

2022 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Request that SPD report on National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform report recommendations

Ongoing: No Has Attachment: No

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Council Members:

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11/18/2021	Yes	9	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Seattle Police Department (SPD) provide quarterly reports to the Public Safety and Human Services Committee (PSHS) Committee, or successor committee, on the department's efforts to identify a potential non-sworn response for 911 call types that the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform (NICJR) categorized as appropriate for a civilian response. The quarterly reports should be submitted on April 1, July 1 and October 1 and address:

- (1) the NICJR report's 29 call types (see background), including a specific list of calls that can be handled without SPD's involvement;
- (2) the NICJR report's 12 percent of calls that could be handled without SPD involvement (see background), including a specific list of such calls;
- (3) misdemeanor criminal calls that could be handled without SPD involvement, including a specific list of such calls;
- (4) misdemeanor criminal calls or other calls (e.g., armed suicidal individuals) that could be handled with a co-response, including those where a mental health professional would take a lead role while an officer remains available on-site for safety purposes, including a specific list of such calls; and
- (5) any other call type that would not require a sworn response (e.g., administrative calls such as traffic collision reports).

The first quarterly report should provide recommendations for items 1-5 above. The second quarterly report should include an implementation plan for the recommendations. The third quarterly report should include a plan for expanding the alternative 911 response programs in the 2023 Proposed Budget.

All reports should be submitted to the Chair of the PSHS Committee, or successor committee, and the Central Staff Director.

Background:

The 2021 NICJR Seattle Calls for Service Analysis report found that between 2017 and 2019, out of 1.2 million calls, six percent of calls to SPD's call center were associated with felonies, 14 percent were

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associated with misdemeanors, and the remainder were not associated with criminal activity. The report recommended that alternative response options should be developed for the 70 percent of calls for service that do not require a law enforcement response or are appropriate for co-response and suggested that, in the near term, up to 12 percent of calls for service could be handled without SPD involvement.

SPD staff are analyzing 29 call types, comprising approximately seven percent of officer service hours, to identify which of these types are appropriate for alternate responses while prioritizing the safety of the community and those who would be responding in lieu of sworn officers. The analysis is expected to determine that for at least some of the 29 call types under review, civilians may feasibly respond rather than sworn officers. These call types include requests to take an accident report at the scene of a non-injury vehicular collision and to perform a welfare check. The 2022 Proposed Budget for SFD seeks to transfer jurisdiction for a subset of the 29 call types to that department for response by a new Triage Team.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Public Safety & Human Services

Date Due to Council:

April 1, 2022