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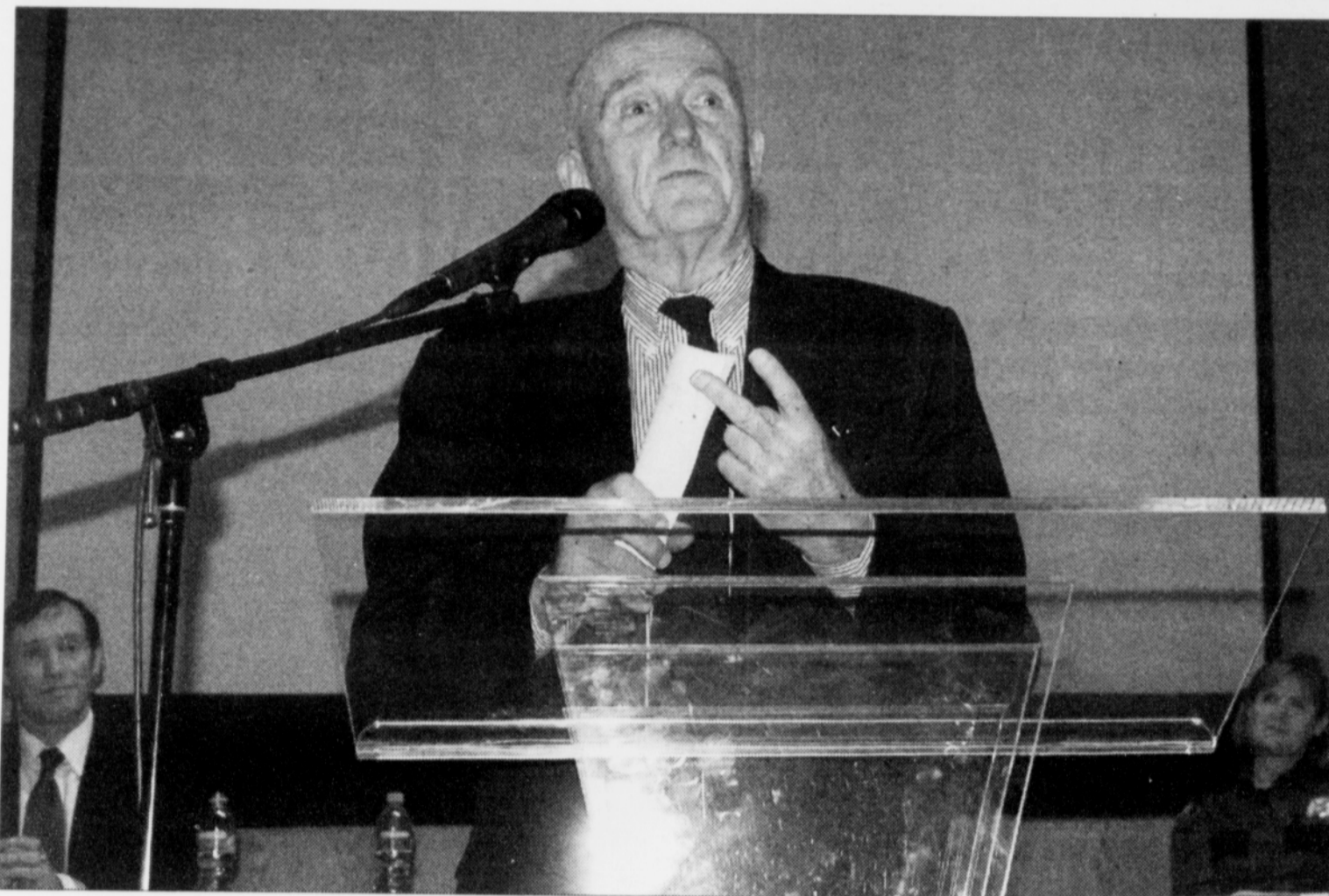


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District Attorney Mike Shrunck tells local residents that their involvement in police issues is crucial.

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Precinct Loss Still Hurts

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Crime across Oregon has been dropping for years, and north Portland was no exception, she said while bringing up statistics on the overhead projector to make her case.

She also pointed out that more people are eyeing the police bureau for employment with the down economy.

"A bad economy is a good sign for police hiring," said Sizer, who added that the bureau was at almost full staffing.

Ferraris told the audience that the number of officers for the area once covered by North Precinct was about the same, and the police were largely meeting their goal of responding to calls within five minutes.

However, there have been a few blips in what have been otherwise relatively positive trends.

Ferraris said that the area had seen an uptick in burglaries and car theft, but that these were largely due to two prolific criminals who had been taken off the street. After one suspect was arrested burglar-

ies in the area dropped by 76 percent, he said. Crime has also spiked in a few neighborhoods, like University Park and Overlook.

Both Saltzman and Shrunck pointed out that crime has been going down despite the bad economy, which they, in part, attributed to citizen involvement.

But this didn't satisfy the residents in attendance.

During the question and answer session, a number of residents, writing in their questions on pieces of paper that were read by Duffy, said that they've seen less and less of a police presence in their neighborhoods and have had a harder time getting service.

One business owner on Lombard said that they used to see a police cruiser roll by several times a day. Now they only see one once a week.

Another business owner had a break in, and had a frustrating time getting an officer to come by.

One resident in the Kenton Neighborhood called in after their home was broken into and was flatly told that there was no officer available.

"Where are our north Portland officers?" questioned one resident.

Several other questions noted that they are more likely to hear police sirens or see buildings vandalized than officers on patrol.

"If you don't feel like you're getting good service, there's a couple of avenues available to you," said Saltzman, who pointed out that citizens can directly call precinct commanders.

The bureau is looking at a 2 percent cut for the next budget that will be considered by City Council this spring. Each official said that it was important for people to come out and make sure that the council understands that they want to make sure that this service is funded.

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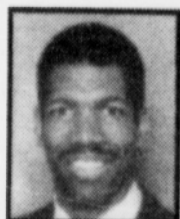
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