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From: Kimerer, Scott [Scott.Kimerer@kingcounty.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2009 2:57 PM
To: good_examplefw@yahoo.com
Cc: Council
Subject: FW: Please forward to ploice chief, Wednesday night 11 pm

Thanks you for your correspondence regarding the Burien Police vehicles you observed. The policy of the King County Sheriff's Office (The City of Burien contracts with the KCSO) is to obey all traffic rules unless they are responding to serious or emergency situations. Although the markings on these vehicles are for the City of Burien, it would not be unusual for them to be responding to an incident anywhere in King County, possibly even on there way home (I do not have any female patrol officers that live south of Seattle). Without the ability to identify the vehicle and driver, I cannot say if this was the case with your observations. In the future if you see this behavior, I would be interested in a vehicle number so I can verify that proper procedures are being followed. I will also follow-up with a reminder to my officers of our policy and that our citizens expect us (and rightly so) to follow the rules.

Thank you again,

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From: Council [mailto:Council@burienwa.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 3:57 PM
To: Kimerer, Scott
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Please see inquiry about police policy.
Thanks.
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From: Good Example [mailto:good_examplefw@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2009 12:15 PM
To: Council; Council
Cc: Joan McGilton; Joan McGilton
Subject: Please forward to ploice chief, Wednesday night 11 pm

Hi,

Last night at 11 pm driving south on I-5 about 1 or 2 miles north of the 272nd exit a Burien Police car passed me in what I would estimate about 80 mph. That stretch of road has really good forward visibility and they easily pulled away from me out of view.

I don't believe they were responding to a call but instead driving home after work.

Is this Burien police policy? I have included an email that I sent yesterday concerning another observance of mine.

Thank you.

Washington State Citizen

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(sent 2/25/09)

Hi,

I drive I-5 daily on my commute to and from work and often see police vehicles from various departments drive by in what appears to be off duty time driving at a speed that easily exceeds the speed limit.

On February 1 of this year, Super Bowl Sunday, around 2 pm, I was driving south on I-5 through Federal Way when I noticed a vehicle approaching quickly from behind, as it passed me I noticed that it was a Burien Police car easily exceeding the speed limit. They were in the carpool lane and as they approached a slower vehicle they would change lanes, pass, then back to carpool lane.

We both exited at 142B, and because of long lights I was able to catch up to them. We both turned left on Enchanted parkway towards Costco, they were headed straight when I turned right at Todd Beamer High School. I was not able to get a car number but I was able to observe that it was a female officer driving. I suspect she was not responding to a call since she was 20 miles south of Burien with no lights on etc.

Could you share with me department policy on driving police vehicles in what appears to be off duty time.

Thank you

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