

Emphasis Area & Neighborhood Walk Updates

July 10, 2019



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Overview

- Overview
- Coordinated outreach, public safety, and maintenance efforts by neighborhood
 - Public safety issues
 - Identified maintenance issues and resolutions
 - Results
- Next steps
- Neighborhood feedback

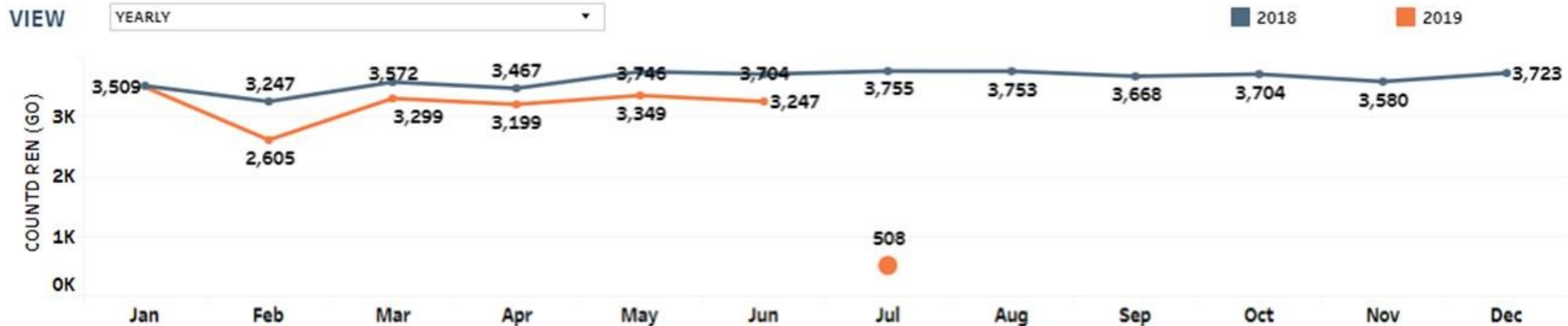


City Trends

Overall, city-wide crime YTD is down 13% (data as of July 9)

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OFFENSE CATEGORY	OFFENSE	2019	2018	AMT CHANGE	% CHANGE	5YR WTD AVG
VIOLENT CRIME	HOMICIDE	12	16	-4	-25%	13
	RAPE	156	143	13	9%	123
	ROBBERY	776	840	-64	-8%	811
	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1,341	1,327	14	1%	1,208
	Total	2,285	2,326	-41	-2%	2,155
PROPERTY CRIME	ARSON	50	61	-11	-18%	60
	BURGLARY	3,704	4,246	-542	-13%	3,997
	LARCENY-THEFT	12,218	13,801	-1,583	-11%	13,821
	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1,766	2,016	-250	-12%	2,043
	Total	17,738	20,124	-2,386	-12%	19,920
Grand Total		20,023	22,450	-2,427	-11%	22,075



Emphasis Patrols are an evidence based strategy to fight crime and a decades-long strategy across the City. Under Mayor Durkan these emphasis areas are a Citywide partnership aimed to:

- Address crime and disorder issues
- Connect people with services
- Coordinated neighborhood improvements between 10 City departments
- Community engagement

Ongoing Emphasis Areas

- Ballard
- Downtown
- Georgetown
- Fremont
- Pioneer Square
- SoDo
- South Park

Summer Emphasis Areas

- Alki
- Golden Gardens
- Capitol Hill - Nightlife

Ongoing Gun Violence Prevention and Gang Emphasis

City-wide Department Collaboration: SPD, SDOT, SPR, SCL, DON, OED

Seattle Police:

- Citywide indicators are positive overall.
 - In June on-views up (+3%),
 - 911 calls down (-4%),
 - Major crimes down (-13%).
- Emphasis neighborhoods had 8,803 on-views in May/June 2019
 - compared to 6,637 in 2018
 - a difference of 2,166 on-views (+33%)
- Total Emphasis Hours: 3,860

Maintenance & City Departments Improvements:

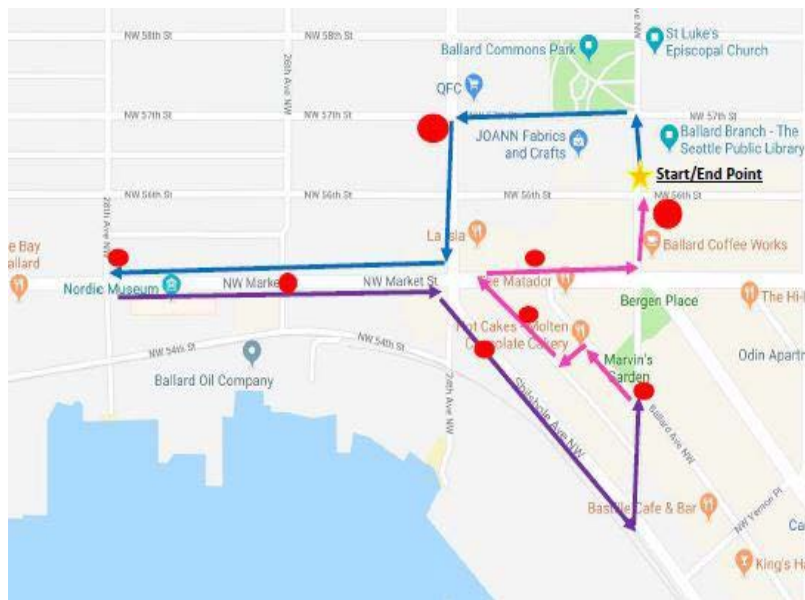
- Parks & Green Spaces
- Vacant Properties
- Transportation & Mobility
- Landscaping
- Lighting
- Debris Cleanup & Removal

Significant Maintenance & City Department Work:

- Ballard Commons Improvements & Repaved Alleyways
- Fremont Bike Lane Bollard Replacements & Crosswalks
- Downtown improvements & 3rd Avenue Kiosk Staffing
- Pioneer Square Reconfiguration of King Street Landscaping, Removal of Old Phone Booths & LED Lighting
- SODO Parking Signage & Illegal Dumping Clean up
- South Park Skate Park, South Park Vacant Properties & Graffiti Removal
- Georgetown Streetlight & Signage Repairs

Emphasis Overview

SPD is focusing on general street-level disorder, crisis complaints, and persistent theft issues. Overall 11% increase in crime in 2018 from 2017.



Community Participants:

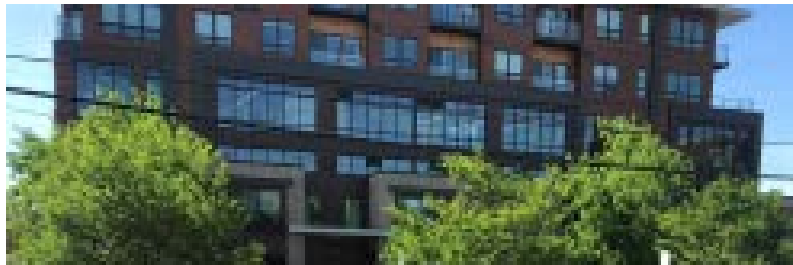
- Ballard Alliance
- St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- QFC
- Ballard Food Bank
- Nordic Museum

