

2023 CITY OF KIRKLAND

# POLICE Prop 1 Annual Accountability Report Card



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When community members call police they expect a prompt response, public safety to be upheld, and community services to be available when the need them. The City of Kirkland has been able to continue this high level of service thanks to the **Enhanced Police Services and Community Safety Ballot Measure (Police Prop 1)**, approved by voters in 2018.

In 2023, Prop 1 has allowed the Kirkland Police Department to: add an additional officer to its dedicated proactive investigations unit, add an additional Neighborhood Resource Officer position, and host three Guns for Gift Cards exchanges, removing more than 200 firearms from our community.

Prop 1 has also allocated more than \$1 million dollars for Human Services programs including homelessness services and behavioral health programs.

Learn more about the Enhanced Police Services and Community Safety Ballot Measure: [www.kirklandwa.gov/PoliceProp1](https://www.kirklandwa.gov/PoliceProp1)

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## LEVY OVERVIEW

A 0.1 percent sales tax increase was estimated to raise approximately \$1.8 million a year. In 2022, the tax raised approximately \$2.6 million.

### Promised Staff Investments

#### Dedicated Pro-Act Unit

Police Prop 1 created the Pro-Act Unit, which is a new, dedicated proactive police unit created in 2019 that focuses on illegal drugs, car prowls, burglaries and other crimes; emphasizing proactive enforcement rather than reactive 911 call response.

### 2022 Investments

- Added one additional Pro-Act officer in 2022
- Pro-Act Unit results:
  - 41 arrests
  - Recovered 17 stolen vehicles, 4 stolen guns
- \$1,651,820 in recovered stolen vehicles and goods



#### Neighborhood Resource Officer and Mental Health Professional

Police Prop 1 added a second NRO position in 2020, which is assigned as a co-responder with the Prop 1 Mental Health Professional (MHP).

The NRO works with the MHP and other regional MHP's to provide support to individuals experiencing behavioral health issues and resources to those experiencing homelessness. The NRO continues to assist patrol with complex cases that require long-term problem solving of neighborhood disputes or locations that experience recurring criminal activity, as well as department wide projects and initiatives.

- NRO/MHP pair responded to 551 calls for service
- Added an additional NRO in 2022
- MHP moved to new Community Responder Program



#### Evolution from School Resource Officers (SROs) to Community Resource Officers (CROs)

Starting in September 2023, Kirkland schools will have three Community Resource Officers (CROs) to be the first point of contact between police and the school district on law enforcement issues. The CROs will not be stationed in any one school but will be available to respond to a school, whenever needed. CROs will be deployed to other City law enforcement and community needs such as speed zone enforcement and seasonal bike patrol.

Student safety continues to be the top priority of the change from SROs to CROs. CROs will maintain the mandated training required by state law and KPD policy to ensure their primary responsibility to respond to calls for service at a school campus with the training and experience to interact with students to help keep students physically, socially, and emotionally safe at school.

- 2022-2023 school year: four SROs assigned to each of two main "learning communities" of Lake Washington and Juanita
  - 194 cases, 3 charges (1 adult) referred to King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.
- Trained school staff in violent incident response
- [Maintain SRO \(now CRO\) Dashboard](#)





### Human Services

More than \$1Million allocated to fund homelessness services, behavioral health programs and after school activities.



- \$350,000 for services supporting women and families experiencing homelessness, and behavioral health services for children, families, and communities of color including:
- \$170,100 – Youth Eastside Services to support youth of color, including Latinx and Black/African American, and behavioral health services for youth from birth to 22 years old
- \$53,000 – Helen’s Place at The Sophia Way for women’s shelter and services
- \$50,000 –New Bethlehem Programs at Catholic Community Services to provide family shelter and day center services
- \$26,000 – Asian Counseling and Referral Services to provide bilingual/bicultural services for Asian American/Pacific Islander (AAPI) youth and their families
- \$17,500 – Crisis Connections to support the 24/7 crisis line and help line/chat services using a youth peer-to-peer model
- \$17,800 – IKRON to provide behavioral health services to low-income households in need of support
- \$10,000 – Boys and Girls Club of King County to support Kirkland Club operations and programming
- \$5,600 – NAMI Eastside to provide individual and family support and education to those affected by mental health, including support groups

### Gun Safety Program

Dedicated funding for gun safety training in the community



- Hosted 3 Guns for Gift Cards exchange events resulting in more than 200 firearms collected
- Held 2 in-person community firearm safety classes with instruction, Q&A, and gun locks/gun safes for attendees
- Free gun locks available at the Kirkland Justice Center for community members all year round
- Promoted Firearm safety videos online and on social media: [www.kirklandwa.gov/firearmsafety](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/firearmsafety)



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