

Critical Safety Investments for 2022

A renewed focus on neighborhoods business districts highly impacted by crime and unaddressed behavioral health issues

NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICTS IMPACTS

Threatening
Behavior

Vandalism,
Broken
Windows

Repeated
Theft

People
Suffering for
Years

People
Sleeping in
Business
Doorways

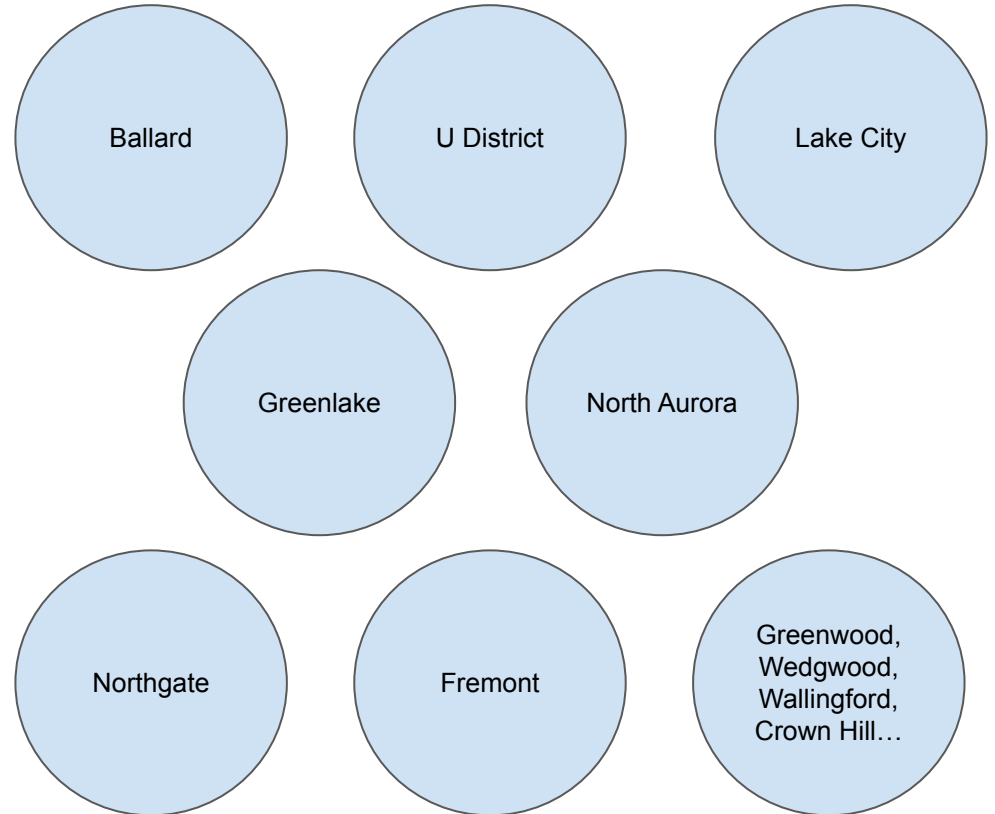
Violence /
Rape

Arson

Open Air
Drug
Markets

Economic
Hardship

EXISTING SCALE IS WRONG - North Seattle Example



Seattle's precincts are losing resources and are at the wrong scale to meaningfully address chronic neighborhood safety issues and conduct community problem solving. Focus should be at the urban village or business district level.

PROPOSED SAFETY PROGRAMS

DEDICATED MAYOR'S OFFICE ROLE TO OVERSEE COMMUNITY SAFETY

(At City/Regional Leadership Level)

A dedicated employee within Mayor Harrell's office with the authority to green-light pilot programs and to work across city agencies to address the economic impacts of street-level crime and unaddressed behavioral health issues. (Andrew Myerberg is currently playing this role)

COMMUNITY SAFETY HUB COORDINATOR

(At Neighborhood Level)

A team of neighborhood-specific safety hub coordinators to act as liaisons between the community, police, outreach workers, and prosecutors to help identify patterns in incidents, persons in need of social services, and persons responsible for repeated crimes in a given geography.