Neighborhood Maintenance

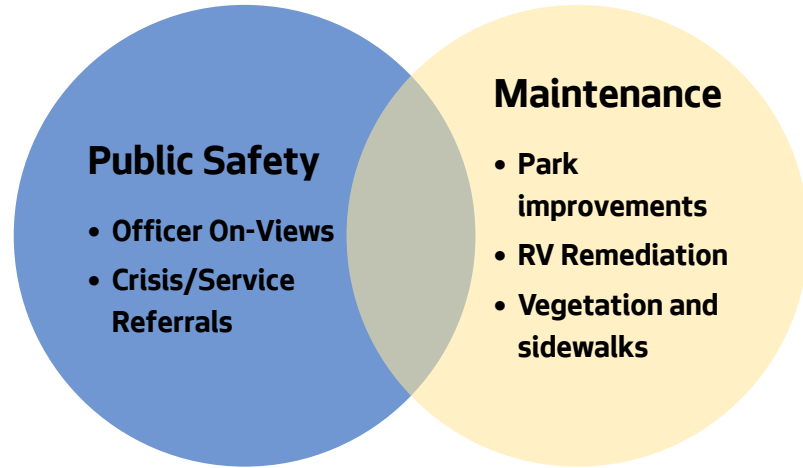
Ballard Commons park

- Replaced signage, added bathroom capacity, and added staff to Ballard Commons Park
- Completed vegetation maintenance on Market Street
- Repaired street lights throughout the neighborhood
- Patched alley potholes
- Repainted crosswalks
- Provided resources for graffiti removal to private property owners
- Partnering with businesses to right size alley garbage cans
- Replaced and repaired signage



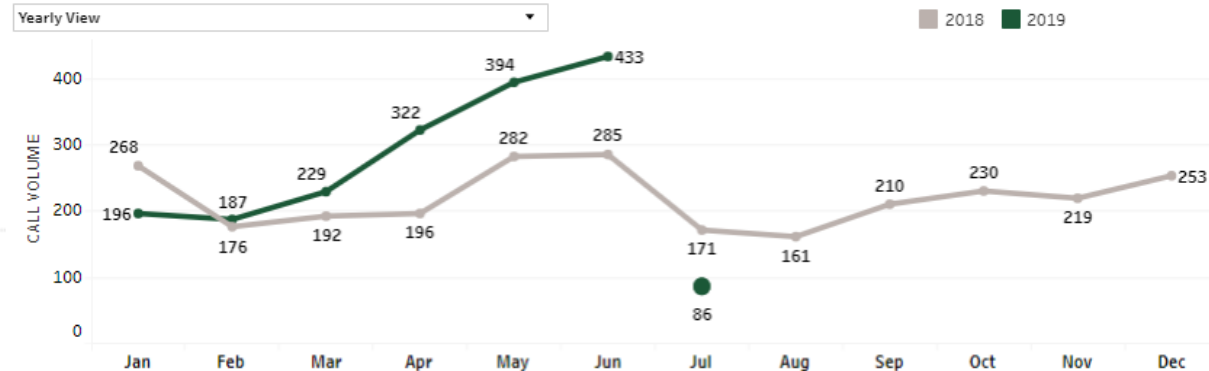


Results of Emphasis Efforts



Officer Proactivity

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Improvements

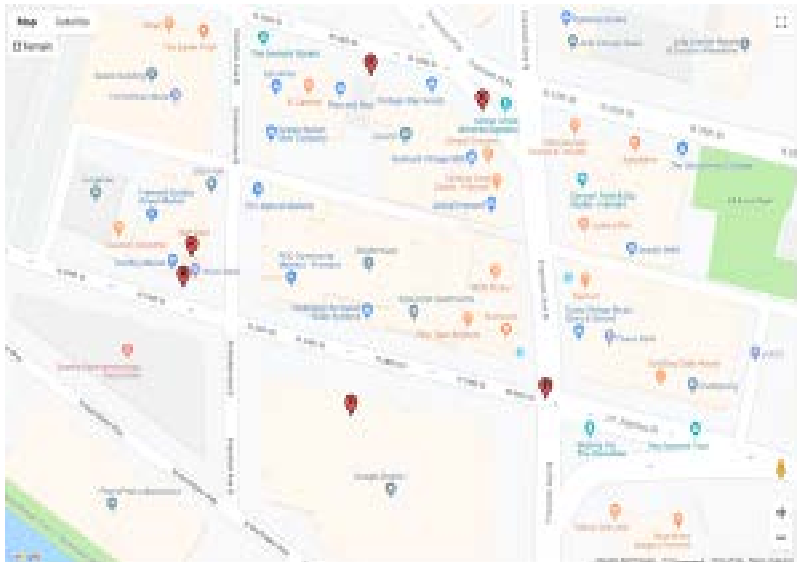
- **40% (112)** increase in proactive policing compared to May 2018; **52% (148)** in June. Overall, 911 calls are flat.
- In June, there were 129 major crimes compared to 126 in June 2018
- Over **675** emphasis hours used across Ballard and Fremont since beginning of May
- SPD Teams have made over 180 contacts in the neighborhood, including 24 bookings (+3 CBOs) into King County Jail, 96 warnings, and over 80 referrals, including 13 through LEAD

Upcoming and Ongoing

- SPD will continue to focus on driving down property crime, robberies
- SPU will continue RV Remediation
- Alley lighting analysis and Market Street construction coordination

Emphasis Overview

SPD is focusing on theft/property crime and maintaining the Troll's Knoll Park. Overall 52% increase in Person and Property crime in 2018 from 2017.



Community Participants:

- Fremont Chamber
- Red Door
- Hales Ales
- Fremont Neighborhood Council
- The Fremocentrist



Neighborhood Maintenance

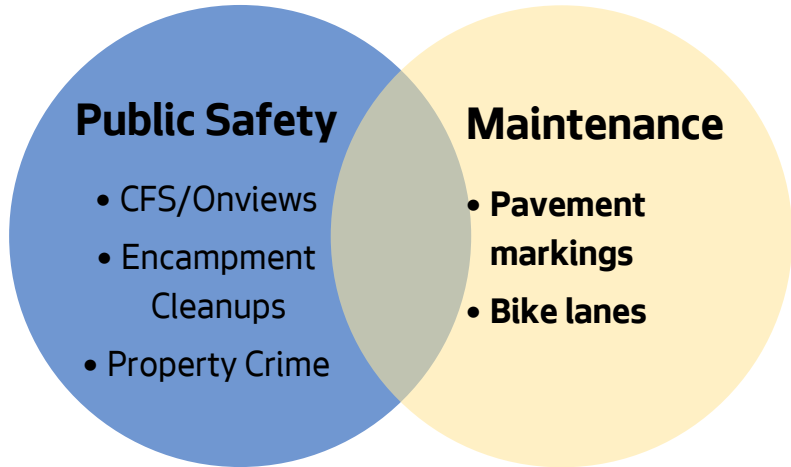
Most issues were transportation related

- Remarked pavement markings in key locations
- Vegetation maintenance throughout the neighborhood
- Worked with neighborhood businesses to partner on removable bike lane bollards
- Added curb ramps for upgrades in 2019
- Updated passenger load zones



