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# MICRO COMMUNITY POLICING SUMMARY

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## IDENTIFIED COMMUNITY: HIGHLAND PARK

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(Includes Highland Park Neighborhood)

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## DEPARTMENT LEAD:

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## COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

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- Property crimes (including auto theft, burglary and car prowls)
- Transient camps in the greenbelt areas and issues associated with homelessness
- Reoccurring graffiti and property damage at Highland Park Elementary School
- Drug activity in the parks in the area
- Traffic and speeding concerns near schools and in residential areas

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## PROBLEM SOLVING STRATEGIES

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- Property crimes (including auto theft, burglary and car prowls)
  - SW Precinct purchased professional quality evidence kits for all SW patrol units
    - Place an emphasis on looking for and lifting fingerprints
  - Develop a weekly report on property crime that is accessible to SW personnel
    - Sergeants to review with their squads weekly
  - Develop a weekly report that overlays auto theft and recovery hotspots
    - This report is available to SW patrol officers via SW Dashboard
    - Used to focus the deployment of the Automated License Plate Reader (APLR) car for SW patrol and SW assigned Parking Enforcement Officers (PEOs)
  - Develop a persistent offender database for auto theft, burglary and car prowls that is accessible in the field
    - This database is available to SW patrol officers via SW Dashboard
    - SW Anti-Crime Team (ACT) and patrol will do periodic arrest operations for SW related suspects
  - Directed patrol in property crime hot spots, as call load allows, which may include:
    - Vehicular patrols
    - Bicycle patrols
    - Foot beat patrols
    - Deployment of Mobile Precinct
    - Covert investigative patrols
  - Continue to distribute crime prevention bulletins and public safety announcements via Nextdoor, West Seattle Blog and community listserves
  - Continue to utilize information developed from the Seattle Police Department Data Driven Unit to address emerging property crime trends and observed hot spots
  - Continue to utilize the Crime Prevention Coordinator for dissemination of information and providing Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) analyses and suggestions
- Transient camps in the greenbelt areas and issues associated with homelessness
  - Coordinate with other city agencies (such as SDOT, Seattle Parks Department, WADOT, King County Public Health, etc.) to address homelessness issue and identify and provide necessary services

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- Maintain patrolling in the parks and surrounding areas, as call load allows, which may include:
  - Vehicular patrols
  - Bicycle patrols
  - Foot beat patrols
  - Deployment of Mobile Precinct
  - Covert investigative patrols
- Collaborate with Seattle Parks Department to ensure prompt closing of parks in the area and address safety issues in the parks by applying Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles to park design and maintenance
- Utilize current trespass ordinance for individuals in the parks after hours
- When possible utilize alcohol detoxification and treatment services
- Utilize SW Community Policing Team (CPT) and other city agencies and/or social service providers (including WADOT, SDOT, the Mayor's Office, King County Public Health and Seattle Parks Department) to address trespass issues associated with homeless encampments
- Continue to work with the Highland Park Action Committee regarding issues associated with homelessness in the area
- Continue to address homeless encampment/RV camper issues via current and/or proposed city policies
- Continue to address homeless concerns from the community via community meetings
- Reoccurring graffiti and property damage at Highland Park Elementary School
  - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> watch officers to log premise checks at the school, as call load allows
  - Clean graffiti early and often, via city and private services
  - Advertise Find it, Fix it App to encourage citizen reporting
  - Look at initiating dialogue regarding the design of building walls and other surfaces making them not conducive to graffiti and vandalism
- Drug activity in the parks in the area
  - Maintain patrolling in the parks and surrounding areas, as call load allows, which may include:
    - Vehicular patrols
    - Bicycle patrols
    - Foot beat patrols
    - Deployment of Mobile Precinct
    - Covert investigative patrols
  - Collaborate with other city agencies (including Seattle Parks Department, SDOT, etc.) to address environmental issues such as controlling access to the parks through signs, gates, locks and use of national boundaries
  - Continue conversation with city officials and stakeholders to advocate and consider alternative diversion programs (such as LEAD and restorative justice practices)
- Traffic and speeding concerns near schools and in residential areas
  - Ensure active patrolling during school hours (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> watch) with the assistance of the SPD Traffic Unit
  - Utilize mobile speed camera, when possible
  - SW Precinct will request assistance from SW assigned Parking Enforcement Officers as needed for additional enforcement of parking concerns