

PROJECT ACTION PLAN

This Project Action Plan is intended as a tool for planning and monitoring how management staff will achieve the goals and objectives set by the City Council in the 2020-2022 Strategic Workplan. Management staff will complete this form for each Council project, it will be updated periodically and shared during scheduled Council department reports. This information is public, posted on the city's website and used to ensure accountability and share with our community.

Lead Department:	Police Department
City Council Goal / Tactic:	GOAL AREA THREE: Livable and Safe Community
Project Summary:	Decrease Crime by 5%
Estimated Completion:	On-Going

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1. Background of Project:

St. Helens Police Department is committed to decreasing over all crime in our community by 5% compared to 2019. This goal will be accomplished through community engagement, pro-active policing and intelligence led policing. These 3 tactics are proven methods to reduce crime.

2. Current Status of Project:

On-Going (**Data Tracking Suspended Due to COVID**)

3. Strategic Steps to Accomplish Project:

1. Change of work schedules to better serve our community while ensuring we provide 24/7 police services.

- In the Spring of 2020, the Patrol Division of the St. Helens Police Department changed staffing work schedules from a 12-hour shift to a 10-hour shift. By implementing this shift schedule change, it provides a 3 hour overlap of officers from the current and incoming shift to be working at the same time.
- As a result of this change, officers are afforded more time to be deployed into our neighborhoods and develop relationships with our residents who ultimately partner with us in keeping our city safe. Officers are also afforded the time to address any crime hot spots that surface within our city.

2. Partnering with Columbia 911 Communications District to develop a crime tracking data program that will provide a timely and concise crime picture for our community.

- Currently, the Columbia 911 Communications District does not have the capability to provide a timely crime data picture to the St. Helens Police Department. In the winter of 2020, the St. Helens Police Department and Columbia 911 Communications District partnered to create a data base that would allow for us to get a clear and concise crime picture for our city.
- This data base would provide a monthly information on crime reported in St. Helens and allow for our staff to get a clear picture of how to best deploy our resources. In addition, this information would allow for us to track crime displacement. The biggest benefit of having a crime tracking data system would be the ability to prevent future crime through intelligence led policing and "policing with a plan."
- In the Spring of 2020, members of the St. Helens Police Department and Columbia County 911 Communications District were scheduled to travel out of state to select a new data base that would meet our needs. Due to the COVID Pandemic, implementing a crime tracking data base was placed on hold.

- Due to not having the ability to effectively track crime trend in a timely manner locally, we will obtain our 2020 crime statistics through the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). This information will be available to us in the Spring of 2021

4. Estimated Cost of Project:

1. Unknown

5. Barriers to Complete:

COVID Pandemic

