

## Community Task Force Community Workshop #3

9:00-11:30 AM, Emerald City Bible Fellowship, 7728 Rainier Ave S

Saturday, February 22, 2014

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Hotspot: Light Rail

### Facilitator:

- Jeron Gates

### Discussion and observations during review of New CAD data and Notes from SPD Focus Group Feb 12, 2014

- change broad type of crime to property crime
- victims of person crimes are women, children and the elderly
- there was only ONE call regarding safe driving in 2013
  - if you don't call no one will know
- there is no interpretation service to help complete paperwork for victims
  - there is a serious need to build better relationships with the police through effective communication
- there is a fear among merchants that they might lose customers
- high concentration areas are good targets for offenders
  - crime prevention workshops may be useful
- there is a clear increase in incidents between 3-7 pm
- what is the process for officer follow-ups?
- what does follow up entail after reports?
- As a CTF group, will we have the opportunity to observe activities at our hotspot during peak hours?
- we could utilize local media (newspaper)
  - should be language-specific in order to provide crime prevention/ intervention efforts
- should police officers be available at some community meetings/shopping parking lots/ hotspots/ etc... so they may have a chance to communicate with the residents? this would make the residents feel more comfortable and friendlier with police officers -- this, in turn, would make it easier for residents to share information about criminal offenders
- crime prevention education hosted by the SPD officers would be very valuable to communities. please find the appropriate ways to reduce the amount of paperwork police officers have to do so that they may have a chance to walk around and engage people.

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### Data Questions/Requests

- In this new data set, what is the percent of crimes against women, children and the elderly -- for each hotspot?
- Person crime seems low -- is this accurate? is the community reporting these instances?
- Is there a code violation for poor design ? -- i.e. advertisements in windows, poor visibility into commercial property.
- Signage that obscures business windows reduces sight lines and impacts safety. Explore ways to work with businesses to improve sight lines and increase safety without having a negative impact on business.

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#### Priority Crimes:

1. Theft
2. ????

priority type of crimes (problem)	Place-Based Risk Factors	Lack of Supervision or Guardianship	Policy	Environmental Design	Low Collective Efficacy
1. Theft	lack of supervision	X			
	poor lighting around bus stops -- even on buses			X	
	lack of or ineffective place managers	X			X
	poor design (access to escape routes)			X	
	educating business managers and bus drivers on criminal activities	X			
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