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City Services Focus Areas

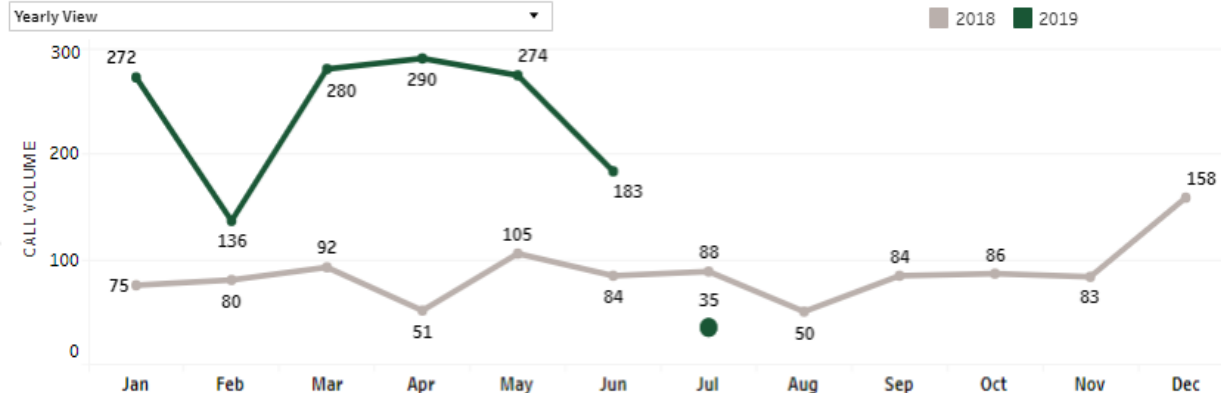


Improvements

- **161% (169)** increase in proactive policing via premise checks and directed patrols compared to May 2018; **118% (99)** increase in June. Overall, 911 calls are down 8%.
- 35 contacts made since the beginning of June, including 7 bookings and 4 service referrals
- In June, major crime was down **42%**, with property crime down 58 incidents.

Officer Proactivity

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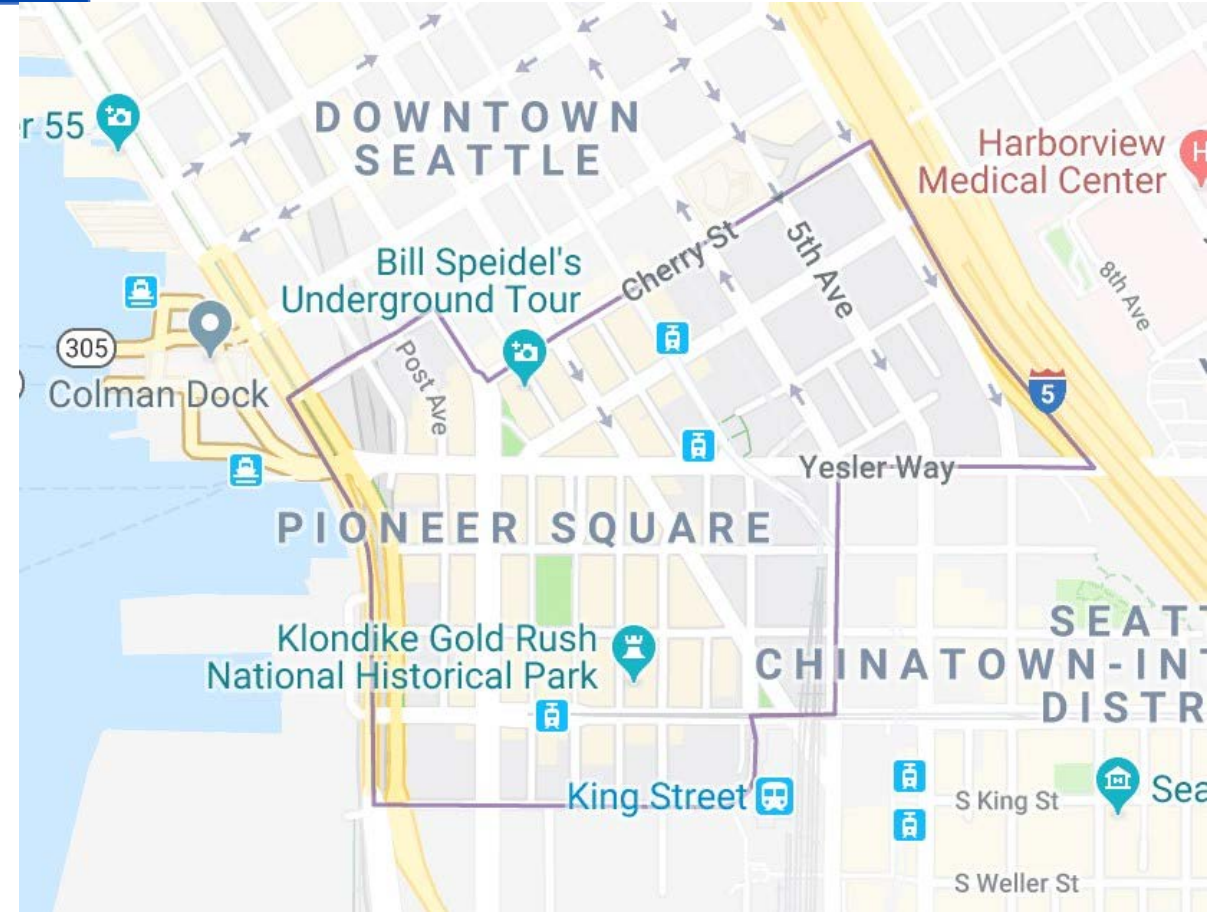


Upcoming and Ongoing

- SPD is focused on maintaining reduction in crime around the Troll's Knoll and continuing to decrease property crime
- Upcoming curb ramp installations and additional bike parking

Emphasis Overview

SPD focused on street-level disorder, obstructions, and property crime. Overall 28% increase in crime in 2018 compared to 2017.



Community Participants:

- Alliance for Pioneer Square
- Chief Seattle Club
- Pioneer Square Resident's Council

Neighborhood Maintenance

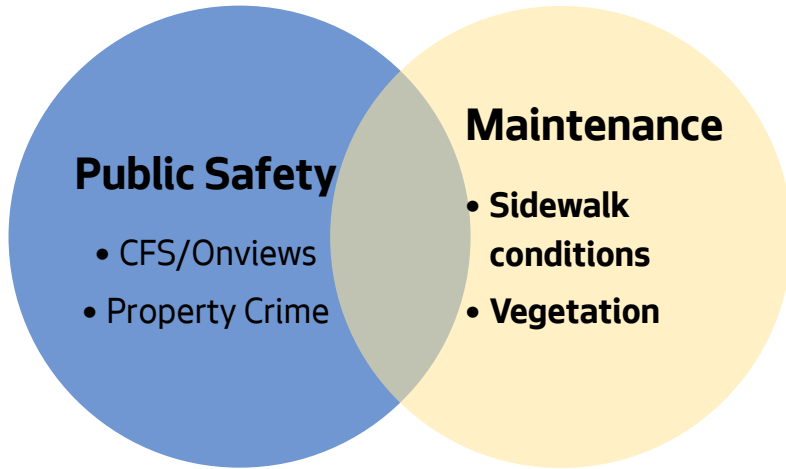
Sidewalk conditions, obstructions, and landscaping

- Street tree trimming
- Vegetation maintenance
- Repainted benches
- Restriped crosswalks
- Distributed sharps containers to businesses
- Removed obsolete phone booth
- Reconfiguring King Street landscape maintenance contract



