

Eastside Men's Shelter and Supportive Housing Project Bellevue Police Preliminary Operations Approach

Bellevue Police outlined an initial multi-point approach to operations in and around the proposed shelter and day services center in Eastgate in a report published earlier in the process:

http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Neighborhoods/Public_Safety_FAQs.pdf:

That approach is copied below.

- Conduct site visits of other similarly-situated shelters in the region to collect information about lessons learned and best practices that we can incorporate into our security plan during the next three years.

Note: Bellevue Police was a part of the due diligence team that conducted site visits at other shelters around the region. This work would continue as plans for the shelter progress to develop more detailed approaches, trainings, and other insight to prepare to serve the new facility.
- Identify key points-of-contact for the residents, businesses, and Bellevue College and establish monthly meetings to be held in conjunction with the Sector Captain. The meetings will enable the stakeholders to share concerns that we will effectively address before the issues become entrenched.
- Prepare timely CompStat crime data for the Sector Captain to assist in redeploying resources to address any crime trends that might arise.
- Deploy the five officer Bicycle Team in the wooded areas and trails surrounding the site that are not conducive to Patrol car access, so they will be regularly patrolled. Any unauthorized encampments will be responded to immediately and case managers from the shelter will be notified concurrently. The vegetation in the wooded area should be pruned and managed to improve visibility.
- BPD has heard from our citizens regarding their concerns of increased crimes of opportunity, loitering, public intoxication and/or drug use, and feelings of vulnerability while walking around in the area. We have found that the best pathway toward compliance with rules, regulations, and laws starts with a respectful, humane interaction. Our officers will be responsive to the needs of all residents including the homeless that are receiving service at the shelter.
- The CFH staff case management process has proven, measurable outcomes in helping men get on the path out of homelessness. As mentioned during the September 2016 public outreach event, the homeless men are already present in our neighborhoods throughout the city. BPD has a long history of partnering with CFH and other service providers to be a part of the community safety net that both provides assistance and maintains community standards. Providing the Eastside homeless with one location that offers food, shelter, addiction treatment, health care, job skills training and placement, etc. can only help with our on-going efforts to respond in a meaningful way to the increasing homeless crisis being experienced throughout King County.

- We also worked collaboratively with representatives of King County Community and Human Services to create a satellite office at the Bellevue Police Department for staging on-duty field clinicians with the Mobile Crisis Team (MCT). This significantly decreases response time because the team no longer has to negotiate through traffic from their primary office in Seattle. The MCT responds out to the field to assist police officers with persons experiencing a behavioral crisis. Once on scene the clinicians provide triage, intervention, transportation, and stabilization and also develop resource, referral, and safety plans.

BPD is unified in our mission to reduce crime, reduce the fear of crime, and to enhance the quality of life for those who call Bellevue home. We have the resources and partnerships to ensure that we achieve our mission and we are constantly adapting to new challenges whenever and wherever they appear.