HIGH-VISIBILITY CIVILIAN-STAFFED FOOT PATROL

(At Neighborhood Level)

Teams of high-visibility civilian foot-beat patrols in major commercial districts, trained but unsworn, who can catalogue issues and provide proactive problem solving through relationships at the street level, while also providing a visual deterrent in areas where SPD no longer has the staffing available for regular foot patrols. These individuals would be out on the streets of the community. They would foster relationships with businesses within a small geography and provide access to appropriate city/human services when needed, de-escalate mild crisis situations while spotting trends and issues that require additional city attention.

NEIGHBORHOOD CRISIS RESPONSE

(At Neighborhood Level)

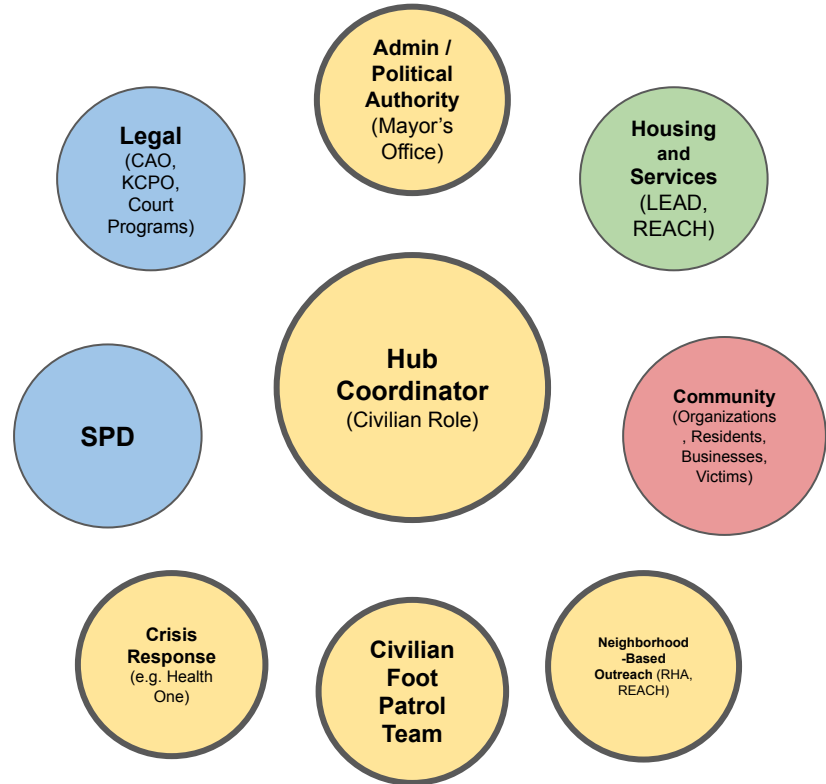
Neighborhood-specific crisis-response teams that include behavioral health specialists and medical professionals who are trained in de-escalation and can liaise with existing outreach teams and community services who may have existing relationships and care plans in place. Also, sufficient police capacity for 911 emergency response and emphasis patrols in high-incident neighborhood business districts.

NEIGHBORHOOD-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OUTREACH

(At Neighborhood Level)

Neighborhood-specific teams of 2-3 outreach workers who would proactively engage with high-impact people experiencing struggles with behavioral health issues and/or homelessness. These outreach workers would provide critical support in problem-solving and issue identification for support from Community Hub Coordinator and Mayor's Office.

FOCUS IN ON HIGH-IMPACT NEIGHBORHOODS



Community Safety HUB Coordinators bring together existing City services with new investments like **Foot Patrols**, **Neighborhood Based Outreach** and **Crisis Response**, and **High-Level Administrative Support** to coordinate problem solving and reduce the impacts that crime and unaddressed behavioral health issues have on our neighborhoods.