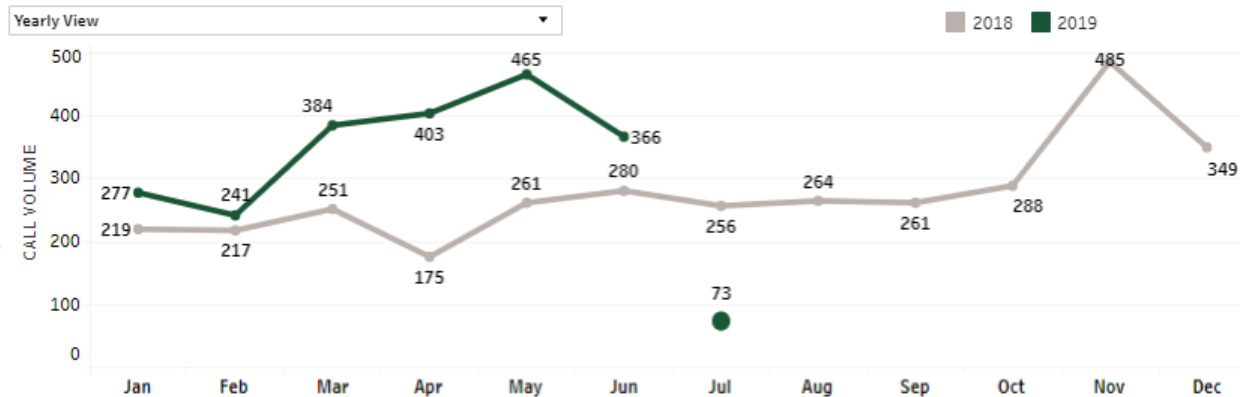


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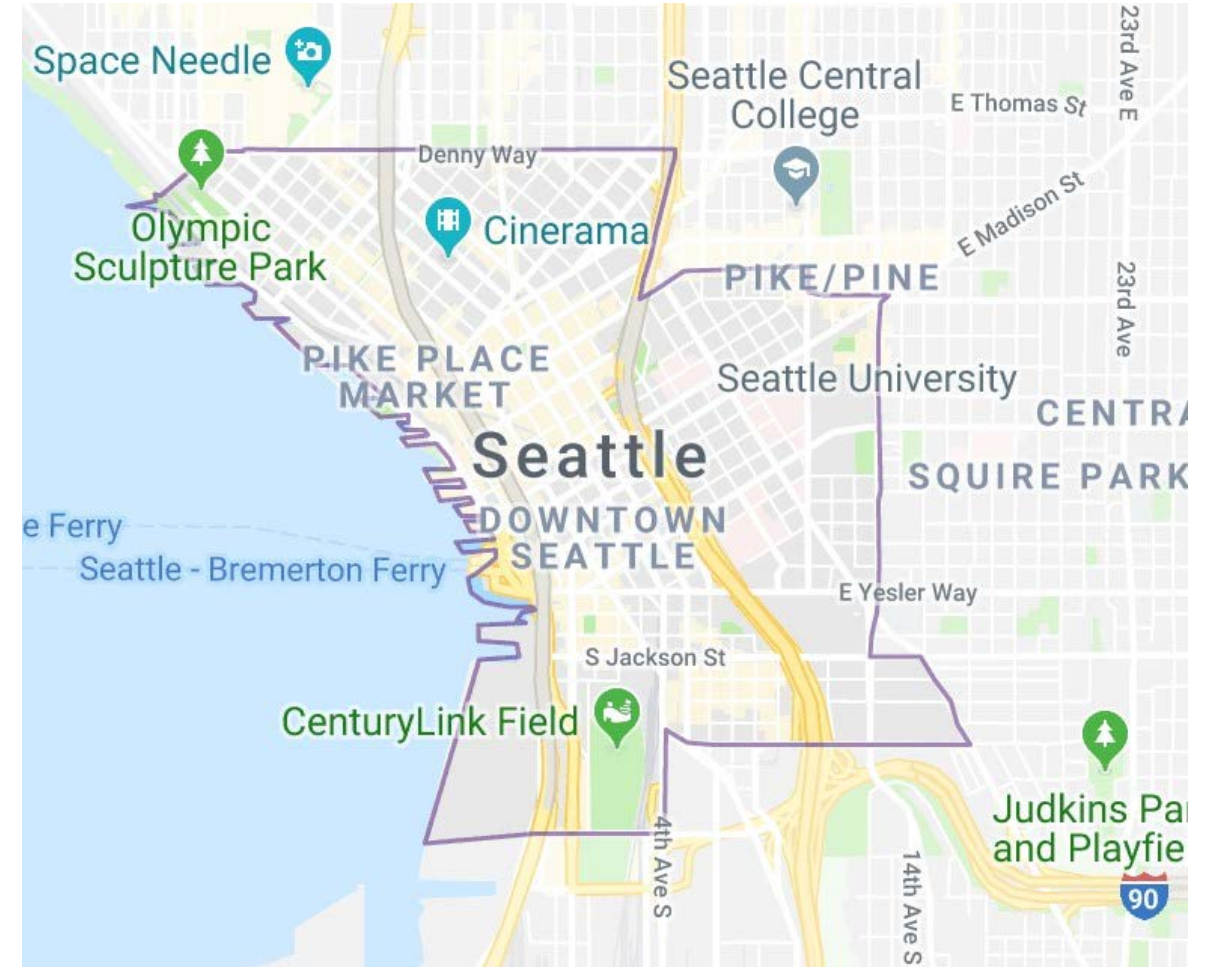
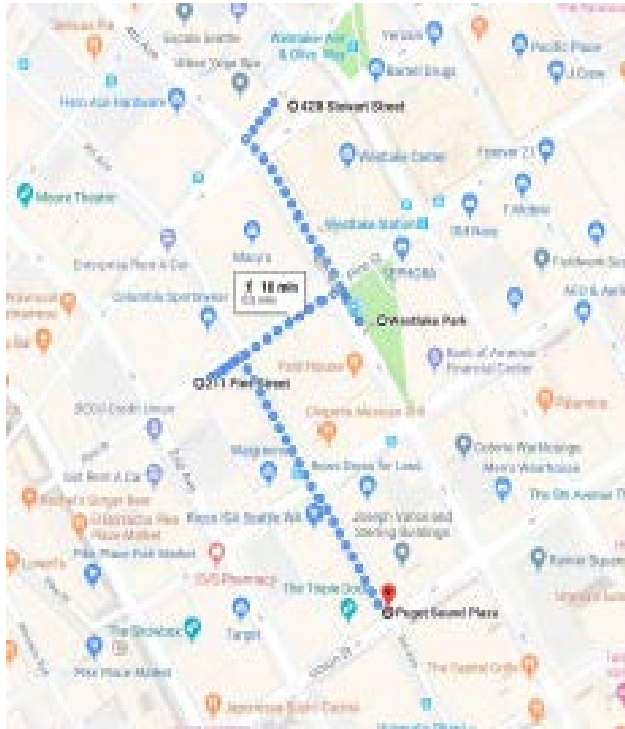
- **78% (204)** increase in proactive policing compared to May 2018; **31% (86)** increase in June. Overall, 911 calls are down 15%.
- SPD Teams have made **over 100** contacts since beginning of May, including 4 jail bookings, 22 citations, and multiple Oral Warnings and Parks Warnings
- In May, crime was down 8 incidents. In June it was up 9 incidents
- Emphasis operations that led to the removal of illegal narcotics and firearms
- Almost 700 emphasis hours have been used since the beginning of May

Upcoming and Ongoing

- SPD is focused on continuing to address street-level disorder, furthering the decrease in property crime, and responding to the uptick in assaults
- Continue King Street and other ongoing vegetation management efforts

Emphasis Overview

Since 2016, SPD has seen an increase in person crimes and in 2018, a 16% increase in person crime Downtown.



