

# Public Safety Committee Presentation

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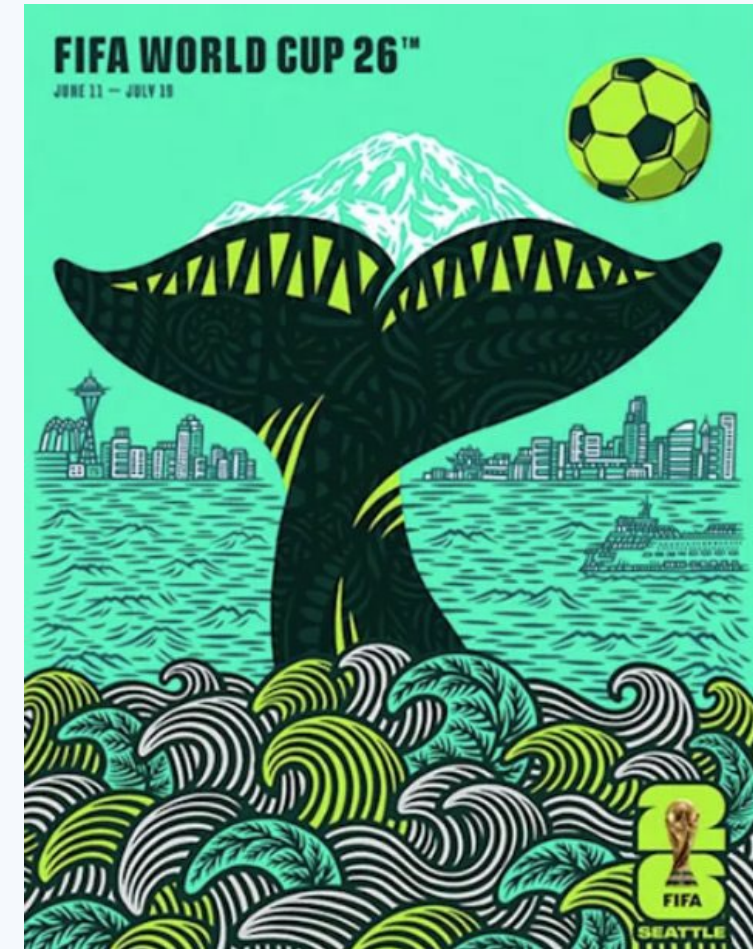
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# FIFA Planning & Preparedness - 2 ½ Year Effort

Seattle OEM's work has focused on:

- The creation of the City's FIFA Event Operations Plan
- Coordinated work in conjunction with the Mayor's Office, Police, Fire, Seattle Center, and regional, state, and federal partners
- Provided input to regional and state planning as member of the FIFA State Executive Steering Committee
- Coordinated with emergency managers in other FIFA host cities in the U.S. and Canada
- Ensuring that City planning efforts align with FIFA's expectations.



# The City's Event Operations Plan Covers

- Roles and responsibilities of City departments
- Strategies for Law Enforcement, Fire, and Transportation including mass transit, and Unified Command Post (UCP) operations
- Event support functions – i.e., coordination with Consulates
- Public Information Plan
- Contingencies for heat, smoke, and earthquake hazards.



# Final Preparations for the Unified Command Post (UCP)

- Physically located in the EOC.
- Over 45 different departments; City, County, State, & Federal Government will coordinate FIFA related operations taking place in the City.
- The UCP will operate for 9-12 hours on the six game days.
- UCP will relocate if emergency incident in Seattle.



# Unified Command Post - Hours of Operation

- June 15, 2026 - Belgium vs. Egypt (7A - 5P)
- June 19, 2026 - USA vs. Australia (7A - 8P)
- June 24, 2026 - Qatar vs. Bosnia and Herzegovina (7A - 5P)
- June 26, 2026 - Egypt vs. Iran (3P - 1AM)
- July 1, 2026 - Round of 32 Match (8A - 6P)
- July 6, 2026 - Round of 16 Match (1P - 10P)

# Additional FIFA Activities

- The City will coordinate through 2x/day conference call and use of MSTeams.
- Plans are in place to pivot the EOC at a moments notice for a disaster.
- Note: The City EOC will activate for the Pride Parade on Sunday June 28.





# BERK Organizational Assessment - (from SLI)

- Compared OEM with similar organizations
  - Portland, San Francisco, Denver, Vancouver
  - Report found that Seattle OEM smallest budget and fewest no. of personnel
- Areas of improvement identified in the Report:
  - Additional funding needed - Alert & Notification, Community Safety Ambassador program, Outreach & Education, Staff Training
  - Additional Personnel needed - support for Community Engagement, Training & Exercise, Operations Support
  - Stronger Mayor's Office & Department engagement
    - Emergency Management is a **citywide** program





# Improvements Post Assessment

- Budget increase supported:
  - Community Engagement Team Expansion
  - Citywide Planning Seminar
  - Additional Training & Exercises for City departments
  - Professional Development for OEM staff and City partners internal and external
  - Development of an internal OEM Strategic Plan
  - Outreach & marketing for Alert Seattle





# Community Engagement Program

- Research consistently shows hazard awareness— understanding the likelihood, and consequences of potential risks—can significantly influence safer behavior
- Additional personnel needed to increase reach
- Broader Reach, New Programs - examples...



# NEW! Community Engagement Work

- Youth Summer Camp
  - Arts & Crafts + Preparedness
  - Young adults teach 8-week program
- Tsunami Preparedness/Outreach
  - Partnering with local orgs., businesses, departments
  - Signage w/SDOT
- Community Messaging; National Night out, National Preparedness Month, Neighborhood Preparedness, Great ShakeOut.

(AND...)





# CE new work (continued)

- Community Based Organization (CBO) Partners – Preparedness Training
  - Seattle Housing Authority
  - ClearPath Management – Central District
  - Cambodian American Community Council of Washington
  - Rainer Beach Action Coalition – Empowering Youth for Community Action
  - Pike Place Market
- Planning Seattle OEM Open House-Fall 2026
  - Tour for media, community partners, community members
  - Build relationships for OEM's work
  - Highlight training and resources



# Successful Recent Activations

- Seahawks Victory Parade
- "No Kings"-three events
- Pride Activation during FIFA
- Six Upcoming Unified Command Post Activations



# Citywide Emergency Management Program

- Operational departments contribute to planning, training development, exercise planning
- OEM conducts EOC training for all City departments
- OEM is the only department with situational awareness of all department work during events (FIFA, No Kings) or incidents (extreme weather response)
- Combining outreach with other departments' outreach to maximize reach



