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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Cherie Harris, Chief of Police
Date: October 21, 2020
Subject: 3rd Quarter, 2020 Police Dashboard

Recommendation:

City Council receives an update on Proposition 1, the 3rd quarter Crime Dashboard and the Quarterly Animal Services report. The Crime Dashboard and the Quarterly Animal Services report were formerly provided to the Public Safety Committee and included in the committee minutes for all other Councilmembers. Starting in 2020 with the elimination of committees, these reports will be periodically provided as a consent item to the full Council. The elements of the Police Dashboards will be updated following the R-5434 community outreach process and Council direction.

Background:

The Department has previously provided both written and verbal reports to the Council's Public Safety Committee on a quarterly basis about crime and provided updates on major programs.

The implementation of Proposition 1 continues as expected. The Department is excited to report that the 9 new Officers hired in 2019, have all graduated from the Washington State Basic Law Enforcement Academy, completed their advanced Police Training Officer program and have been deployed to Patrol.

As of August 1, 2020, the Department has filled ALL the Proposition 1 positions except for one School Resource Officer position as explained in the SRO section below:

- **Pro-Act (4)** - The Pro-Act team has been in full operation since October 1, 2019, consisting of a Sergeant and four officers, one of which is also the rank of Corporal to provide for full-time supervision of the team. The Pro-Act team has been instrumental in impacting crime within the city. During their first year of operation they have been responsible for 70 arrests to include crimes of commercial and residential burglaries, vehicle thefts, motor vehicle prowling, package thefts, drug possession and sales, as well as weapons violations. They have executed 51 search warrants resulting in the recovery of 20 stolen vehicles, 5 guns, and 4 bicycles, as well as narcotics, currency, computers and other stolen property. The unit has also been responsive to focusing enforcement activities when needed on issues arising in city parks, as well as identified problem locations attracting criminal behavior within residential neighborhoods. Pro-

Act Officers have provided support to Patrol and most recently to Detective's in the investigation of a homicide at Houghton Beach Park.

- **School Resource Officer (SRO) (4)** –The SRO Unit is supervised by the Community Services Unit (CSU) Sergeant and is staffed by a corporal and four officers. Prior to the suspension of in-person classes due to COVID 19, the CSU Sergeant provided SRO coverage at the International School as the department experienced a lack of qualified applicants that met the high standards set for the SROs. With current challenges surrounding the availability of basic SRO training, the remaining position remains unfilled until such a time as COVID19 restrictions allow for training and travel. After the schools were closed due to COVID 19, the SRO's were initially assigned to patrol, filling in as Police Training Officers (PTO) with new Officers who had just graduated from the academy. The SRO's have now returned to their previous schedule and are rotating through the following assignments:
 - Investigating any Child Protective Service (CPS) incidents that are school related
 - Completing mandatory school specific training
 - Responding to any issues that occur on school property
 - Assisting Pro-Act as on-scene uniformed officers or transport units when necessary (freeing up patrol units to continue to handle calls for service)
 - Assisting the Traffic Unit with pedestrian crosswalk emphasis patrols and traffic complaint zones
 - Providing additional directed patrols in City Parks
 - Supporting community outreach with the Neighborhood Resource Officers (NRO)
 - Developing and delivering educational presentations for community group meetings. These groups include Kirkland Rotary, Kirkland Chamber of Commerce, Kirkland Kiwanis, and the Kirkland Downtown Association
 - Facilitating the delivery of gun locks purchased through Proposition 1 funds
- **Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO) (1)** – The second NRO, as outlined in Proposition 1, was appointed on August 1, 2020. The second NRO is assigned as a co-responder with the Proposition 1 Mental Health Professional (MHP) and has already responded to multiple calls for service and conducted several follow-ups to assist those experiencing mental/emotional crisis. The NRO has been heavily involved in the planning and video production of the Proposition 1 Gun Safety Education program, which, due to COVID-19, must be delivered in a virtual format in the form of online videos. The first gun safety video and introduction are complete and the NRO has been active in helping create educational content on other projects as well. Both NRO's will handle community issues as needed, but each have specific tasks assigned to them to help streamline the workflow. NRO's continue to support patrol in addressing ongoing neighbor disputes, homelessness issues, and issues requiring prolonged problem-solving efforts.
- **Crime Analyst (1)** – An experienced Crime Analyst was hired as of October 16. The Department looks forward to the increased capabilities that the addition of a second Crime Analyst will provided to not only support data driven policing & Pro-Act Officers but also Resolution 5434 and the creation of use of force & SRO dashboards.
- **Mental Health Professional (MHP)** – The MHP position provided under Proposition 1, is staffed and co-responding with the second NRO to provide mental health resources to those in crisis. Both have already responded on multiple follow-ups to contact individuals, assess their needs, and provide resources and follow-up for both those in crisis and their families. Having an MHP as a member of the Department has already been beneficial to patrol officers as an