Community Participants:

- DSA
- Clise Properties
- Unico Properties
- NeighborCare



Neighborhood Maintenance

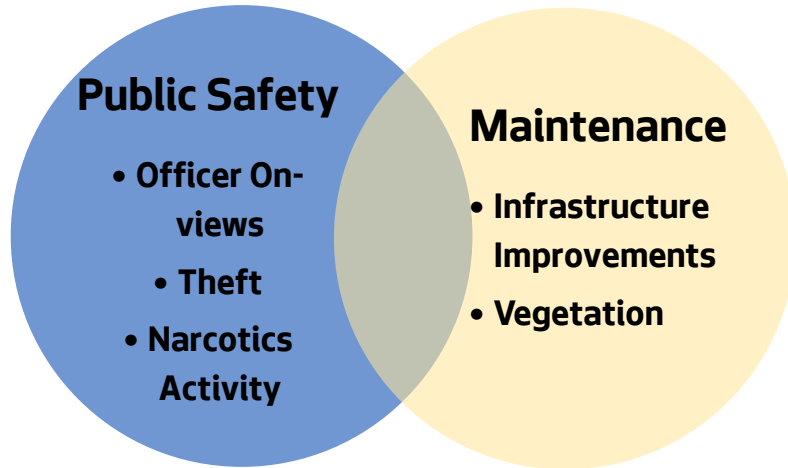
Sidewalk conditions, obstructions, and landscaping

- Streetlight globe replacements
- Street and sidewalk washing
- Landscape maintenance
- Newspaper boxes removed
- Developed staffing agreement for 3rd Ave kiosk



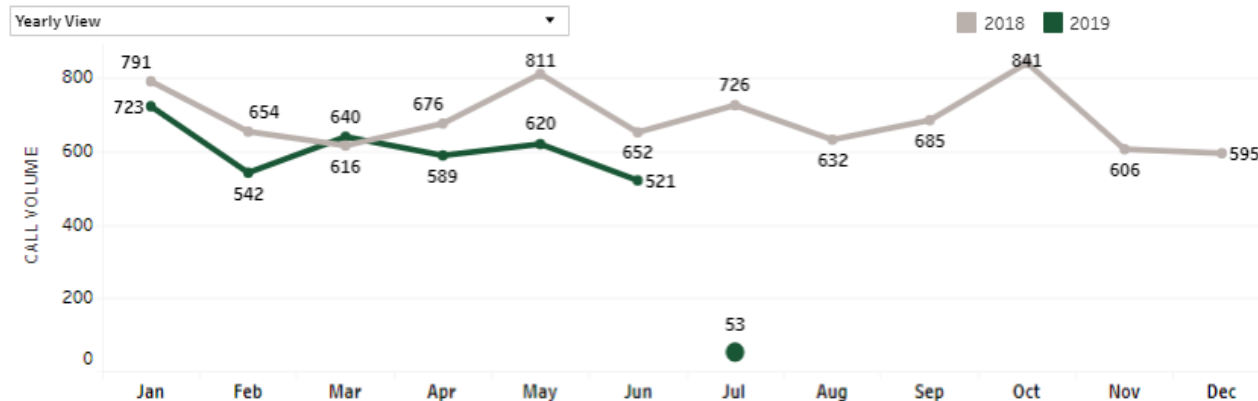
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Officer Proactivity

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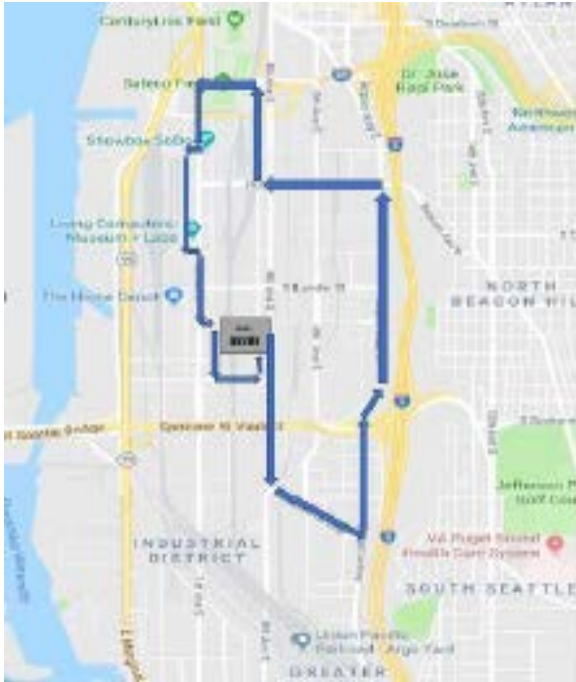
- Officer on-views were down in May and June 2019 for the beats containing the Pike/Pine corridor; shifting work here in June/July. Overall, 911 calls also were down.
- SPD Teams have made just over **100** contacts since beginning of May, 8 bookings, over 45 infractions, 11 Oral and Parks Warnings, and 1 service referral
- In May, crime was down 61%. In June, it was down 3 incidents.
- Over 700 emphasis hours since the beginning of May

Upcoming and Ongoing

- SPD is focused on increasing officer proactivity in the Pike/Pine corridor, with a focus on retail theft and predatory narcotics dealing
- SPD will continue to support the emphasis work with additional special operations, as warranted
- Continued work on infrastructure improvements

Emphasis Overview

Overall increase of 35% in crime in 2018 compared to 2017. Person Crimes increased by 26% and Property Crimes increased by 36%.



Community Participants:

- SODO BIA
- Silver Platters
- Filson
- OB Williams
- Starbucks
- UPS
- Evergreen Treatment Services





Neighborhood Maintenance

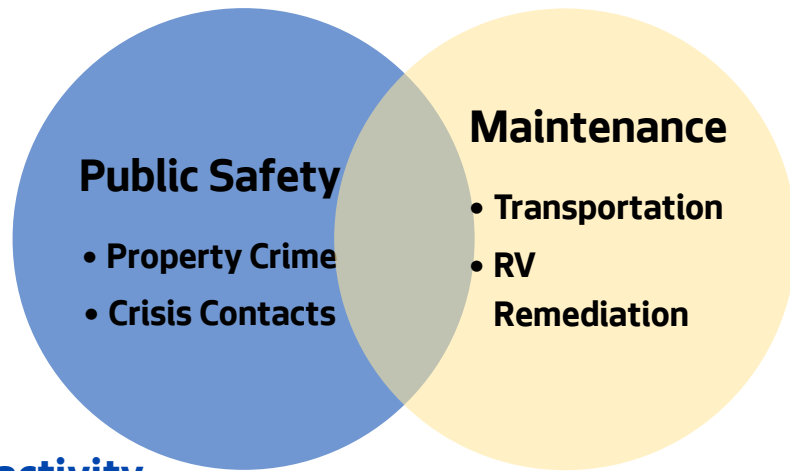
Transportation and Public Health Issues

- Installed and updated parking signs and load zones
- Vegetation maintenance throughout the neighborhood – specifically under transmission lines
- Continued RV trash removal and illegal dumping efforts
- Launched new public health considerations for junking towed RVs
- Stadium event impacts to the neighborhood



