

Public Safety Update

Fall 2025

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City of Bellevue



Mission: *Providing a safe place to live, work and visit through quality law enforcement practices delivered by dedicated professionals. We focus our efforts and resources to reduce crime, reduce the fear of crime and enhance the quality of life for all who call Bellevue home.*

Vision: *We will strive to deliver the highest standard of police services to the public by working in partnership with the community, embracing diversity, building trust and embodying transparency.*

Respect. Integrity. Accountability. Service.



Prevention. Intervention. Enforcement.



The P.I.E. Philosophy



Crime Statistics vs. 2024

Overall Crime

-28%

-1,494 Reported

2%

Persons Crimes

+14 Reported

*Murder, Rape, Assault,
Violation of Orders*

-34%

Property Crimes

-1,495 Reported

*Robbery, Burglary, Theft,
Fraud, Vandalism*

-7%

Society Crimes

-10 Reported

*Drug & Weapons
Violations, Prostitution*



Crime Trends vs. 2024

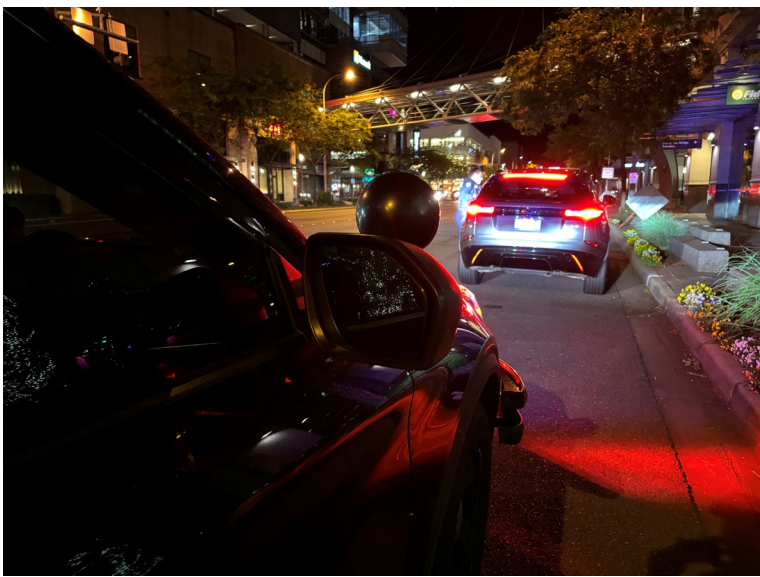
Property Crimes

- Shoplifting is down 19% (199 less crimes)
- Motor Vehicle (MV) Theft is down 69% (275 less crimes)
- MV Prowls are down 40% (260 less crimes)
- Theft of mail is down 76% (218 less crimes)

Person Crimes

- Rapes and sexual assaults are down 38% (6 less crimes)
- Simple assault is down 10% (36 less crimes)
- Violation of orders up 14% (17 more crimes)
- Aggravated assault up 17% (11 more crimes)
- Harassment up 23% (26 more crimes)

Bellevue Police hired a Domestic Violence (DV) Advocate to address trends





Traffic Safety



**Bellevue police launch
emphasis patrols after 163%
spike in speeding tickets**



Emphasis Results

**10: Reckless Driving
Arrests**

297: Speeding Tickets

60: Noise/Muffler Tickets

25: DUI Arrests

**29: Reckless Driving
Arrests**

1,918: Speeding Tickets

126: Noise/Muffler Tickets

208: DUI Arrests

2025

+117%

*Increase in speeding
tickets (v. 2024)*

-21%

*Decrease in traffic
collisions (v. 2024)*





Calls for Service vs. 2024

Reported calls for service (47,836 in 2025 v. 52,095 in 2024)

-4,259

Annual average calls for service: ~70,000
(2024) 69,028, (2023) 70,197, (2022) 70,330

Average Response Time (Min/Seconds)

3:52

Priority 1 Calls



Looking Ahead

Community Crisis Assistance Team (CCAT)

- Funded by Council in 2023
- 1,472 individuals contacted, 59% repeat contacts
- Mental Health Professionals for Crisis Response Team (CRT) operations



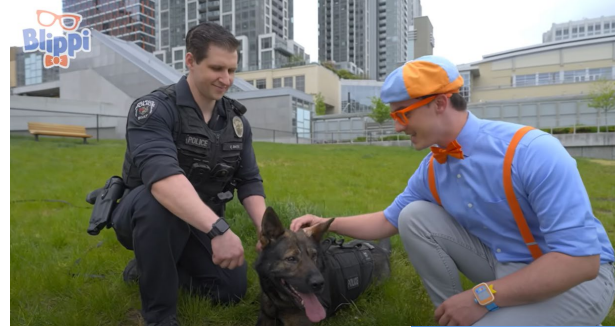
Bellevue Light Rail Unit (BLU)

- Officers work in pairs, create positive, safe environment on Link trains
- No major incidents on light rail
- Ridership increasing, BLU will be essential once Link connects to Seattle
- Sporting Events and World Cup 2026



Community Engagement

- Transparency Dashboard
- Captains' Weekly Meetings with Stakeholders
 - Overlake, Crossroads Mall, Kemper, Sound Transit, Porchlight, Plymouth, King County Housing Authority
- Firearms Exchange
 - 87 Firearms Accepted
 - \$13,000 Gift Cards Given
- Steering Wheel Locks
 - 1,400 Given since Fall 2023
- Women Empowered Self-Defense Class
 - More than 3,000 participants to date
- BPD Summer Youth Camp
- International School Career Day Visit
- Blippi Episode



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