immediately available resource. The MHP has connected with community partners (local housing authority, Evergreen Health, Sound Mental Health, etc.) in order to establish relationships and better determine how best to help those suffering from mental illness in the community. In addition, the MHP and NRO are developing an educational program for city staff to provide de-escalation tools and to develop a system in which they can refer those that may benefit from an MHP contact and/or follow up. Creative ways in which to utilize the MHP in non-traditional settings continue to be explored, such as death notifications, victim services and non-criminal incidents resulting from behavioral issues.

The Proposition 1 MHP and the MHP Coordinator (funded by the WASPC Navigator Grant Program), are working together to ensure both programs meet their goals without duplicating efforts. This will help ensure that the funds and resources in both programs are utilized to their fullest. The WASPC Navigator program is currently hiring two additional MHP's which will provide additional opportunities for co-responders helping officers on calls with persons in-crisis.

- **Gun Safety program** – Staff developed a safety program that includes instruction, allows for community interaction, the ability to ask questions and provide gun locks and or gun safes to those that attend. Due to the COVID 19 outbreak and the “stay at home order”, staff tested a virtual safety program but found that it did not meet the expectations of the “in person” instruction. A series of instructional videos are currently being developed to promote gun safety through both the Department’s website and social media platforms. A Proposition 1 introductory video, as well as the first gun safety video have been completed and are ready to be distributed. The Department will be utilizing social media platforms and virtual neighborhood meetings to distribute this first video. Gun locks continue to be available to the community upon request. Staff plan to host in person instruction as soon as allowed by the Governor’s phased re-opening approach.

The Department worked closely with Parks Staff over the summer to keep the waterfront parks safe for everyone. Between June 1st and September 30th, 2020, Officers conducted pro-active, self-initiated patrols in the waterfront parks 807 times. The patrols were accomplished using both on-duty personnel and 64 hours of overtime for park emphasis patrols. Additionally, the department conducted multiple traffic emphasis patrols focusing on pedestrian safety in the area of the waterfront parks. Unfortunately, the Department responded to a homicide at Houghton Beach Park on September 17, 2020. Detectives continue to diligently work this case and have developed significant investigative leads surrounding the events leading up to this incident and those responsible.

As reported in the 2nd quarter dashboard, background checks associated with firearm sales continue to see a significant increase in activity during the COVID-19 pandemic. While there are no “brick and mortar” stores in Kirkland, a background check is required for any resident buying a firearm who lives in the City of Kirkland, which must be processed by the Department’s Records Unit. The following graph depicts the increase in the 3rd quarter, as compared to the last two years:

2018		2019		2020	
July	81	July	154	July	337
August	115	August	93	August	315
September	89	September	142	September	313
Total	285	389	965		

The Department continues to operate with COVID19 restrictions that attempt to facilitate social distancing measures between Officers and the public. Officers are encouraged to be highly visible in and around businesses that are closed and to focus on crimes of a serious nature. Through collaboration with NORCOM, the use of online reporting continues to be encouraged and community members calling 911 are asked to meet Officers outside whenever possible. This tactic has been well received by the public. In addition, the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) by Officers continues to be a focus and they are wearing cloth masks when contacting the public and transitioning to PPE as the situation dictates.

COVID-19 continues to have a significant impact on crime, with most categories continuing to report a decrease in numbers compared to the averages. The exception was Aggravated Assaults, which continue to trend upward throughout 2020. The increase in this category appears to be consistent in neighboring jurisdictions.

