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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Kirkland City Council

**From:** Regi Schubiger, Youth Services Coordinator  
Allan O'Neil, Neighborhood Resource Officer

**Date:** September 2, 2009

**Subject:** 2009 Respect Booklet

The Respect Booklet is the product of police and teens working together and communicating with one another about how their perspectives and experiences shape their reactions. This resource addresses many issues and questions that teens may have about the law and interactions that they might have with police.

Originally printed in 1996, the booklet was updated in 2003 and now in 2009. The year-long process to update the guide brought Kirkland Police Officers and Kirkland Youth Council members together to work side by side. Several meetings took place where both groups conversed and compared notes on situations they have encountered and had questions about. Out of these meetings came the topics that are included in the new version of the booklet; dating violence, parties, cell phone laws, harassment/bullying, on-line safety, and more. Police, KYC members, and Multi Media Services worked on writing, researching, layout and photos for the booklet. Everyone who participated in the project truly enjoyed the experience and it is clearly reflected in the final product.

Thanks to the financial generosity of King County's Community Organizing Program and Parkplace Shopping Center, the booklet was printed in full color which makes the guide a stunning document. Enough copies were printed to be able to supply all Kirkland students, grades 7-12, their own copy. The document is also available for download on the City's website ([Respect Booklet.pdf](#)) . The Kirkland Youth Council and Kirkland Police Department feel that this is an invaluable resource and hope that the Kirkland community finds it to be a wonderful product as well.