



City of Bellevue

Firearms and Community Safety

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Direction Needed from Council

Information only; no direction required.

AGENDA: Firearms & Community Safety



Background



Education



Support Services



Enforcement

History and Background

Council Meeting
June 17, 2019

- Declined CPA application
- Requested more information

Researched
firearm and
community
safety work in
Bellevue

Remained in
communication
with applicants

**Council Meeting
January 21, 2020**

- Report to Council

Bellevue's Holistic Approach





Human Services

- In 2019-2020, the City invested \$7.44 million via our Human Services Fund.
- Within this, \$5.55 million will be invested in 47 programs correlated to public safety.

Human Services—Supporting the most vulnerable makes our community safer

Youth Programming

- Safe places for youth to be
- Healthy adult role models
- Leadership opportunities
- Opportunities to learn how to resolve conflict

Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Disorder Treatment

- Stability and resources to vulnerable populations

Human Services—supporting the most vulnerable makes our community safer

Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence

- Advocacy, legal counseling and resources to survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence
- Provide safety to victims, thereby reducing additional incidences of victimization

Housing Services

- Safe respite and support needed for stability

Legal Assistance Programs

- Provides advocacy and assistance with conflict resolution

Probation



- City of Bellevue is unique: invests \$1.5 million in our own probation program.
- Investing in community safety, and monitoring and managing risk.
- Model of restorative justice and rehabilitation
- Services are responsive to specific needs of community.



Bellevue Police Department

Firearms Education and Enforcement

Firearm Impact in Bellevue

- Primarily bound by Federal and State Laws
- In 2019, approximately 97,000 CFS
- A firearm was present in 0.05% of all incidents
- The most frequent incidents we respond to where a firearm is present include:
 - Weapons Violations
 - Robbery
 - Assault
 - Harassment



Bellevue Police Firearms Enforcement

- Background Checks
- Storage / Release of Firearms
- Extreme Risk Protection Orders

<http://protectionorder.org/>

- Voluntary Surrender or Formal Waiver of Firearm Rights

<http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms/>

- Mental Health Commitments for individuals in crisis



Bellevue Police Firearms Education

- School Resource Officers
- Safe Gun Storage
- Community Safety Outreach
- Domestic Violence Victim Advocate
- Disposal of Confiscated Firearms
- Test Firing Guns



What's Next

- Community feedback indicates people feel safe in Bellevue
- While reported crime is relatively low, we continue vigilant and high-quality services
- Crime Prevention Specialist
- Community Education





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