Kirkland Police Department Dashboard

January 1 to September 30, 2020

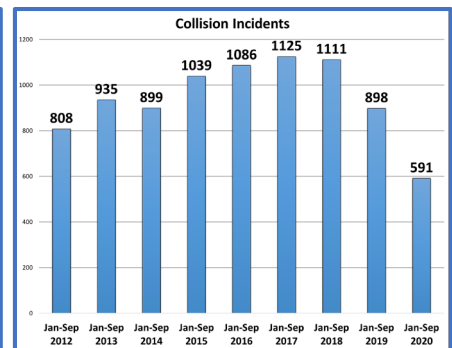
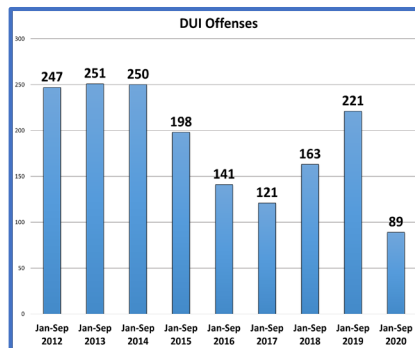
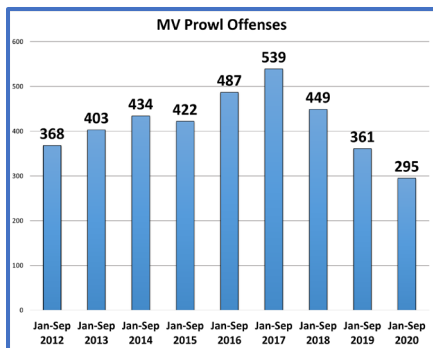
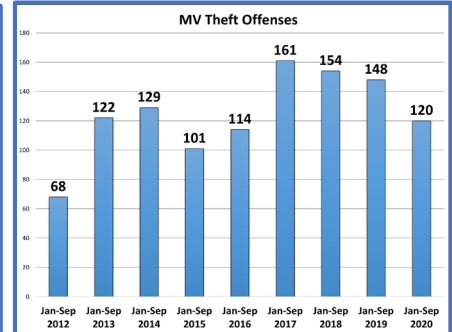
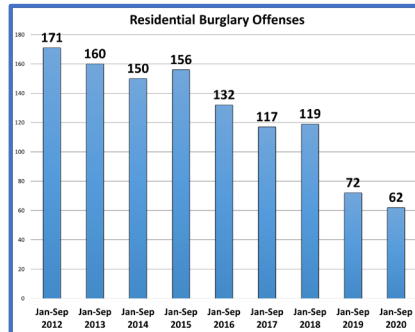
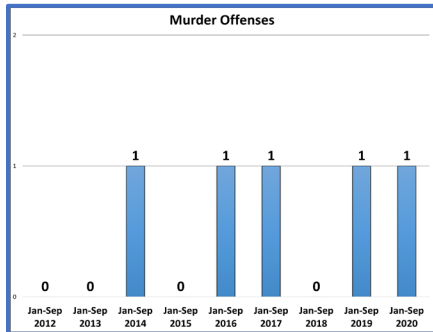
Crimes of Interest	2012-2019 Wtd. Avg.	Normal Range	2020	Change from Wtd. Avg.
Murder	0.6	0 to 1	1	64%
Sex Offenses	35.1	29 to 41	37	5%
Robbery	14.5	13 to 16	16	10%
Aggravated Assault	36.2	27 to 45	54	*49%
Burglary - Residential	120.4	91 to 150	62	-49%
Burglary - Commercial	70.8	57 to 84	75	6%
Motor Vehicle Theft	136.1	107 to 165	120	-12%
Motor Vehicle Prowl	440.7	385 to 496	295	-33%
DUI	184.2	136 to 233	89	-52%
Collisions	1018.7	908 to 1129	591	-42%

Status Key



Below or Within Expected Range

Above Expected Range*



2020 3rd Quarter Crime Summary

Murder: There was one murder so far this year. A 19-year-old male was shot and killed at Houghton Beach Park during a suspected illegal gun transaction involving several teenage suspects. The investigation is ongoing.

Sex Offenses: This category includes crimes such as rape, child molestation, indecent liberties, and voyeurism. There were 37 cases reported from January through September which is up 5% from the weighted average of the same period over the past eight years. This category has small numbers and is prone to fluctuations.

Robbery: There were 16 robberies reported in the first three quarters of the year. This is up 10% over the weighted average of the same period over the past eight years. This category also has small numbers and can fluctuate significantly. The normal range for this category is 13 to 16 incidents so robberies are just within the expected range. Of the 16 robberies, eight were of commercial businesses while eight were of individuals.

Aggravated Assault: There were 54 aggravated assaults in the first three quarters of 2020. This is up 49% over the weighted average of the same period over the past eight years. While this category also tends to fluctuate, the normal range is 27-45, so the current total is above expected levels. Of the 54 assaults, 19 were domestic violence related which equates to about 35%. While total felony assaults have increased, the percentage of those assaults that are domestic violence related have decreased. An example of one aggravated assault occurred when a suspect was stabbed by his sister, while he was strangling her boyfriend. During the investigation, video of the entire assault was located by Detectives.

Residential Burglary: There were 62 residential burglaries reported in the first three quarters of 2020, representing a decline of 49% from the weighted average of the past eight years. Residential burglaries have trended downward over the past several years, and with the COVID-19 "stay-home" order and many people working and attending school remotely, homes have become a much less attractive target for thieves.

