

2023 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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Budget Action Title: Request that SPD report on emphasis patrols

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

This Statement of Legislative Intent requests that the Seattle Police Department (SPD) report to the Public Safety and Human Services Committee the following information and analysis related to emphasis patrols:

A. SPD Data

All stops and detentions resulting from "proactive policing," "on-view" or "officer generated events" in the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system and all data from criminal incident reports, and trust and safety survey results. In particular, SPD should report on the details of the CAD events and separate positive interactions (e.g., discussions with business owners) from criminal justice related interactions (e.g., stops and detentions).

B. Outcomes and Impacts

1. Does SPD have a theory of change for emphasis patrols? If so, what is it?
2. What are the long- and short-term outcomes SPD has set for emphasis patrols?
 - a. Does SPD measure actual public safety or only perception of public safety? How is "public safety" defined?
3. How will SPD measure whether these patrols are successful? What data will be used?
4. How often will SPD assess emphasis patrols against its success indicators?
5. What will SPD do if its assessment shows little to no progress against those indicators?
6. How does SPD plan to assess whether emphasis patrols are causing harm? What data will be used?
7. Has SPD conducted any racial equity analysis on emphasis patrols? If so, please provide it and answer the following:
 - a. Does SPD have racial equity outcomes associated with the use of emphasis patrols? If so, what are they and what did SPD consider when setting them?
 - b. In what areas are emphasis patrols used and what are the racial demographics of the people living in those areas?
 - c. What factors may be producing and perpetuating racial inequities associated with the need to implement such emphasis patrols?
 - d. What are the root causes of these racial inequities, and what role does SPD have in addressing them?

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- e. What adverse impacts or unintended consequences could result from this policy? Which racial/ethnic groups could be negatively affected? How could adverse impact be prevented or minimized?
- f. How does/will SPD evaluate whether emphasis patrols increase or decrease racial equity?

C. Other Services and Alternatives

1. Did SPD research other alternatives to emphasis patrols? If so, what did SPD consider and why did SPD decide on emphasis patrols?
2. What community violence prevention initiatives or services, such as housing and mental health care are being offered to individuals in the areas of emphasis patrols?
3. Does SPD proactively engage with service providers (City or community-based) to ensure services are offered to individuals in the areas of emphasis patrols before, during, or in lieu of arrest? If so, please describe that work and the data about how many people are diverted to services and which services.

D. Emphasis Patrols and Individuals on the High Utilizers List

Work with the City Attorney's Office (LAW), necessary court systems, the jail, and other parties as needed to provide data and demographic information for the following:

1. How many individuals on the high utilizers list has SPD has arrested through emphasis patrols?
2. What is the average length of stay for those booked through emphasis patrols?
3. How many of those booked individuals were released on personal recognizance?
4. For how many of these individuals was bail was imposed and for how much? Did they post bail or remain in jail?
5. Did these individuals receive services at the jail? If so, which ones?
6. Were the individuals charged? If so, on what charges?
7. Were there competency reasons for not moving forward with some cases? If so, how many individuals are included in this category?
8. What was the outcome of court proceedings for charges stemming from the emphasis patrol arrest, including convictions, pleas, and sentencing/jail time for these individuals?
9. Were any of the individuals arrested again after sentencing? If so, where were they arrested, and were they were arrested through emphasis patrols?
10. How much has the City spent on jail beds for those arrested via emphasis patrols on the high utilizers list?
11. How many individuals on the high utilizers list arrested under this program had competency issues raised during adjudication?
12. How many individuals required psychiatric or specialized housing?
13. How many individuals were already connected to a social service provider?

SPD should report to the Public Safety and Human Services Committee by April 1, 2023.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Public Safety and Human Services

Date Due to Council:

April 1, 2023