



Chief of Police Report to City Council

REPORT FOR QUARTER 1 - 2012

Reducing Crime

Key Indicators

Q1 CRIME METRICS	TREND	Q1 2011	Q1 2012
Reported Violent Crimes	▲ 7%	798	852
Reported Property Crimes	▲ 7%	7,345	7,778
Total Major Crimes	▲ 7%	8,043	8,630

Major Initiatives

Hot spot emphases

East Precinct has been engaged in two directed patrol projects in the Broadway corridor on Capitol Hill, using Koper curve principles. The principles behind the Koper curve call for officers to randomly hit policing hot spots, staying for limited amounts of time until they see their efforts paying diminishing returns. Use of Koper principles in the two projects has resulted in sustained reductions in calls to 9-1-1 of 50% in both areas.

South Precinct officers and detectives responded to property crime increases in the beginning of 2012 by mapping hot spots and concentrating attention on crimes with similar MOs and sharing common “place” factors. The result was a 30% decrease in burglaries between February and March. A number of the active burglary suspects that have been identified have been arrested.

In West Precinct concentrated attention at hot spots in the Third Avenue corridor during the first three months of 2012 has consisted of bike and foot patrols with an emphasis on street checks and other approaches found to be successful in the Belltown emphasis in the last quarter of 2011. For the first quarter of 2012, calls for service in the Third Avenue corridor were down 5% compared with the same time period in 2011.

Repeat Burglary Initiative

One female burglary defendant was first arrested in a stolen vehicle belonging to a retirement center. The

detective investigating that crime discovered that the suspect had been preying on elderly and vulnerable victims, in some cases burglarizing their residences in their presence. As additional charges were levied, prosecutors sought a higher bail for the defendant, which was denied. The defendant made bail and began yet another crime spree, this time targeting victims in a Federal Way retirement home. In a plea agreement, the aggravating factors of committing burglaries while victims were present and burglarizing vulnerable victims, allowed the Court to impose the exceptional sentence of 10 years in prison.

A burglary defendant who repeatedly stole purses from businesses in order to obtain debit and credit cards was released from prison in early 2011, after serving time for burglary, identity theft and forgery. He was almost immediately rearrested for theft, and after release on each arrest, continued to commit the same crimes. In April, he pled guilty to five counts of burglary and identity theft and a car prowl and was sentenced to 51 months in prison.

A defendant with six prior burglary convictions, committed two additional burglaries while awaiting trial on a March 2011 burglary. He pled guilty and though prosecutors had sought a high range prison-only sentence, he received a DOSA sentence of 36.75 months in prison and the same amount of time under community supervision.

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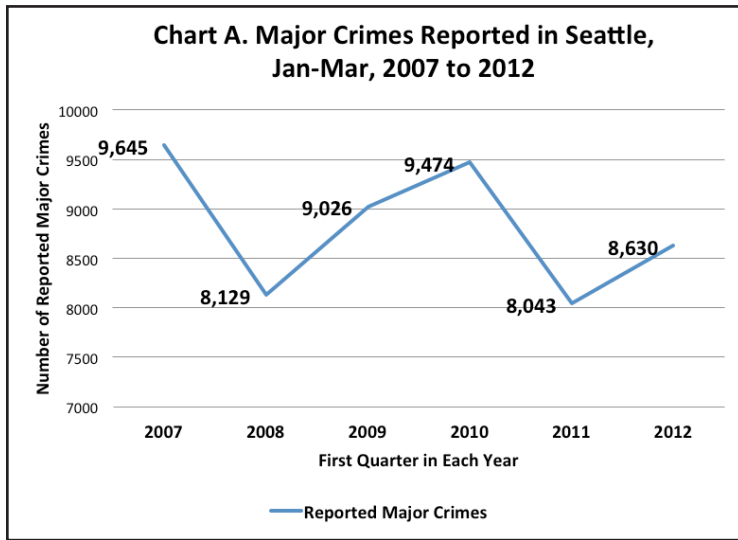
Major Initiatives

