

West Precinct Advisory Council Report

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Captain's Report:

We have a new Interim Police Chief – Chief Best. She will take on responsibilities while they search for a new Chief. That process should take 4 to 6 months, minimum. The Captain had some excellent words for Chief O'Toole and the work she accomplished in her time here. Chief Best has laid out 5 goals.

Those goals include:

1. Crime and disorder
2. Excellence in Service
3. Honor
4. Efficient Services
5. Data Driven Policies

The Captain has 4 goals:

1. Focus on prolific offenders
2. Street disorder
3. Effective deployment and response
4. Officer safety and wellness

The Captain reviewed the Crime Dashboard with us. I encourage all of you to look at it. It has daily updates.

Property crime is still a priority for the West Precinct. They are seeing a lot of prolific offenders with car prowls. Burglaries are tougher to catch – many are done in secured parking garages. The new crime prevention coordinator is Barbara Biondo and she is working with condos and apartments.

The 1500 block of 3rd ave is a huge concern for the police. Activity has picked up recently and they are looking at a potential new gang that has come into town. They are looking to put more lighting down there as well as removing the old paper kiosks as they are currently used as drug deal areas.

The conversation continues about the Injection Sites and where they will be located. Right now downtown looks to get one. They have ruled out the International District.

No camping zones continue to be designated. Currently they are planning on 10 “zones”. This may all change with Councilmember Sawant replacing Bagshaw as representing the Human Services Department.

The West Precinct has been expanded a bit farther east by the International District. It will now include Little Saigon. It now also includes the Goodwill store which has major shoplifting. Staffing for the new area has not been finalized yet.