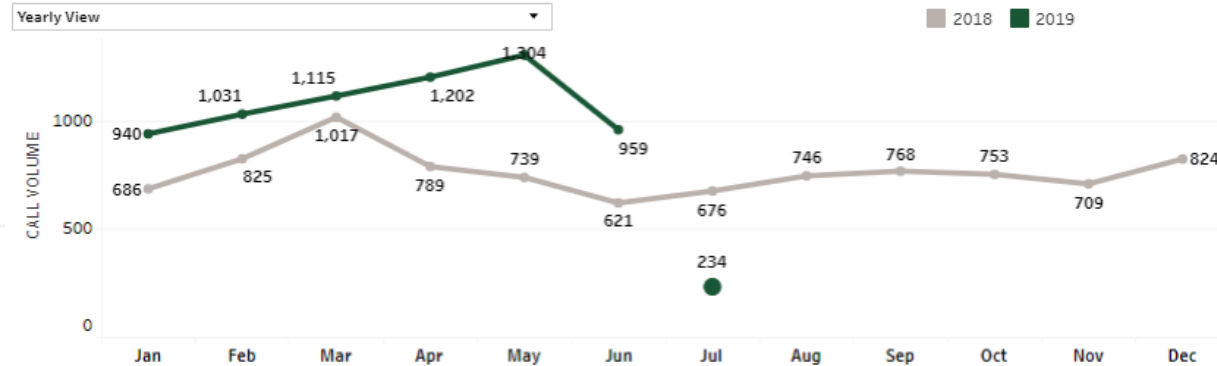
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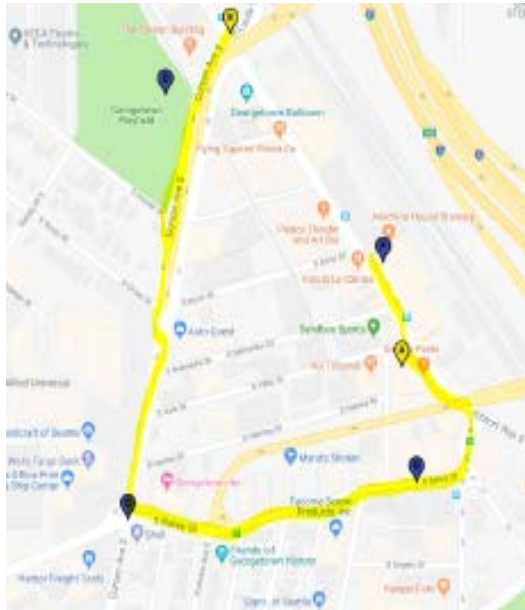
- Officer on-views were up **76% (565)** from May 2018. In June they were up **54% (338)**. Overall, 911 calls are down 21%.
- SPD Teams have made over 120 contacts since beginning of May, including 46 Oral Warnings, 26 jail bookings, and 2 service referrals, including 1 to LEAD
- Reported property crime in the area is down 9% (-7) in the past 28 days
- Over 1,500 emphasis hours have been used since the beginning of May (SODO and Georgetown)

Upcoming and Ongoing

- SPD is focused on continuing to address property crime
- SPU continues to work on RV Remediation
- Ongoing landscape maintenance

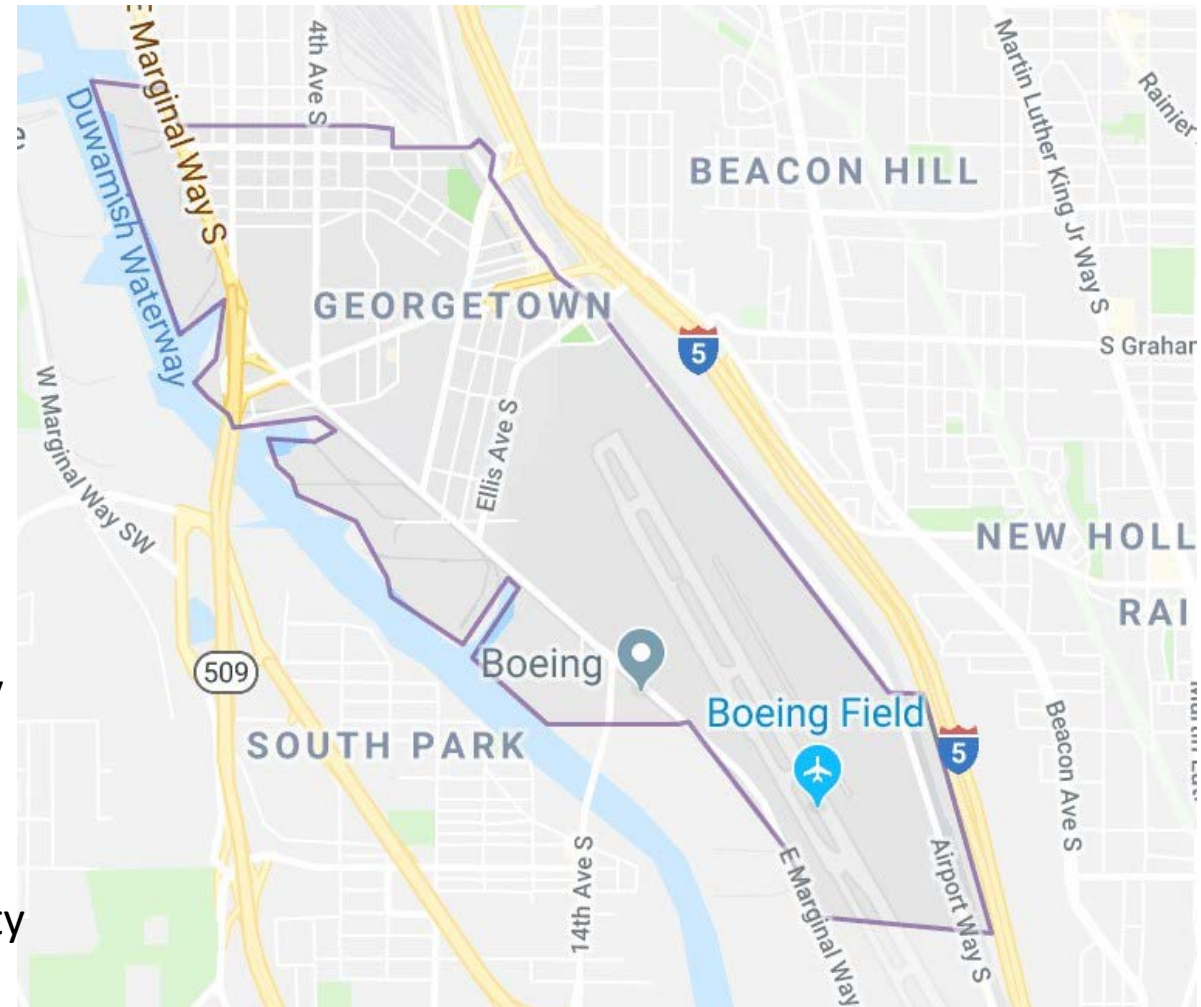
Emphasis Overview

SPD is focusing on property crime and addressing RVs/Encampments



Community Participants:

- Georgetown Community Council
- Georgetown Merchants Association
- Georgetown Public Safety Taskforce



Neighborhood Maintenance

Vegetation and homelessness related issues

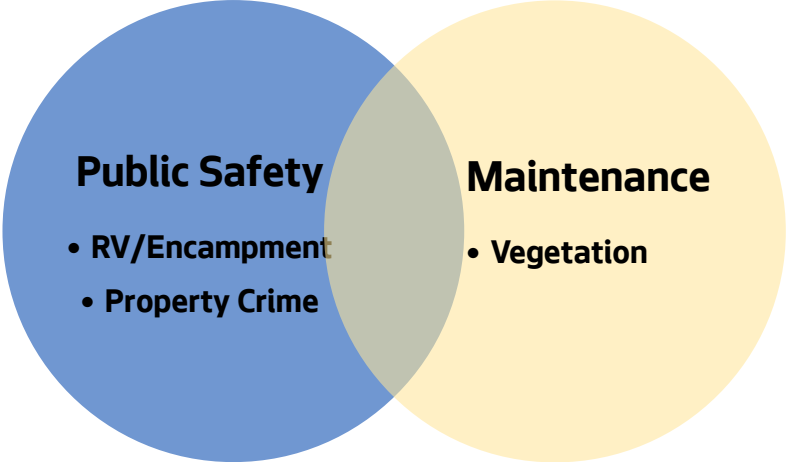
- Street sign repairs and replacement
- Vegetation maintenance
- Pavement markings
- Streetlight repairs