Major Case Investigations

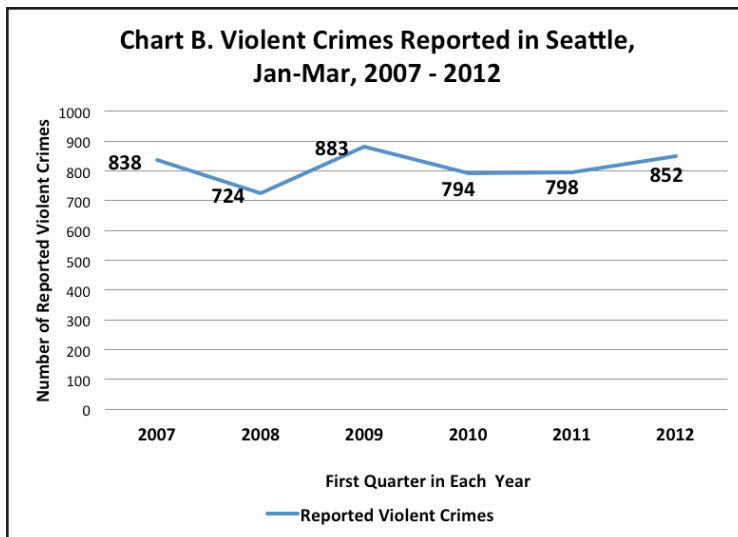
In September 2010, the SPD Major Crimes Task Force and Pawn Shop/Property Recovery Unit, working closely with the King County Prosecutor's Office and the local office of the FBI, began a long term, undercover operation dubbed Oliver's Twist. The objective of the operation was the identification and arrest of active property crime suspects, responsible for repeated burglaries, car prowls, vehicle thefts and retail thefts. Working out of a storefront equipped with advanced technology, undercover officers made purchases of stolen property from thieves including such items as motor vehicles, watercraft, firearms, bicycles, explosives, and a variety of items obtained from residential and commercial burglaries, shoplifts and car prowls. By the time the operation closed down in December 2011, 102 suspects involved in 314 separate criminal cases had been identified. Eleven subjects, involved in 22 cases, will be prosecuted in federal court. Through March, 62 subjects in state cases have been arrested with 20 suspects outstanding. Interviews with those arrested have also yielded information on a number of unrelated cases, including a cold case homicide.

SPD Elder Crimes detectives, working with Pierce County, successfully investigated and arrested a suspect who was preying on developmentally disabled and elderly victims. The suspect recently pled guilty to four counts of 1st degree theft and nine counts of 2nd degree theft. At sentencing, the prosecutor will ask for a vulnerable adult aggravator to add to the punishment. The SPD Elder Crime Victim Advocate played an important role in the case by providing support to the victims both in and out of court.

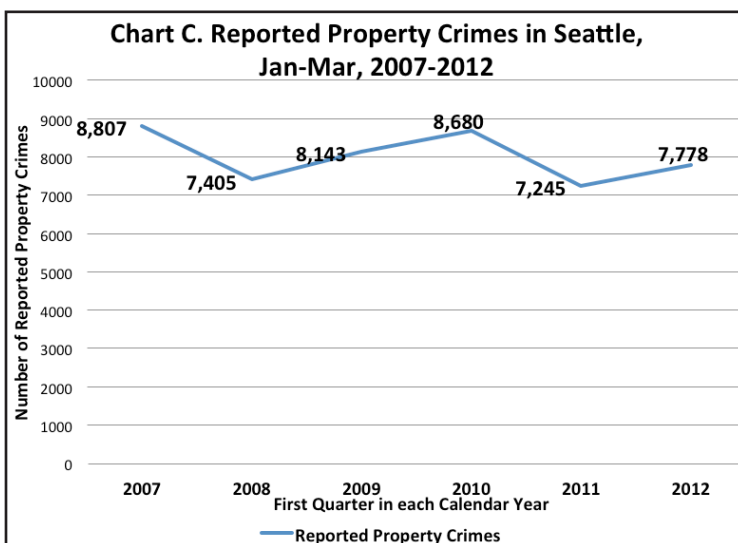
Reducing Crime - DATA TABLES



- Major Crimes consist of homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny/theft and vehicle theft.
- Major Crimes are up 7% in the first three months of 2012, when compared with the same time period in 2011.
- Compared with the first three months of 2010, Major Crimes are down 9% in the first quarter of 2012.



