciate the call and the opportunity to get this person the help they need with both their legal troubles and medical issues.

Shield616...more donations!!



Shield 616 is a non-profit organization that was started by Cops for Cops! The founder, and former member of the Colorado Springs - Colorado Police Department, started the organization with the goal of outfitting Officers around the nation with the necessary active shooter response gear they need

to defend their communities from gun violence. Knowing that budgets are tight across the nation, Shield616 raises money through donations to purchase the active shooter response gear and gift it to Law Enforcement agencies at no cost to them!!

Shield 616 began many months of hard work in the Duluth and surrounding areas. On Thursday April 18, nine Officers from your police department were issued gear to better protect them during calls involving gun violence such as an active shooter.

The nine vests donated that day were made possible by local restaurants holding fundraising events as well as donations from families that felt the need to give back to Officers that serve this community. We could not be more grateful for the donations provided that day. One question asked by the media was "Will Officers respond to these calls if they do not have the gear?" The answer to that question is yes. Officers will respond and we will go in that building with or without the added protection. We will complete our duties when called upon, but this gear will stop the rifle rounds that our "everyday" bullet resistant vests will not. This equipment affords us the opportunity to better address threats and stay MUCH safer doing it.

Shield616 has done so much for our community, but there is more to be done! As of the last presentation, Shield616 has raised enough money to donate 39 vest packages. Given your Police Department's current authorized strength of 155 Officers, we have approximately 116 more to go. If you would like to learn more and/or donate to Shield616 specifically for the Duluth Police Department, please visit shield616.org

Quality time with some youth from Duluth!!

