Property Crime Task Force
Our vision on Community Safety
City Manager’s 2015 Goals
Tacoma Police Department
Annual Crime Statistics
Comparison Statistics
City Initiatives addressing property Crime
Burglary Reduction Initiative
Our vision

- By 2025, Tacoma will be known as one of the safest cities in Washington.

- January 27, 2015 the City Council adopted a resolution approving the City of Tacoma’s Ten-Year Citywide Strategic Plan and Vision, *Tacoma 2025*
  - Health and Safety is one of seven focus areas, with the goal of decreasing crime and increasing feelings of safety through strong partnerships between law enforcement, neighborhoods groups, and public officials.

- Major components of achieving this vision (longer term goals, who’s involved in getting there):
  - TPD Strategic Plan
  - Reducing property crime
Establish and facilitate a Property Crimes Task Force to identify “system” improvements and strategies to reduce property crimes within the City.

- Reduce property crimes by 10% during 2015/2016
- Reduce Burglaries by 15%
Mission: To create a safe and secure environment in which to live, work, and visit by working together with the community, enforcing the law in a fair and impartial manner, preserving the peace and order in our neighborhoods, and safeguarding our constitutional guarantees.

Investigative priorities, in order:
1) Persons Crimes
2) Property Crimes

Currently 329 Commissioned personnel.
## Comparative Police Departments

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1 Larceny comprises: Theft from Vehicle, Theft from Coin Machine, Theft from Yard/Porch, Shoplift, Theft from mail box, Vehicle Prowl, Theft from exterior vehicle, etc.

2 Stolen Property Offenses comprises: Possess Stolen Property – PSP; Sale/Trafficking of Stolen Property; Stolen Property - Other Jurisdiction
Tacoma Property Crimes 2014

2014 Property Crime

- Larceny: 38%
- Motor Vehicle Theft: 10%
- Burglary/Breaking and Entering: 15%
- Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property: 24%
- Embezzlement: 0%
- Extortion/Blackmail: 0%
- Fraud: 8%
- Counterfeiting/Forgery: 1%
- Robbery: 3%
- Stolen Property Offenses: 1%
- Arson: 0%
City Comparison of Property Offenses

Larceny Theft

Destruction of Property

Motor Vehicle Theft

Fraud
City Comparison of Burglary

Burglary

Per 1000

Auburn
Federal Way
Lakewood
Seattle
Tacoma
Tukwila
Vancouver
Beyond the Crime Statistics...

- What do we know about WHO is committing these crimes and why?
- Where are they happening in the City?
- What is typically stolen?
- How many crimes are preventable by simple preventative actions of homeowners/residents?
Beyond the crime statistics...

- Illustrated top 20 Property Crime categories (WHAT)
- Illustrated data of suspect profiles (WHO)
- Illustrated crime locations (Where) – No place is fully immune
- Some crime can be prevented and overall crime can be reduced through education, technology and attention to vulnerable areas...
## Top 20 Categories of Stolen Property

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Note: *Other is a created field consisting of the following Categories: Aircraft, Animals, Livestock, Heavy Equipment, Drugs, Furniture, Gambling Equipment, Water Vehicles, etc. Miscellaneous is an official Category and used at the discretion of the officer. Data is subject to how it was entered into the Enforcer Report.
Suspect Statistics

% of Available Suspect Information

- **2011**
- **2012**
- **2013**
- **2014**
- **2015 (01 Jan - 30 Sept)**

- **Suspect Information Available**
- **Unknown**
More than 20,000 property crimes reported annually

Property Crimes Detectives - 11

- Robbery, Burglary, Metal Theft, Vehicle Theft, Pawn, Financial Crimes

- Average 860+ cases per month

- Average 80 cases assigned (workable investigations)

- Percentage of cases assigned +/- 10 %
January – August 2015
Of 12,800 Property Crimes; 873 cases assigned:

- Burglary – 35%
- Destruction/Damage/Vandalism – 29%
- Fraud – 9%
- Larceny – 19%
- Motor Vehicle Theft – 8%
Investigative Criteria

Is there:

*Including, but not limited to…*

- Suspect information:
- Physical evidence:
- Witness Information: Person, video, etc.
- Fingerprint/DNA: cigarette, paper, saliva, blood, etc.
- Volume of crimes vs manpower
- Does it meet the Prosecutor’s threshold/criteria

- Necessary to “Work” the case
City initiatives addressing Property Crimes

- Gang Initiative – Holistic Approach to reduce and deter juvenile gang related activity activities programs i.e. National Leadership Foundation, etc.