- Violent Crimes consist of murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault.
- Violent Crimes in the first three months of 2012 are 7% higher than in the same time period in 2011.
- Violent Crimes in the first quarter of 2012 posted the second highest quarterly total in six years.



- Property Crimes consist of burglary, larceny/theft and vehicle theft.
- Larceny/thefts make up the largest group of Property Crimes. They include shoplifts, car prowls, bicycle thefts, etc.
- Property Crimes in the first three months of 2012 were up 7%, compared with the same time period in 2011.



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Employee Performance, Misconduct & Discipline

Key Indicators

Q1 EMPLOYEE METRICS	TREND	Q1 2011	Q1 2012
Public Contacts	▼-10%	109,151	98,132
Commendations Received	▲+240%	74	249
Complaints Received	▼-20%	50	40
Standards and Duties Allegations	▼	72	23
Use of Force Allegations	▲	49	71
Other Allegations	▼	53	31

Major Initiatives

Results of Most Recent 9-1-1 Caller Surveys

The most recent survey of callers to 9-1-1 who had an officer dispatched to assist them occurred in March 2012. The overall level of satisfaction that respondents had with the experience with SPD was the second highest level recorded since the surveys began in June of 2006. The rating was at 4.31 on a 5-point scale where 5.0 is high.

Officers responding to the 9-1-1 callers received especially high marks on the following items: “the officer was professional and courteous,” rating was 4.44 out of 5.0; “the officer provides the information I needed,” rating of 4.24 out of 5; and “the officer clearly explained procedures and policies,” rating of 4.03 out of 5.

When asked how safe they personally feel in Seattle, 66% of those surveyed reported feeling safe or extremely safe, while only 12% expressed concerns about their safety. The rating for feelings of safety walking alone in their neighborhood at night was 3.09 out of 5. Nearly a quarter (23%) of the respondents indicated that the incident that caused them to contact 9-1-1 had made them feel “less safe” than before, but this number was reduced to 7% after receiving SPD’s services.

Promoting Internal Accountability

The January/February 2012 report of the OPA Director featured a discussion of the responsibility shared by SPD employees to promote accountability throughout the Department. Employees who observe serious misconduct are expected to intervene to stop it and must report any law violations or serious misconduct about which they become aware to an appropriate supervisor. Some community members have in the past expressed concern that SPD employees do not hold each other accountable for proper conduct. As the monthly OPA reports point out, however, one third of the cases closed in the first three months of 2012 were the result of complaints initiated by SPD officers and supervisors against other employees.

Progress on Body Worn Camera Pilot Project

The Department sought, but was not successful in obtaining, an exemption to the State Privacy Act to permit use of body cameras to record interactions between officers and members of the public. Such an exemption is now applied to video and sound recordings made from police vehicles (i.e., dash cameras). SPD has also asked the City Attorney’s Office to clarify any constraints on the use of body cameras posed by the City’s Police Intelligence Ordinance (SMC 14.12).



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Building Public Confidence

Key Indicators

2012 OUTREACH ACTIVITIES	2012 RESULTS
10 Week Community Police Academy	1 - Ten week Academy with 37 graduates
One Day Community Police Academy	2 - One day academies with 17 graduates
Living Room Conversations	10 Living Room Conversations held in all 5 precincts with 115 community members participating
Community Outreach Initiated Events	11 events were held with 375 community participants

Major Initiatives

Building Community Relationships

SPD Community Outreach personnel attended the Bataan Corregidor Memorial ceremony at Jose Rizal Park with many members of the Filipino community. Community Outreach was also involved in the planning meeting for the Vietnamese Friendship Association Care Project at the New Holly Gathering Hall, where they were able to share ideas on community safety.

