

# Public Safety Update

Spring/Summer 2026

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# *Prevention. Intervention. Enforcement.*



## **The P.I.E. Philosophy**



# Crime Statistics vs. Jan-May 2025

## Overall Crime

**-28%**

**-739 Reported**

**-24%**

Persons Crimes

**-115 Reported**

*Murder, Rape, Assault,  
Violation of Orders*

**-30%**

Property Crimes

**-632 Reported**

*Robbery, Burglary, Theft,  
Fraud, Vandalism*

**10%**

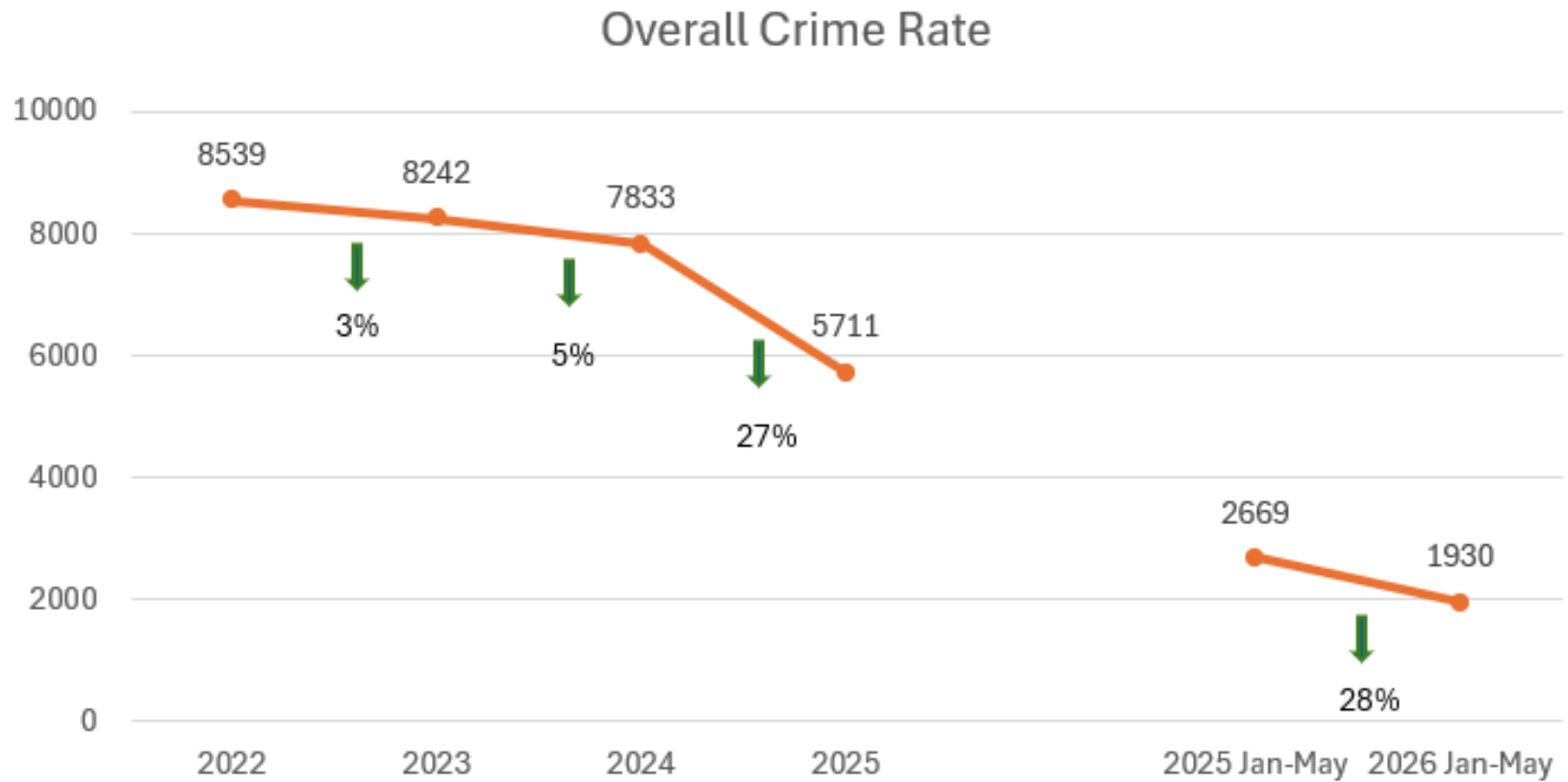
Society Crimes

**+8 Reported**

*Drug & Weapons  
Violations, Prostitution*



# Bellevue Crime Rate Trend





# Calls for Service vs. 2025

Reported calls for service (28,165 in 2026 v. 29,448 in 2025)

**-1,283**

*Annual average calls for service: ~69,000  
(2025) 67,833, (2024) 69,028, (2023) 70,197*

Average Response Time (Min/Seconds)

**3:14**

*Priority 1 Calls*



# Crime Trends vs. 2025

## Property Crimes

- Shoplifting is down 11% (62 less crimes)
- Motor Vehicle (MV) Theft is down 48% (43 less crimes)
- MV Prowls are down 64% (201 less crimes)



## Person Crimes

- Rapes and sexual assaults are same as 2025 (4 each)
- Simple assault is down 11% (25 less crimes)
- Violation of orders down 30% (28 less crimes)
- Aggravated assault down 30% (14 less crimes)
- Harassment down 42% (43 less crimes)





# Traffic Safety



**Eastside law enforcement launching task force to combat speeding, street racing**

## Speeding

*January through May:  
1204 Citations (1382 in 2025)*



**+11%**

*Increase in citations (v. 2025)*

**-9%**

*Decreased in traffic collisions (v. 2025)*

## Modified Exhaust

*January through May:  
63 Citations (100 in 2025)*





# BPD Specialty Units

## Community Crisis Assistance Team (CCAT)

- Funded by Council in 2023
- 2,748 total contacts
- 1,679 individuals contacted, 64% repeat contacts
- Mental Health Professionals for Crisis Response Team (CRT) operations
- Submitted report on CCAT/CARES to City



## Bellevue Light Rail Unit (BLU)

- Unit aims to foster a positive riding experience on all 2 Line trains
- BLU partners with Sound Transit and King County Metro
- 90 officer-initiated direct patrols, 27 911 calls, and five arrests from January-April 2026.



# 2026 FIFA World Cup

## Six Matches scheduled to be in Seattle

*Monday, June 15 (Belgium/Egypt)*

*Friday, June 19 (USA/Australia)*

*Wednesday, June 24 (Bosnia/Qatar)*

*Friday, June 26 (Egypt/Iran)*

*Wednesday, July 1 (Round of 32)*

*Monday, July 6 (Round of 16)*

## Bellevue Police Department's Preparation

- Department has coordinated with regional law enforcement partners to ensure safety of all community members
- Bellevue Police will be deploying additional resources through duration of World Cup to ensure security and safety needs are met for city



# Upcoming Investments

## Drones as First Responders (DFR)

- Improve public safety by providing real time aerial views to assist first responders identify hazards, monitor evolving situations, and coordinate resources more effectively.



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