Commercial Burglary: There were 75 commercial burglaries in the first nine months of 2020 which represents a 6% increase from the weighted average of the same period over the past eight years. This is within the expected range of activity which is 57 to 84 incidents.

Motor Vehicle Theft: There were 120 auto theft reports in the first three quarters of the year, representing a decrease of 12% from the weighted average of the same period over the previous eight years. Auto thefts in Kirkland have slowed after peaking in 2017.

Car Prowl: There were 295 car prowls reported citywide in the first nine months of 2020, representing a 33% decrease from the weighted average of the same period over the past eight years. Prowls remain at low levels compared to their peak in 2017.

DUI: There were 85 DUI arrests made in in the first nine months of 2020. This represents a 52% decrease from the weighted average of the same period over the past eight years.

Collisions: 591 collisions were reported in the first nine months of 2020, a 42% decrease from the weighted average of the same period over the past eight years. Collisions are at the lowest level of the past eight years, clearly the stay at home order has reduced the amount of congestion and traffic on Kirkland roadways.

Aside from the homicide, there were also several other notable investigations that occurred in the 3rd quarter to include:

- A major real estate fraud and identity theft scheme that included a boyfriend/girlfriend duo who were arrested after Detectives collected extensive physical and digital evidence that led to a search warrant and the recovery of three luxury cars that had been fraudulently purchased. The warrant uncovered other evidence to include firearms, several kilos of cocaine, forged checks, and real estate fraud documents
- On September 9th, Officers responded to a shots fired call at the La Quinta Inn after a white male with facial tattoos on a white bicycle fired off a round from what a witness described as a silver handgun. The suspect was contacted by patrol nearby, riding away from the La Quinta on a white bike. The suspect attempted to abscond from officers on the bicycle but crashed trying to negotiate a curb. During this incident, he ditched a backpack that Patrol Officers recovered. The suspect lied to Officers about his name and provided a fake ID after arrest. While being processed it was discovered he was a person with multiple warrants for his arrest. Patrol and UW K9 were unsuccessful in locating the firearm the suspect was alleged to have fired at the time. The bicycle was later connected to a King County Transit case where the bike appears to have been stolen off a metro bus. Detectives assisted in writing a search warrant for the backpack believing that the contraband and a possible gun were inside. No narcotics, firearms, or fireworks were found upon serving the warrant. On September 23rd landscapers located a silver Springfield Armory XD .40 caliber pistol at the Yarrow Bay Office Complex a short distance away from the hotel. The pistol is a match for the one the witness described the suspect as having on him at the time of the incident and was confirmed stolen out of Snohomish County. The pistol has been sent off to AFIS for processing, as it is believed that the suspect's fingerprints will most likely be on the firearm. Pro-Act Officers recently had contact with the suspect during a separate investigation and he confessed to this shooting.
- The FBI, jointly with Seattle Police Department and Kirkland Police conducted an online child exploitation operation in the City of Kirkland. The operation was a success and six male suspects were arrested and evidence was obtained to file charges against two other male suspects after they arrived in Kirkland with the intention of having sexual contact with minors.



MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Cherie Harris, Chief of Police
Rob Saloum, Risk Management Lieutenant

Date: October 21, 2020

Subject: Animal Services Quarterly Report – 3rd Quarter 2020

Recommendation:

City Council receives an update on the Animal Services Program.

Background:

The ongoing COVID-19 crisis prevented pet license canvassing during the 2nd quarter and this impact continued into the 3rd quarter. To counter this, the decision was made to waive late fees and rescind the requirement to provide proof of rabies vaccination at the time of license renewal. Both actions remained in effect in the 3rd quarter. ACO Mattison is issuing citations for past due violations and off leash violations.

The contract undertaken during the 2nd Quarter between the City of Kirkland and Cascadia Consulting group remains active. The purpose of the contract is to provide remote engagement with Kirkland residents to increase pet licensing

The following categories of information were developed in collaboration with the previous Council Public Safety Committee:

Total program expenditures vs. licensing revenue:

Quarter	Expenditures	Revenue	Donations
Q1	\$47,873	\$41,700	\$1,295
Q2	\$55,302	\$47,675	\$2,073
Q3	\$51,372	\$44,485	\$1,594

Expenses include salaries and benefits, sheltering costs, veterinarian services, PetData licensing services and various program costs such as marketing and communications. Revenue is the sum of pet licensing.

