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Sector Watch





Welcome to the Bellevue Police Department's guarterly newsletter! Our goal is to keep you informed about crime trends, prevention tips and what's happening within the department. We're calling the newsletter the Sector Watch because the police department divides the city into three sectors, North, South and West. Each sector has a captain to handle ongoing issues within that area. See the back page for your Sector Captain's contact information.

To find out which sector you live in, refer to the Sector Map BellevueWA.gov/Police-District-Sector-NSW

# **161 Arrests**

Made During"Stop the Lift" Campaign

Bellevue Police announced it made approximately 161 arrests during its 2024 "Stop the Lift" retail theft prevention campaign during the holidays - with 244 shoplifting incidents overall.

The Bellevue Police Department believes strong partnerships and anti-theft programs with local businesses across the city and community members have been key to crime prevention. Our combined efforts have contributed to successfully identifying and arresting more suspects involved in these crimes.

Shoplifting continues to be the top crime for Bellevue. There were 125 more shoplifting incidents in 2024 than in 2023, which makes efforts like the "Stop the Lift" holiday campaign even more vital.

Efforts against retail theft are continuing beyond the holidays. Bellevue Police remind community members that if you see a theft occur, say something by calling 911.

## **Bellevue Sees Lower Annual Crime**

Great news: overall crime continues to trend downward, according to the Bellevue Police Department's Data Analytics team.

Chief Wendell Shirley and Assistant Chiefs Constance Slappey and Andrew Popochock delivered an annual update to the Bellevue City Council where they highlighted how the three-year trends show crime continues to fall across the community.

There were 524 less overall crimes in the city of Bellevue from 2023 to 2024, including 509 less property crimes and 23 less crimes against people. Additionally, there were 43 less motor vehicle thefts, 29 fewer vandalism incidents, and 9 less simple thefts in the area.

Bellevue Police take great pride in its work to keep community members safe and maintain this area as a safe place to live, work, and visit. The decline in crime reflects our collective efforts and reinforces that we are on the right track in fulfilling that mission.

# BPD Celebrates One Year of Body Worn Camera System

The Bellevue Police Department keeps this community safe largely thanks to the strong relationship officers and professional staff have with Bellevue's community members. In fact, we've been able to solve crimes thanks to this partnership.

This very fact is why we continue to celebrate the long-term impact the agency's body-worn camera (BWC) system is having for this department's ability to deliver the transparency we promise to our residents. It also gives us the opportunity to show community members the depth of our work and the sacrifices officers take to keep Bellevue safe.

A great example was last fall's incident when a suspect tried to ignite an improved explosive device on I-90. By sharing BWC footage, we were able to highlight the dangers our officers face when they must prioritize the community's safety over their own. This footage captured the severity of the incident and how narrowly we avoided tragedy.





#### **Community Events**

The Bellevue PD is making a difference for its residents.

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter/X to hear the latest news and events happening across the community!



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