

2018 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: SFD and SPD report on building first responder partnerships with social and health service providers or other resources

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

By March 31, 2018, the Seattle Fire Department (SFD) and Seattle Police Department (SPD) are requested to submit a joint report to the Chair of the Gender Equity, Safe Communities, and New Americans Committee and the Council Central Staff Director on approaches utilized by the fire and police departments to connect 9-1-1 callers with social and health services or other resources, for callers who are experiencing mental or behavioral health issues or who are reporting domestic violence or sexual assault. This may include assistance at the point of contact with dispatch, assistance provided on the street, or referrals that occur at the conclusion of a call response. The report should include the following:

- An inventory of existing approaches used by the police or fire department, including a description of the nature of the activity, the names of any involved community partner or other resource utilized, an indication of the size and scope of the activity (such as number of departmental staff engaged in the activity), and amount and source of funding (to the extent that funding information is available);
- An examination of approaches used successfully by other jurisdictions, locally or nationally;
- An analysis of whether models used by other jurisdictions could be applied effectively to SPD or SFD; and
- Recommendations for forming partnerships with non-profit and community-based counseling and crisis services for call response.

Examples of existing approaches include the King County mobile crisis team, crisis call center, or the SFD low acuity alarm program.

The purpose of this report is to inform a dialogue on multi-modal service delivery options that help callers achieve better immediate and long-term outcomes, and that gives first responders the tools to respond to callers with appropriate resources.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Gender Equity, Safe Communities and New Americans Committee

Date Due to Council: March 31, 2018