



Facts are stubborn things, but statistics are more pliable
— Mark Twain

At our February 1st Probus meeting, David Dye, Deputy Secretary and Chief Operating Officer of the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), will discuss the Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement, also known as the SR99 Tunnel Project. Mr. Dye has been responsible for the tunnel project from its controversial planning stages to the opening phase of demolition of the 50 year-old viaduct structure which began last October. Previously he served as the Deputy Regional Administrator for WSDOT's Northwest Region which included oversight of the I-90 highway between Seattle and Bellevue. At that time, WSDOT occupied the old Farmer's Insurance Building which had been donated to the city. Mercer Island, in turn, leased it to WSDOT and finally remodeled it to function as our current City Hall. Mr. Dye has Bachelors and Masters degrees in Civil Engineering and is a licensed Washington State Civil Engineer. **Bring a friend. Need a ride for you and your friend??** The Ride Pool is still working for Island residents. Call Ron Kaufman (232-8200) or Chuck Wischman(232-7616) for details.

King County Sheriff, Sue Rahr, gave us a rousing description of "Community Policing" at the first Probus meeting of the year, January 4th. This process, based on attitude changing techniques developed jointly with Yale Law School Prof. Tom Tyler, attempts to modify perception of cops by the public and vice versa. Ms Rahr gave examples of the new approach with a number of anecdotes, usually humorous, involving drunks, drugs and Sheriff's patrol cars to illustrate that manipulation and mutual respect are generally more useful than aggression.

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