ROLE OF THE HUB COORDINATOR

Neighborhood Safety Task Force

Convene regular care conference/operational work group meetings to strategize with community, businesses, victims, service providers and police about the best strategic interventions for each high-impact person or chronic neighborhood issue.

Inter-Agency Coordination

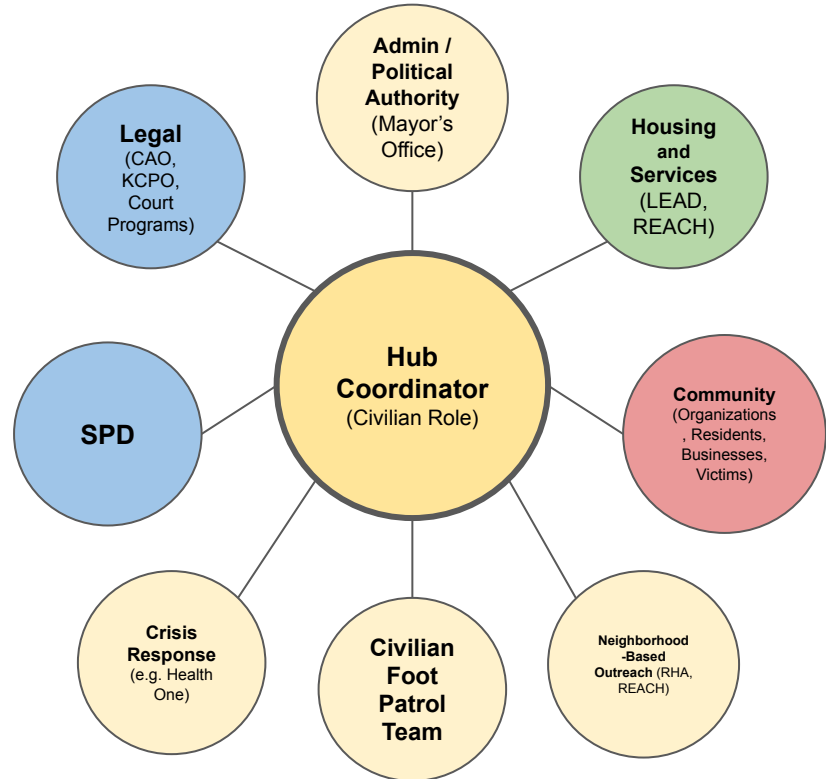
Liaise between city and external agencies to share information in the aid of care planning and community harm reduction. Elevate roadblocks to department leadership or Mayor's Office for resolution.

By-Name-List Management

Work with the community, service providers and police to identify high-impact individuals in a neighborhood and oversee the development and management of a neighborhood-specific by-name-list.

Follow-Up Meetings with Stakeholders

Act as a primary contact and liaison with victims and stakeholders in high-impact communities who are experiencing crime behavioral health related incidents.



ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES

Broken Window & Damaged Storefront Fund

A dedicated fund offering grants to small businesses to help cover the payment of repairing smashed doors and windows. Amounts from \$500 to \$5,000 can have a significant impact for a business struggling with violence. Could be expanded to include graffiti.

Small Business Insurance Affordability and Access Study

Small insurance affordability and access study to provide real data on the anecdotal stories of businesses no longer being able to retain or receive insurance due to insurance companies unwillingness to provide policies in certain areas of the city due to public safety issues.

New Technology and Systems to Report Non-Emergency Issues

New technology and systems to assist communities with chronic and important safety-related issues who face growing barriers to reporting—longer wait times, no response, clunky online interface.

Community Capacity Building

Financial support and mayoral leadership to establish, grow, and sustain community capacity/organizations to engage with city partners, systems, and departments on a range of critical community issues. This is especially critical in communities with less established organizational infrastructure.