

Snohomish County Executive
AARON REARDON



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 **Memorial service scheduled for slain corrections officer**

On Tuesday, Feb. 8, we have a chance to remember Jayme Biendl, the corrections officer who was recently killed while on duty at the Washington State Monroe Correctional Complex.

This tragedy should be seen as nothing less than an offense to all who work to keep this community safe and to all who call Snohomish County home.

Corrections officers play an invaluable role in maintaining public safety. Here at Snohomish County, we employ more than 300 corrections officers and support staff at our jail facilities. Each and every minute of their work day puts them in harm's way for the protection of our community. They are an integral piece of our law and justice system and their security must be a top priority.

I want to express my sincere condolences for the loss of Officer Biendl. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family, friends and colleagues as well as the staff at MCC.

Snohomish County stands ready to assist the state Department of Corrections and Monroe Police Department during this challenging period.

The memorial service for Officer Biendl will take place at 1:00 PM Tuesday, February 8, at the Everett Events Center, 2000 Hewitt Avenue. Law enforcement in uniform or with proper identification will be given complimentary parking at the Snohomish County Parking Garage for the service.

Sincerely,

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 **Reardon joins Boeing's "Team 767" for 1,000th 767 rollout**



1,000th 767 awaits delivery.

County Executive Aaron Reardon, U.S. Rep. Rick Larsen and the women and men of The Boeing Co.'s "Team 767" celebrated the rollout of the 1,000th 767 ever to be built.

"There is no substitute for this airframe or the workmanship," Reardon said. "This is just one more indisputable reason to make the 767 the tanker of choice for the fighting women and men of the U.S. military."

Boeing employees gathered around the plane that has been built since the early 1980s. More than 900 are still in use today in terms of commercial and passenger service.

 **County receives \$4.7 million to fight homelessness**

Snohomish County and local partners in the fight against homelessness have been awarded more than \$4.7 million from the

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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to keep critical local homeless assistance projects operating in 2011.

The county's Human Services Department will distribute nearly \$1.5 million to 15 projects operated by local nonprofits, including the YWCA, Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County, Cocoon House, Housing Hope, Catholic Community Services and Volunteers of America. These dedicated funds will provide the resources to lease and operate affordable housing while also providing support services for Snohomish County families and individuals experiencing homelessness.

"Although current economic conditions are challenging, the collaborative efforts across the community demonstrate that we will not quit on each other," County Executive Aaron Reardon said. "We must continue to work collectively to end homelessness and to prevent families from becoming homeless."

The Housing Authority of Snohomish County, YWCA, Compass Health and Housing Hope will receive another \$3.2 million directly from HUD to operate seven projects that also provide housing and support services for homeless families and individuals.

"This award comes at a significant time," said Human Services Director Ken Stark. "Families, seniors, veterans and others needing housing and services will benefit from these programs receiving funding."

The funding announcement comes on the heels of Snohomish County's annual Point In Time homeless count. Volunteers recently gathered information on persons experiencing homelessness. Initial results show 2,249 persons in 1,335 households lacked a permanent place to stay, a slight decrease over the same count in 2010.

Funds are made available from HUD on a competitive basis to local area Continuums of Care. The County's Human Services Department submits the annual funding request to HUD on behalf of the Continuum of Care – a collection of public, private and nonprofit service agencies working cooperatively to end homelessness in our community.



Super Bowl Sunday no excuse to drink and drive

Local law enforcement will be out in force this Super Bowl Sunday, proactively looking for impaired drivers.

The Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, Washington State Patrol and city police departments will task their officers on the DUI Target Zero Teams with the job of keeping streets safe for driving.

"Nobody says you can't enjoy the Super Bowl with friends and family," said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon. "Just don't drink and drive."

During the past nine years, 12 people have been killed on Super Bowl Sunday throughout the state. This does not include numerous collisions related to drinking and driving. There has not been a traffic fatality in Snohomish County on Super Bowl Sunday since 2004.

Party hosts should remember that they could be held civilly liable if someone leaves their home impaired and is involved in a traffic crash. People should plan ahead by selecting a designated driver or arranging for a taxi or other means of transportation.

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