- CPTED – Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design.

- Crime Free Housing – Training program administered by the City; teaches advanced screening for reducing criminal potential in renter pool.

- Community Policing – Community relationship/collaboration for quality of life issues and crime reduction.

- Patrol (Predictive Policing)
Burglary Reduction Initiative
Burglary Reduction Initiative

Objective
Through coordinated crime prevention/awareness programs, enforcement, and prosecution; reduce residential and commercial burglaries throughout the City of Tacoma by 7.5% per year for a total of 15% over the 2015/2016 biennium.

Four Pillars
- Accurate, Timely, Shared Intelligence
- Effective, Targeted Strategies and Tactics
- Rapid Deployment of Personnel and Resources
- Relentless Follow up and Assessment

Monthly Tacoma Crime Control System (TCCS) Report
Burglary Status

Burglary Reduction Initiative was launched March, 2015

- The City of Tacoma experienced nearly 3,000 burglaries in 2014
- YTD 2015: 1,840
- 18% reduction over same time period for 2014
- Of the 2015 burglaries, YTD 70% residential burglaries
There have been 1288 residential burglaries between 01 January 2015 and 30 September 2015.
Burglary Trends

Burglary by incident Volume:
- Sector 4 (Eastside)
- Sector 2 (North end)
- Sector 3 (Southwest)
- Sector 1 (Hilltop, Port, North East)

Burglary by stolen $ value:
- Sector 2 (North End)
- Sector 4 (Eastside)
- Sector 3 (Southwest)
- Sector 1 (Hilltop, Port, Northeast)
17.9% Decrease in 2015

5-Year Weighted Average – Average of 5 year of Burglary/Breaking & Entering data, where more the recent years, are considered to more relevant and given more weight. Factors in trend and produces a statistical benchmark.

Unexpectedly Low – Statistically derived category with less than a 5% chance that the total for that time period is a random fluctuation and indicates an external force is having a suppressive affect.

No-DV in dataset.
Arrest Statistics: 2015 Burglary:

- 233 arrests year to date, through 9/21/15
- 21 individuals arrested for multiple burglaries

Prosecution Statistics:

- 373 cases submitted to Unit 3 1/1/15 – 8/31/15
  - 222 charged Felony, 39 charged Misdemeanor = 70%
  - Reasons remainder not charged: out of jurisdiction, pending leads, misc. other reasons...
Community Relations through Community Policing

- Community Liaison Officer (CLO) Program - day to day collaboration related to quality of life issues. Address root cause instead of just symptoms
- Community Policing Detectives – Investigate quality of life issues outside of CID resources (graffiti, neighbor related crimes, nuisance crimes, etc.)

Crime Prevention & Safety Information (Handouts, Website, Community Meetings)

- Brochures/PSAs/Individual requests/Group settings/Substation resources

Community Collaboration - persons or locations causing criminal activity in neighborhoods (i.e. Crime Trends)

- Block Watch, Safe Streets, Neighborhood Councils, Business groups, Tip Lines, Recent events
 Patrol Division

- Dispatch Call Response - Reactive
- Proactive Crime Reduction Missions

- Data used to prioritize mission times and locations
  - Crime Analysis Unit- Burglary/ Car Prowl Bulletins
  - PREDPOL (Predictive Policing Software)
  - Crime Early Warning System (CEWS)

- Post mission assessment to determine successes and improvements based on communications between Patrol shifts/squads, and other Divisions
Holistic Approach

- Getting in the box (PredPol)
- Reducing the risk for crime

- Targeting career criminals
- Work with prosecutors

- Supplemental analysis
- Weekly Reports
- Active Offenders

- Repeat locations
- Problem houses in boxes