Pet Data activity by month (including City Hall & Police Department):

Rask – 2016		Kirkland -2019	1 year	2 year	Replace	Total	Kirkland -2020	1 year	2 year	Replace	Total
January	658	January	467	55	1	523	January	379	47	0	426
February	779	February	488	64	1	553	February	409	38	1	448
March	768	March	581	75	2	658	March	347	50	1	398
April	947	April	540	41	0	487	April	261	16	0	277
May	911	May	492	69	0	424	May	603	61	0	664
June	783	June	386	47	1	341	June	506	37	3	546
July	1001	July	567	72	5	644	July	416	31	1	448
August	1063	August	502	50	2	554	August	515	40	2	557
September	906	September	523	67	3	593	September	507	31	1	539
Total	3195	Total	4546	540	15	4777	Total	3943	351	9	4303

The following table depicts 3rd quarter sheltering and intake activity:

Everett Shelter Intakes				
Dogs	Cats	Other	Total	Est. Total \$
5	6	0	11	\$1,230.00
(case#19-2780: on-going animal cruelty sheltering fee \$1,840.00)				
KPD Intake				
Dogs	Cats	Other	Total	Est. Total \$
3	0	0	3	\$0.00
Veterinary Care				
Dogs	Cats	Other	Total	Est. Total \$
3	1	0	4	\$0.00
Meow Cat Rescue/RASK acceptance of Kirkland Pets				
Dogs	Cats	Other	Total	Est. Total \$
0	0	0	0	\$0.00
Total Intake and Cost				
11	7	0	18	\$3,070.00

- Everett sheltering costs will increase in January of 2021, from \$200 dollars to \$220 dollars.

Animal Control Officer Activity:

Activity	Quantity
Calls for Service Responded To	200
Lost Animals Reunited with Their Owners	10
Off Leash Dog Warnings	14
Off Leash Dog Tickets	2
On-view (Foot Patrol etc.)	30
Community Events / Meetings Attended	2
Warnings Given	20
Criminal Citations Issued	0
Notices of Infraction Issued	3
Cases Written	7
Cases Filed with the Prosecutor	0
Barking Dog Complaints Responded To	20
Hobby Kennel/ Cattery License	0
Dog Bite Complaints Responded To	6
OUR Kirkland Service Request	24

Parks Enhanced Leash Law Enforcement (Kris / Betty - Parks Department):

Activity	Quantity
Written warnings	48
Tickets	2
Contacts	852
License pamphlets handed out	780

With COVID-19 restricting where people could go or gather, the City parks became a welcome respite from the crisis. This provided an excellent opportunity for contacting pet owners in parks and providing pet licensing pamphlets to them. Contacts were up from 136 in the 2nd quarter to 852 in the third. No pamphlets were handed out in the 2nd quarter while 780 were handed out in the 3rd quarter.

Notes from a selection of calls Officer Matison responded to during the 3rd quarter:

20-00020627: ACO Matison responded to a welfare check for two dogs that appeared to be neglected. Owner of the dogs allowed ACO Matison to do a quick exam of his dogs. The backyard was covered in debris and broken glass. There was no clean food or access to water. ACO Matison explained the RCW for tethering and animal cruelty. The owner stated he would clean out all the debris from the backyard. ACO Matison did not observe any open wounds on the dog and the dog appeared healthy. In addition, the two dogs on the property are still not licensed. The owner received a civil infraction in the mail for failure to license and a written warning for animal cruelty for failing to provide necessary shelter, rest, sanitation and space.

20-00020892: ACO Matison received an email from a Good Samaritan stating they found a stray cat in their neighborhood. ACO Matison picked up the cat and was able to locate the owner via microchip. The cat was successfully reunited with its owner shortly after.

20-00025099: ACO Matison responded to an Our Kirkland Service request involving roosters within city limits. ACO Matison successfully contacted the owners of the roosters and explained roosters are not allowed within city limits. The owner stated the rooster is a service animal. However, according to ADA regulations roosters are not considered service animals. ACO Matison offered resources but the owner stated she didn't need any. A 14-day notice was given to have the rooster removed from city limits. The owner complied.

20-00029613: ACO Matison observed two dogs running off-leash at Kirkland Middle School while small children were playing on the fields. ACO Matison had previous contact with this dog owner for off-leash activity. A civil infraction was issued for both dogs.

20-00029613: ACO Matison responded to a CFS involving a baby raccoon's foot stuck between the fence boards. ACO Matison was successful in freeing the baby raccoon.

This sweet boy was found wandering as a stray. ACO Matison was successful in finding the owners.



ACO Matison with Bella at Juanita Beach Park.