Also in the first quarter of 2012, SPD held a Seattle Police Job Fair at the Filipino Community Center in partnership with the Filipino Advisory Council. This event was also announced to the Ethiopian community at their monthly breakfast. The job fair attracted more than 100 people.

Community Outreach also began a CPTED survey for the Medgar Evers pool and playfield at the request of the Parks Department in an effort to improve community safety at and around that amenity. SPD will be providing a basic CPTED course for city employees in second quarter. Community Outreach also participated in community safety walks in Rainier Valley and Mount Baker Light Rail areas to promote CPTED programs.

Programs with and for Youth

A series of “Know Your Rights” workshops were conducted during first quarter, including one for Chinese youth, one for Latino youth and one for Vietnamese youth at the World School. The workshops for Chinese and Vietnamese youth were

facilitated by interpreters. Another “Know Your Rights” workshop was presented at the Peace and Justice Event at Holy Names School, making it the most highly attended workshop in the program’s history.

Donut Dialogues were presented in conjunction with the Major’s Youth Commission. One event at Rainier Community Center drew 10 participants, while one at Garfield Teen Life Center drew 25 youth. From this latter event, some youth expressed interest in the Seattle Police Explorer Program.

Gang Resistance Education and Training programs were held at two sites with 60 youth completing the training at one site and 80 students involved at the second site.

One youth outreach officer facilitates a young men’s discussion group focused on anti-violence at South Shore K-8 school. Other anti-violence workshops in first quarter were held at Rainier Vista Boys and Girls Club and for a second grade class to discuss bullying and social media.

Living Room Conversations

Community Outreach has continued to facilitate Living Room Conversations. In first quarter, Conversations were held in “rooms” throughout the city, including on E John St, at El Centro De La Raza, at Lake Washington Apartments and on Palatine Avenue N. These events are well received by community members.



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Leadership and Training

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Q1 TRAINING METRICS	2011	2012
Street Skills	140 Officers	280 Officers
Other Training Offerings	309	150
(New) Sergeants School*	N/A	--

*New Sgts. school began in Q2 of 2011 and is now being redesigned in conjunction with the Mayor’s SPD 20/20 Plan and possible DOJ recommendations.

Major Initiatives

In-Service Training Programs for Officers and Detectives

The schedule for 2012 for Street Skills, the basic in-service training for officers and detectives, was published in January to ensure that all sworn personnel could be signed up for the training no later than the end of February. The training blocks in Street Skills for officers include: firearms training, integrated combat and control and tactics, legal updates on use of force and search and seizure, emergency vehicle operations course and firearms qualifications and simulator training. For detectives, Street Skills includes the same blocks except that detectives sign up for investigations courses instead of integrated combat and control. Also detectives are provided a shorter emergency vehicle operations course. Getting all sworn personnel scheduled for Street Skills early was essential since the Department expects that officers will be participating in a range of other training programs as the year progresses.

Race and Social Justice Initiative Activities

The Community Outreach Section of SPD partnered with the Loren Miller Bar Association, the Seattle Office of Civil Rights and the Parks Department to present a one-day workshop using materials from “Race the Power of an Illusion.” This workshop was attended by 190 people including community members and SPD officers and was very well received.

2012 International Conference for Police and Law Enforcement Executives: Leading in Times of Crisis

The Department was host to this conference that welcomed 230 delegates from 17 different countries, including Australia, Belgium, France, Germany, Poland, Singapore and the United Kingdom. This was the first time that this conference has been held in the United States.

Because the conference was held here, thirty-two SPD employees were able to participate in the conference sessions. It was clear from these sessions that law enforcement agencies from around the world face similar challenges. Feedback from conference participants indicated they were impressed with the professionalism and hospitality of our Department.