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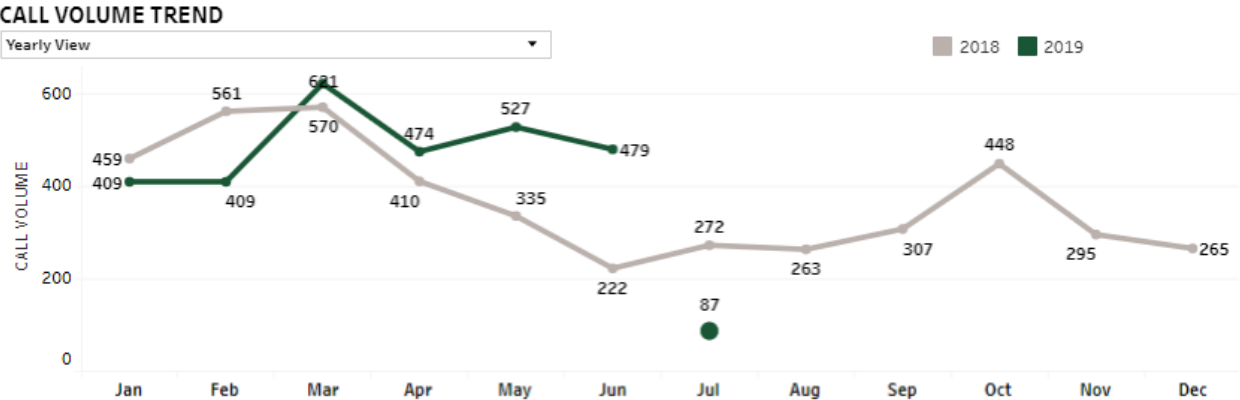


May
57% OV; 18% calls

June
116% OV; 12% calls

Total
81% OV; 15% calls

Officer Proactivity



Improvements

- Officer on-views were up **57% (192)** compared to May 2018. In June they were up **116% (257)**.
- SPD Teams have made 15 contacts since beginning of May, including 7 Oral Warnings, 2 citations, and 1 jail booking
- In June, there were 6 fewer property crimes; overall, crime was down 1 incident in May, up 3 in June.
- Multiple RV/Encampment clean-ups
- Over 1,500 emphasis hours have been used since the beginning of May (SODO & Georgetown)

Upcoming Goals

- SPD is focused on continuing to address RVs/Encampments and lowering property crime
- Potential additional street lights

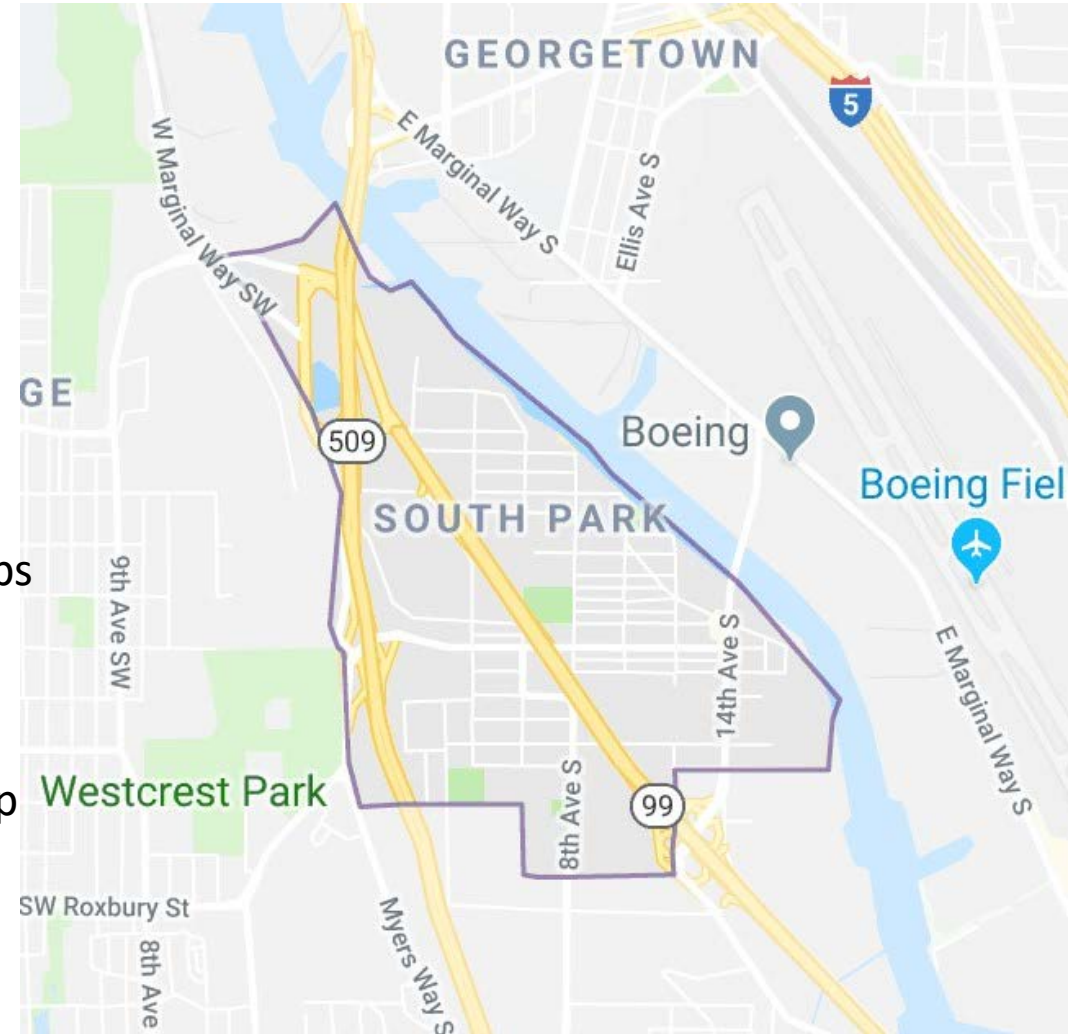
Emphasis Overview

SPD is focusing on problem locations and other street-level disorder



Community Participants:

- Duwamish Valley Youth Corps
- Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition
- Concord PTA
- Seattle Neighborhood Group
- South Park Merchants Association



Neighborhood Maintenance

Vegetation, graffiti, and vacant properties

- Installed and updated parking signs
- Vegetation maintenance throughout the neighborhood, including along the trail
- Coordination with SeaMar for maintenance work party at skate park
- Pressure washing for right of way and parks pavement
- Graffiti removal
- Sign cleaning and replacement
- Pavement marking restoration
- Vacant building clean ups



