



Crime Prevention Personal Safety & Security: Belltown 9/29/2020

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Overview

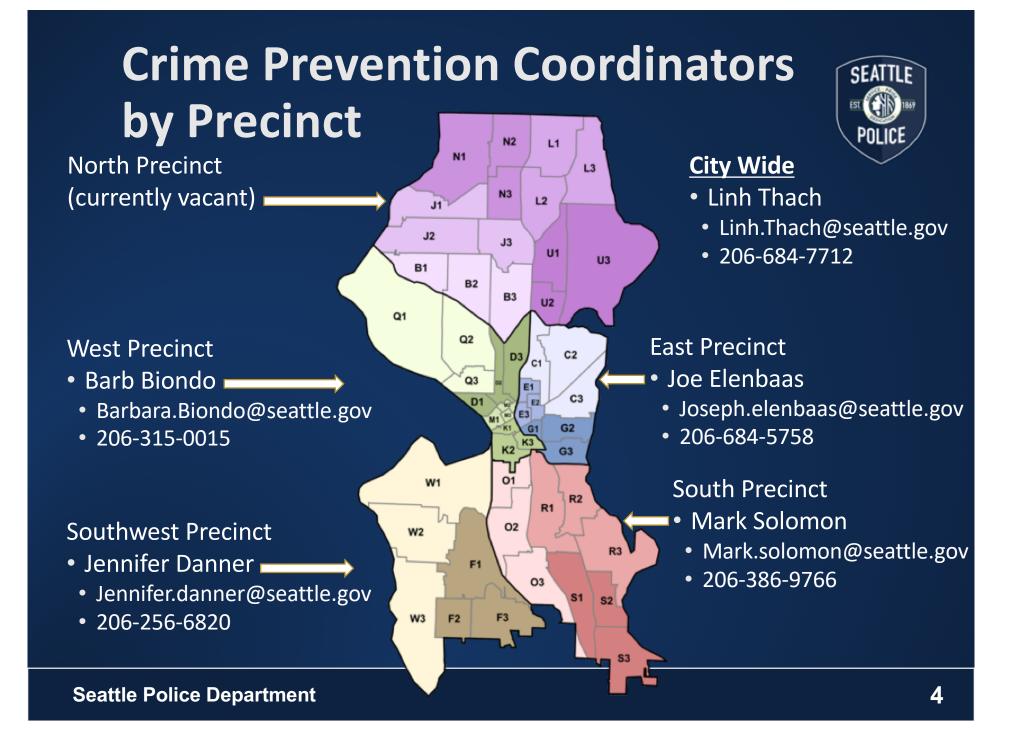


- Self-Introductions
- Recent changes at SPD West Precinct
- Personal Safety: The Basics
- Safety & Security in Multi-Family Buildings
- Community-Based Crime Prevention
- Neighborhood Crime Trends: Belltown
- Resources and Q&A

Crime Prevention Services



- Support community involvement in Neighborhood (Block) Watch
- CPTED/Security Site Assessments for single & multi-family homes, businesses, schools, houses of worship, parks/public spaces
- Burglary/Robbery/Other Crime Follow-up
- Trainings
 - Personal Safety & Workplace Safety
 - Home Security
 - Calling 911/Language Line and Crime Reporting
 - Community-Based Crime Prevention
- Problem Solving
 - Collaborate with other SPD units & community stakeholders to address long-term crime and safety issues
- Information
 - Inform community on crime trends: Alerts, Bulletins, Social Media Posts
 - Crime Prevention expertise for other city agencies, business organizations



Personal Safety: The Basics



- Be aware of your surroundings. Don't let your devices be a distraction
- Walk with purpose. Make eye contact with others
- Walk in the middle of the sidewalk, away from doorways & parked cars
- Use common sense, stick to busy, well-lit streets, avoid uninhabited areas, try to walk facing traffic
- If you're going to an unfamiliar area, get a map, directions and plan your route. Do not rely on GPS alone

Personal Safety: The Basics



- Trust your gut. Good read on topic: "The Gift of Fear"
- Dress in comfortable clothes, don't overburden yourself
- Take only what you need. Carry valuables close to you, purse, tucked under your arm, cash/wallet in inside pocket
- If you something doesn't look or feel right take action: Leave, Cross the street, Get to a safe location, Call 9-1-1
- Know some landmarks/streets if you need to call for help
- Report suspicious activity. Be a good witness

Multi-family Building Security: Everyone Has a Role!

- Community mindset: Know your neighbors and look out for each other (Neighborhood Watch)
- Don't allow strangers to "tail gate". Loitering or intimidating behavior at entry? Use another entrance. Report!
- Report trespassers or suspicious activity to building security or police
- Report security-related building deficiencies immediately to your building or maintenance manager
- Keep your doors locked when in your home. If someone knocks at your door, answer without opening, use your viewer

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- "Secure" parking areas are not secure! Lock your car, take your access fob/card with you. Don't leave <u>anything</u> inside your vehicle
- Help reduce package theft. Packages left visible from the street are a lure for thieves. Pick-up mail and packages promptly, choose other shipping/delivery options
- Help be stewards of your neighborhood. Report graffiti, other damage or deficiencies
- Bikes: Always lock you bike! Use solid-steel U-Locks to secure to solid object; record serial #; Consider on-line using online registry service
- If you are a victim of crime, please report it to the police as soon as you can safely do so! Call 9-1-1 or non-emergency number (206.625.5011) or report on line

Belltown Crime Trends/ Community-Based Crime Prevention:



- Crime Trends: Overall decrease in reported crime in Belltown (David Sector); But burglary is up!
- What can community members do?
 - Neighborhood Watch
 - Stay vigilant you are the eyes and ears of the police department!
 - If you are a victim of crime please report it as soon as you safely can
 - Stay safe and leave law enforcement to the professionals
- Be stewards of your neighborhood, our city

SPD Resources:

- Seattle Police <u>Personal Safety</u>
- Seattle Police Online Reporting
- SPD <u>Crime Dashboard</u>/ SPD <u>Crime Data (Offenses)</u>
- SPD <u>Tweets By The Beat</u>
- West Precinct Contacts:
 - Front Desk 206.684.8917
 - Command Staff:
 - Capt. Matthew Allen <u>Matthew.Allen@Seattle.Gov</u>
 - Lt. Lora Alcantara Lora.Alcantara@Seattle.Gov
 - Crime Prevention: Barb Biondo 206.233.0015 or Barbara.Biondo@Seattle.Gov

Resources:

- Seattle Find it/Fix it mobile app
- SMART911 <u>Smart 911</u>
- KC Public Health Help Prevent the Spread of Covid-19
- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Tiarra Dearbone tiara.dearbone@defender.org
- DSA's Metropolitan Improvement District (MID)
 - Clean Team/Safety Team/ Outreach Team 206.441.3303
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- - (Your neighborhood resources/assets)





Thank You!

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