

BE SAFE & FEEL SAFE IN BELLEVUE

Staffing Analysis & Recommendation

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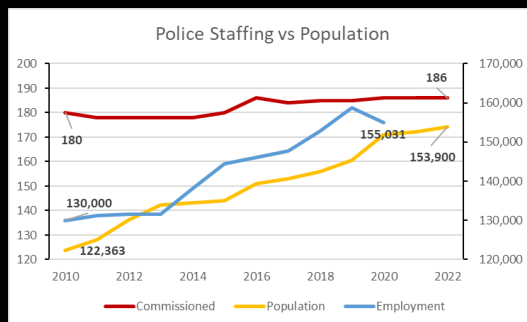
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OUR REQUEST

- Residents Need to Feel Safe and Be Safe
- Investment in Our Future & City
- Fund a minimum of 19 officers including:
 - Community Crisis Assistance Team (CCAT) - 5 Officers, 1 Sergeant
 - Eastlink Transit Unit - 6 Officers, 1 Sergeant
 - Additional Backfill Resources - 5 Officers, 1 Sergeant

GROWTH WITH CHALLENGES

- Population grew 24.7%.
- Employment grew 19.3% (suppressed by COVID / WFH).
- 37% increase in calls since 2012.
- 19% increase in crime from 2017 to 2021.
- Increased community mental health needs and homeless related issues.

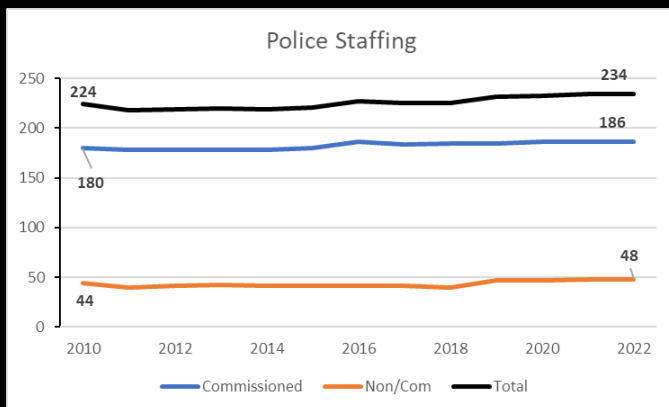


- **Yet commissioned officers increased only 3.3% since 2010.**

Sources: COB Public Records Request 10/18/22, Bellevue Police annual Reports, US Census & Wash State Office of Financial Management <https://ofm.wa.gov/washington-data-research/population-demographics/population-estimates/april-1-official-population-estimates>

DEMANDS INCREASING VS FLAT STAFFING

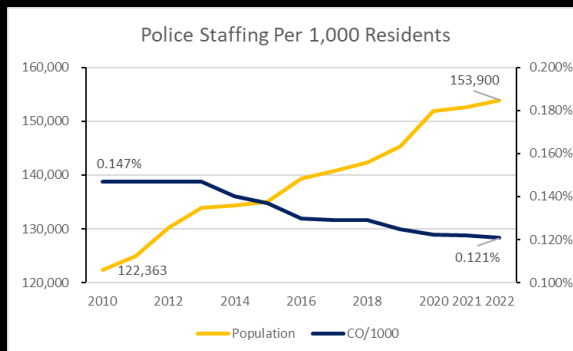
- Commissioned vs Non-Commissioned Staff



EVOLVING POLICING REQUIREMENTS

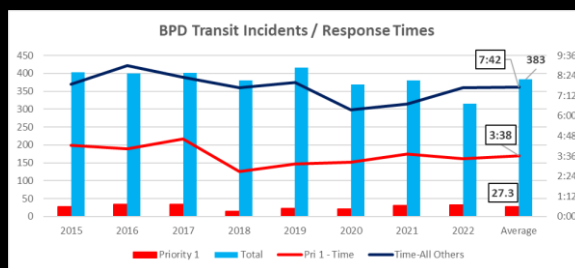
In addition to crime, factors impacting response times -

- Mental health and homeless calls
- Vertical response times / high-rises
- Community events
 - 4th of July
 - Cultural Events
 - Demonstrations (permitted & non-permitted)
 - Rock n' Roll Marathon
 - Snowflake Lane
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- Protection details for elected officials



IMPACT & TRANSIT RISKS

- COB response for priority 1 calls - 3 minutes 38 seconds.
- KCSO's ~13 minutes, resulting in COB taking majority of calls.⁽¹⁾
- Number of incidents has been skewed due to a 60% decrease in boardings (COVID/WFH) ⁽²⁾



Sources: COB Public Records Request 10/18/22. 2022 data extrapolated and annualized

(1) Police briefing, (2) Total Metro Ridership declined over 60% from 123,534,423 boardings in 2019 to 51,342,342 in 2021, (3) Revised forecast due in by end of November, (4) estimate based on current trends and national decreases in use of transit.

WHY BELLEVUE NEEDS TRANSIT RESOURCES

- Nationally there is a strong correlation to increased crime with light rail.
- KCSO's original transit plan included ~140 deputies. Current number employed is 56-58, less than 45% of the initial plan.
- We can not wait until light rail is fully operational
 - The "starter line" (S. Bellevue to Redmond) provides a transition.
 - Transit police require additional training.
 - New hires take 9 to 12 months to be trained, (after being recruited).

Sources: 10/20 COB Police Public Records Request

<https://mynorthwest.com/3273261/violent-crime-sound-transit-mount-baker/>

<https://collected.jcu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1003&context=jep>

<https://lynnwoodtimes.com/2021/05/02/safety-a-top-priority-to-sound-transit/>

<https://ii.org/antiplanner/?p=19810#:~:text=The%20form%20of%20transit%20that,transit%20except%20for%20trolley%20buses>

SUMMARY

- Bellevue Residents Deserve to Feel Safe and Be Safe
- Support & Embrace Our Public Safety Needs
- Approve a minimum of 19 new commissioned officers.
- Request Council to look at the potential collective tax and levy increases
 - ✓ Uncertain times with record inflation and increasing layoffs.
 - ✓ \$18/M City tax & proposed County \$62/M, & City park \$200/M levies
 - ✓ Net impact to a \$1.7 million assessed home would be over \$475 a year
 - ✓ Pursue clawing back funding allocated to King County Sheriffs Office
 - ✓ Risk taxing residents out of Bellevue
 - ✓ Encourage Council cut non-essential / non-public safety line items.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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- Resident of Bellevue / Lochleven
- Member Police Advisory Council
- Citizen Police Academy - Class of 2022
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) - Member
- Bellevue Essentials - Graduate 2016
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