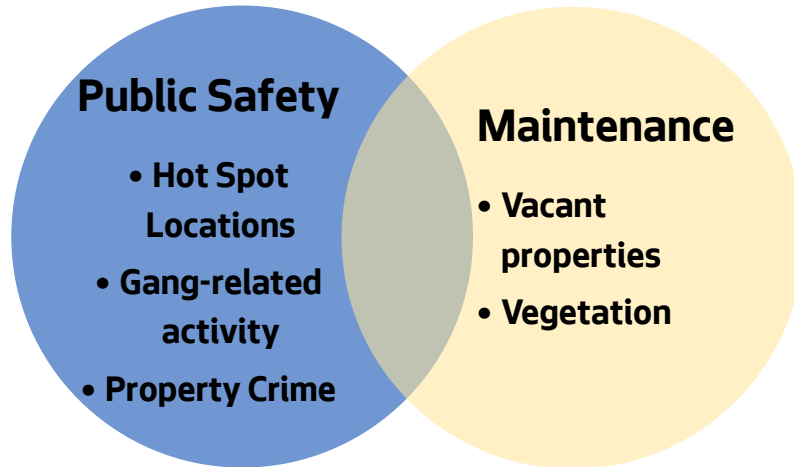


South Park Skate Park



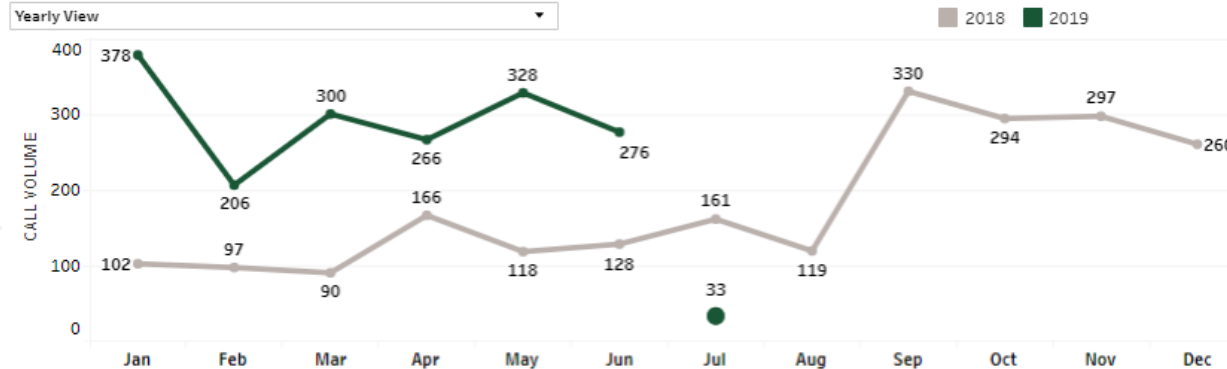
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Improvements

- Officer on-views were up **178% (210)** compared to May 2018; In June they up **116% (148)**. Overall, 911 calls were down 13.5%
- SPD Teams have made 15 jail bookings resulting from contacts in South Park since the beginning of May
- In June, reported crime was down 11% (4).
- Over 285 emphasis hours have been used since the beginning of May

Upcoming and Ongoing

- SPD is focused on identifying and addressing gang-related graffiti and lowering property crime
- Continue monitoring key vacant properties and coordination with SeaMar

Summer Emphasis Area SPD Takeaways & Present Staffing

- Coordination with various departments made these efforts different and successful
- Visibility and enforcement can build momentum, but sustained change must include efforts beyond enforcement.
- Each area has a different set of needs and required a different staffing and coordination plan.
- Sustainment will require other departments and community involvement.
- Emphasis activities will continue with on-duty and overtime teams.
- SPD will continue to assess data and closely monitor trends and allocate resources accordingly.

Going Forward

Continued neighborhood feedback loop - OED & DON

- Maintenance and Services: SPU, SDOT, SCL, SPR
 - 305 Maintenance and service issues identified
 - 99% of the City-department related issues complete or in progress
- Public Safety: SPD updates
- SPD will continue work in all emphasis areas as well as planned summer emphasis areas of: Alki Beach, Golden Gardens and Capitol Hill – Nightlife
- Community tours at Department Director level will continue
- OED and DON will organize and lead tours with support of Mayor’s Office

COMMUNITY WALK UPDATE | SODO | July 2019

Newly Updated

Hello!


As you may know, the Seattle Police Department (SPD) and City departments are deploying additional resources and taking immediate steps to improve public safety and address community maintenance needs as part of a pre-summer emphasis program in seven neighborhoods including SODO. In addition to an enhanced response by SPD, the City is addressing maintenance needs, like replacing streetlights, trimming trees, removing graffiti, and removing debris from illegal dumping. Directors from numerous City departments, in partnership with the SODO Business Improvement Area (BIA), joined business and community members for a business area walk to identify ongoing issues.

Today, I'm happy to update you on what has taken place since the walk on May 9th. Below is an issue tracker compiled from comments gathered from walk participants detailing issues raised, reviewed and the current status of each. You'll also find resource tips and links to City services at the bottom of this document, so you can access available services to help keep your neighborhood safe, clean and vibrant.

Public Safety:

The Seattle Police Department closely monitored and responded to a persistent increase in criminal activity and disorder during 2018. The addition of the other city resources brought valuable problem-solving opportunities, especially when coupled with further increases in police department staffing.

- In the most recent 28 days, officer proactivity was up 59% compared to same period in 2018.
- Overall, through the first half of 2019, proactive activity is up 39%.
- During this specific initiative, officers have made 122 contacts in the SODO area, including work primarily by the SODO Emphasis (Ocean Sector). This work has resulted in:
 - 11 jail bookings
 - 3 vehicle taggings
 - 1 ITA
 - 46 warnings
 - 7 citations
 - 1 LEAD referral
- 226 Traffic contacts, including 179 citations
- In the most recent 28 days, reported property crime in the area, is down 7 incidents (-9%), while all non-major crime is down 119 incidents (-70%).
- Over 1,000 emphasis hours have been used since the beginning of May (SODO and Georgetown)



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Small Scale Maintenance:

Issue/Request	Location	Timeline	Notes
Unmaintained greenways are fully overgrown.	6th & Industrial – between 4th & Airport Way	Completed	This is a routine mowing location for SDOT, mowing has been delayed due to encampments. SDOT will mow as much as reasonable without affecting public safety. Ongoing maintenance will happen once encampments are addressed and moved out of the median. (SDOT)
Parking availability for trucks is an issue, although new 4-hour parking has helped.	6th & Industrial	Pending	SDOT working with SODO BIA on parking changes including time limits if they are thought to be appropriate for the area. (SDOT)
Add load zone for Evergreen Treatment Services.	Airport Way S and S Massachusetts	Completed	Installed new load zones on Airport Way S by Evergreen Treatment Services and a few spaces on the west side of Airport Way. (SDOT)
RVs parked along side of road, now totaling more than 20 vehicles.	Occidental Ave S just south of S Lander St	Ongoing	SDOT reached out to SODO BIA for more information on requested action. Update pending. (SDOT)
Illegal parking signs placed on west side of Occidental Ave S	Occidental Ave S south of S Lander St	Completed	Field check completed, SDOT sent warning letters to property owners and will track responses and any additional complaints. (SDOT)
Parking change request?	3 rd Ave South; north of S Holgate St (Outdoor Emporium)	Pending	Reached out to SODO BIA asking for update and if there were any specific parking changes being requested. (SDOT)

Community Resources:

Find It, Fix It – Service Request Mobile App
<https://www.seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/find-it-fix-it-mobile-app>

"Find It, Fix It" is a smartphone app offering mobile users one more way to report selected issues to the City of Seattle including illegal dumping, street light outages, potholes, and sharps/needles, amongst others.

With Find It, Fix It, reporting an issue is as easy as snapping a photo with your smartphone, adding detailed information, and hitting submit. The map's "drag and drop" feature or the phone's technology can be used to pinpoint the location.

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Next Steps: Improving Community Engagement and Feedback Loop



Community Walk Updates



Neighborhood and Community Solution Teams



Affordability and Anti Displacement Dialogues



Find It Fix It Departmental Coordination

Next Steps

Neighborhood and Community Solutions Team

Continued relationship building with community

Bringing City Hall out to community (i.e. walks, community roundtables)

Identify challenges, improvements and opportunities

Diversify areas beyond emphasis walks

Q&A