

# Observing

## New Van Unites Youth, Cops and the Vancouver Community

The Police Activities League unveiled a new Vancouver Police Activities League (PAL) van donated by Dick Hannah Dealerships last week on Thursday, July 7.

Vancouver Police Chief Clifford Cook accepted the van on behalf of the Vancouver Police Activities League at Fisticuff's Gym located at NE 94th Avenue in Vancouver WA.

The 8 passenger van, donated by Dick Hannah Dealerships, includes a full vehicle wrap featuring real PAL youth and Vancouver Police Officers.

"Dick Hannah Dealerships proudly supports the work of the Vancouver Police Activities League, and we appreciate the op-



of the Vancouver Police Department, said the Vancouver Police Department.

The new van, which serves as a moving billboard, provides permanent access to a vehicle to safely transport youth and equipment to events and various activities.

According to the Vancouver Police Department, the Vancouver PAL does not have a permanent location or community center where activities are held. So being able to transport equipment, supplies and youth to various locations is necessary for the ongoing success of PAL programs.

The van also allows Vancouver PAL to coordinate field trips for youth during summer on a more regular basis, they said.

For more information on Vancouver PAL visit the web at [www.vancouverpal.com](http://www.vancouverpal.com) or at [www.vanpolice.org](http://www.vanpolice.org).



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portunity to donate this van to help local youth experience the many PAL programs of sports, literacy, nature and more," said Dick Hannah, president of Dick

Hannah Dealerships.

Vancouver PAL is dedicated to bringing Kids, Cops and Community together and is one of the main youth crime prevention programs

## True or False? Speeding Endangers Lives

Between July 15 and August 7, law enforcement officers throughout Clark County will be part of a statewide effort in search of speeding drivers in hopes to make the streets safer for pedestrians and drivers throughout the summer.

"Obeying speed limits is something everyone can do to support highway safety in Washington," said Lowell Porter, Director of the Traffic Safety Commission.

In an effort to educate the public about the dangers of speeding, The Washington County Safety Commission had embarked on a campaign urging all Washingtonians to take a speeding quiz.

"Speeding is a major contributing factor in fatal and serious injury crashes in Washington, and therefore, is a priority of Target Zero," said Porter. "Well publicized and

highly visible speed enforcement is a proven combination that reduces fatal crashes."

The short speeding quiz is composed of a few short true or false questions, and the results will be tabulated on the accuracy of Wash-

ington drivers' answers and available in August.

To take the Speeding Quiz visit [www.considerthisyourwarning.com](http://www.considerthisyourwarning.com), and for additional information about the Washington Traffic Safety Commission, visit [www.wtsc.wa.gov](http://www.wtsc.wa.gov).

### QUESTIONS: What do you know about speeding dangers?

**TRUE OR FALSE:** About 20% of all traffic fatalities in Washington involve speeding drivers. **FALSE.** More than 40% involve a speeder. (Source: Target Zero: Washington State's Strategic Highway Safety Plan 2010)

**TRUE OR FALSE:** A speeding ticket can cost as much as \$411. **TRUE.** The average speeding ticket in Washington is \$156, but as your speed increases, so does the fine. In fact, a speeding ticket in Washington could easily cost more than \$411. (Source: WTSC based on the AOC Bail Schedule)

**TRUE OR FALSE:** Most of Washington's traffic deaths occur on freeways. **FALSE.** Most of Washington's fatal and serious-injury crashes occur on rural roads, which are often unlighted and undivided. (Source: Target Zero: Washington State's Strategic Highway Safety Plan 2010)

## Memorial Bricks Pay for Park's Flowers

In an effort to ensure Esther Short Park retains its beauty, the Parks Foundation encourages Community members to imprint Propstra Square with the purchase of a memorial brick inscription, which will be located around the bell tower in Propstra Square.

The order deadline is coming up this week on July 15 to purchase an engraved brick, which according to the Parks Founda-

tion, provide an excellent opportunity to commemorate a loved one or friend.

The Parks and Recreation Foundation of Vancouver and Clark County was established in 1999 to accept and administer donations, gifts and bequests for the enrichment and enhancement of our communities' parks, trails, and recreational programs.

Funds raised through the sale

of memorial bricks pay for the flowers and plantings in Esther Short Park.

Each brick is just \$100 and holds up to 18 characters including spaces. Summer 2011 inscription date is tentatively set for the week of July 25, 2011.

For more information, and to place your order, contact the Parks Foundation at 360-487-8370 or via email to [admin@parksfoundation.us](mailto:admin@parksfoundation.us).