

# Public Safety Committee

An Update on the Mission, Vision, and  
Strategic Framework for a Safer Seattle

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# Public Safety Committee Mission

The mission of the Public Safety Committee is to provide a safe base for Seattle through community engagement, policy direction, and oversight.

# Public Safety Committee Vision

We envision a future where families feel safe sending their children on the bus to school, businesses can operate without paying for private security, and the city can respond in a timely and appropriate manner to people experiencing acute crises.

# Pillars addressing the Permissive Environment

## **Permissive**

## **Environment:**

the underlying factors behind crime tied to the lack of deterring structures that allow people to endanger our city and themselves

1. Police Staffing
2. Legal Tools
3. Vacant Buildings and Lots
4. Graffiti Remediation
5. Public Health
6. Collaboration with County & the State

# Primary Mission Areas, Departments & Oversight

## Crime & Security

Seattle Police Department (SPD)

Community Police  
Commission (CPC)

Office of Police  
Accountability (OPA)

Office of Inspector General (OIG)

## Fire, Rescue, & Alternative Response

Seattle Fire Department (SFD)

CARE Department

## Emergency Preparedness

Office of Emergency  
Management (OEM)

**Law and Oversight:** City Attorney's Office (CAO/LAW), Seattle Municipal Court (SMC)

# Strategic Framework Highlights

## Police Staffing

- SPOG & SPMA Contract Agreements
- Officer Hiring Bonuses
- Hiring Process Streamlining
- Technology as Force Multiplier
- Result: 150+ new officers in 2025

## Legal Tools

- SOAP and SODA
- Chronic Nuisance and After-Hours Establishments
  - Four establishments closed, three changed hours. Nightlife shootings down from 32 to 14 for six months before and after new regulations
- Street Racing

## Dangerous Building Abatement

- 104 unsafe vacant buildings and lots secured or demolished June '25

## Graffiti

- Passed Restitution Ordinance
- \$6.1M in the budget, +36% increase

## Public Health

- Two Tiny House Villages funded and sited in 2024
- CARE and Health 99 expansion
- Detox and treatment funding
- King County overdose deaths down 18% from 2024, 41% from 2023

## Collaboration with King County & State

- New Agreement with KC Jail
- KC EMS Levy Passed

# SPD Accountability Accomplishments

- Crowd Management Policies Ordinance
  - Termination of the Consent Decree
- OPA Director confirmation
- Chief of Police Investigations Ordinance
- Inspector General reappointment
- SPOG 2025 Tentative Agreement
  - Frontline Investigations
  - 180 Day Clarifications
  - CARE CCR Solo Dispatch
- Increased Civilization in OPA and SPD
- Interest Arbitration



# Public Safety Bills Passed Since 2024

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|---|--|--|
| 1. Appt 02896 - IG Reappointment                  | 12. CB 120825 - SCORE ILA                      | 24. CB 120996 – King County EMS Levy               |
| 2. Appt 02918 - CARE Chief Confirmation           | 13. CB 120835 – SODA                           | 25. CB 121006 - Chronic Nuisance Properties        |
| 3. Appt 03175 - Seattle Police Chief Confirmation | 14. CB 120836 – SOAP                           | 26. Res 32167 - Consent Decree Resolution          |
| 4. Appt 03328 - OPA Director Confirmation         | 15. CB 120839 – 2024 Fire Code Updates         | 27. Res 32174 - Public Safety Sales Tax Resolution |
| 5. CB 120753 - Callyo SIR                         | 16. CB 120844 – 2024 CCTV SIR                  | 28. CB 121081 – 2025 Traffic Code Update           |
| 6. CB 120754 - Hostage Throw Phone SIR            | 17. CB 120845 – 2024 RTCC SIR                  | 29. CB 121080 – 2025 Criminal Code Update          |
| 7. CB 120766 - SPD Officer Recruitment            | 18. CB 120862 - Lateral Recruit Bonuses        | 30. CB 121079 – 2025 Civil Code Update             |
| 8. CB 120777 - Unsafe Building Abatement          | 19. CB 120916 - Crowd Management Policies      | 31. CB 121071 – 2025 Fire Code Update              |
| 9. CB 120778 - ALPR SIR                           | 20. CB 120956 - After Hours Establishments     | 32. CB 121064 - Pro Tem Judges                     |
| 10. CB 120783 – 2024 SPOG Agreement               | 21. CB 120977 - Chief of Police Investigations | 33. CB 121053 – 2025 RTCC SIR                      |
| 11. CB 120806 - Street Racing                     | 22. CB 120994 – StarChase SIR                  | 34. CB 121052 – 2025 CCTV SIR                      |
|   | 23. CB 120995 - Graffiti Restitution           |  |

# Proposed Public Safety Framework

1. Police Staffing
2. Furthering a Functional Criminal Justice System
3. Gun Violence Reduction, Prevention and Community Safety
4. Crime Reduction Through Urban Blight Remediation:  
Vacant Buildings, Lots, and Graffiti
5. Addressing the Seam between Public Safety and  
Public Health, Housing, and Human Services
6. Collaboration with County & the State