

Community Task Force Workshop #1

8:30 am-11:30 am at the Ethiopian Community Center, 8323 Rainier Ave S.

Orig. date: Saturday, December 7th 2013

Hotspot: *Light Rail*

Facilitators:

- Claudia Gross-Shader

Best Time to meet

Saturday is good

A. What's missing from the light rail data?

→ **Crimes that are underreported:**

- ◆ In the Vietnamese community, there is a significant amount of crime that remains underreported. This is [probably] due to fear of retaliation and also fear that becoming known as a business owner who reports crimes will negatively affect one's business or even negatively affect us personally. We need to have a safe way to report our crime problems. We also need to be more confident that the crime problems will be addressed effectively. At this time we are not confident in the police to address these problems. We need to have a comprehensive and effective solution.

→ **we lack data on culture:**

- ◆ in order to work effectively with the Vietnamese community, more effort is needed to understand the social, cultural and psychological context of the vietnamese community members.
- ◆ examples:
 - robbery on Myrtle:
 - response time was over 45 minutes
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 - break-in at the Vietnamese Community Center:
 - 911 dispatcher did not respond with interpretation for "Vietnamese" -- once the caller spoke in English, it took minutes to get the proper response.

→ **Metro Rt. 7 -- a lot of Marijuana usage on buses:**

- ◆ as of December 6th, adults over 21 can carry up to 1 ounce of Marijuana for personal use.

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- ◆ adults cannot smoke Marijuana in public. If they do, a ticket is issued -- there is no arrest.
- ◆ adults cannot smoke in any place where one cannot smoke cigarettes
- ◆ minors caught smoking Marijuana could receive a minor-in-possession charge, just like the authorities do for alcohol.

B. Action Plan

What	Who	Where/When
protocol for 911 calls in other languages	Claudia	December 31
crime data from metro	Claudia	January 25th
draft a survey of Light Rail users at Rainier Beach stop	Bev, Claudia, the GMU researchers	January 25th (next meeting)