

Highlands Neighborhood Meeting

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Annual crime review

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Neighborhood resource officers serve as liaisons between the police department and the community.

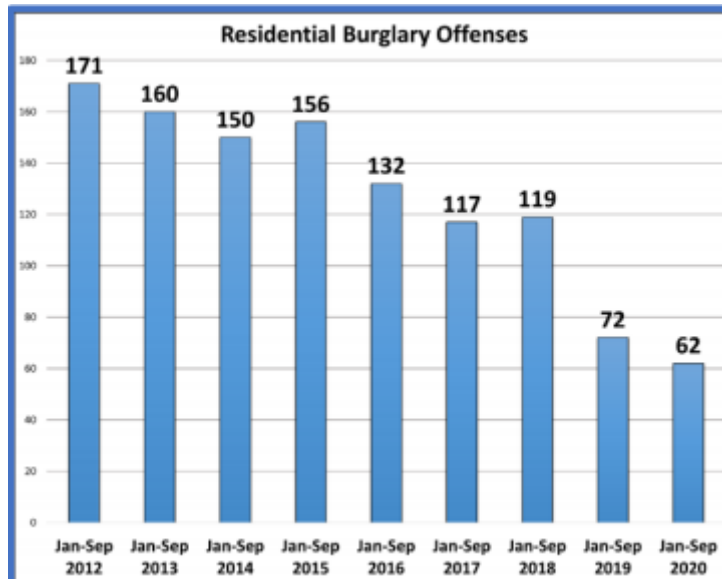
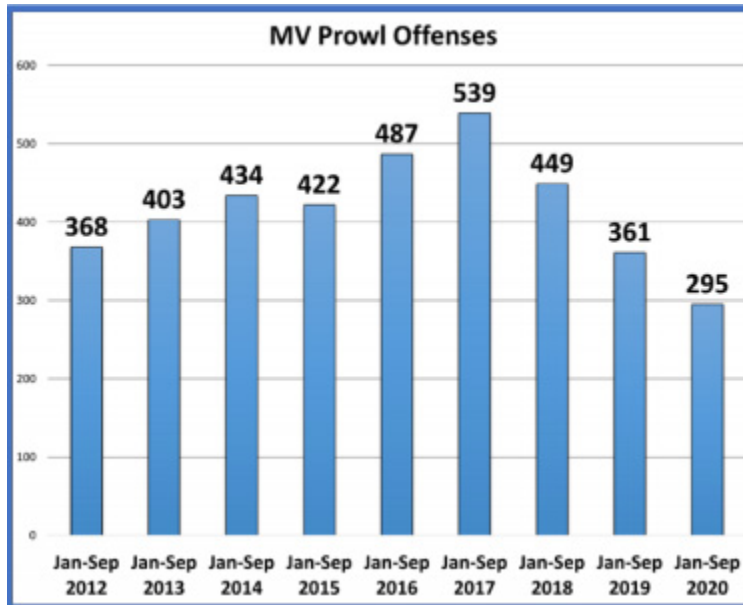
Duties of the neighborhood resource officer include attending neighborhood meetings, teaching children and adults about safety, conducting safety assessments of residents' property, assisting with homeless outreach, and coordinating events such as National Night Out and the Community Academy.

Community Policing brings police and community members together to prevent crime and solve neighborhood problems.

Officer Trombley was with the Des Moines Police Department before being hired in 2010 by Kirkland. She has worked as a patrol officer and training officer and recently became the neighborhood resource officer. Officer Trombley is also a Public Information Officer, department instructor, and Crisis Intervention Team Coordinator.



- What types of crime occurred in our neighborhood in 2020, and how does it compare to previous years?
 - Crime has not gone up, and has actually dropped city-wide for car prowls and burglaries:



- Crime data is also available on the city's Crime mapping website:
<https://www.crimemapping.com/map/wa/kirkland>
- How does Highlands crime compare to other neighborhoods in Kirkland and to surrounding cities like Redmond, Bellevue, Bothell
 - She requested this data but had not yet received it. She will send it when it is available.
- Crime prevention tips (car prowls, home prowls, mail theft, etc.)
 - Don't leave anything you care about in your vehicle
 - Always lock your vehicle
 - Use a locking mailbox

- Put outgoing mail in a locking mailbox
- Get a porch camera (such as Ring)
- Get a security alarm or sign
- Get a “beware of dog” sign or a doorbell that sounds like a big barking dog
- How to report crimes
 - Call 911 even for non-emergencies
 - The non-emergency number goes to the same dispatch center as 911 calls
 - You can file an online report at <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Government/Departments/Police-Department/Community-Resources/File-an-Online-Police-Report> if:
 - The incident is not an emergency
 - The incident occurred within Kirkland city limits and not on the freeway
 - There are no known suspects
 - Traffic Collision? If you are involved in a minor traffic accident, you can file your own report through the Washington State Patrol website.
- Are there any data that suggest whether property crimes might increase around the new BRT station on I-405?
 - There are no data suggesting that property crimes increase around a new freeway bus station
 - The 405 bus station is not a transit center (such as in downtown Kirkland) and as such, won't attract people intending to loiter
 - Buses do not make good getaway vehicles
- The city is looking at better reporting of crime and police activity. City Council receives a quarterly crime report. You can see the latest one here: https://www.kirklandwa.gov/files/sharedassets/public/city-council/agenda-documents/2020/november-4-2020/8h3_other-items-of-business.pdf
- Bicycle and pedestrian accidents have increased for two reasons:
 - Roads are emptier and thus speeds are higher
 - More people are walking and biking
- What kind of training do City of Kirkland police officers get?
 - In addition to extensive initial screening and a 15-week training program, officers receive ongoing annual training.
- What are Kirkland police doing differently in response to general bias against people of color?
 - The <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Government/City-Managers-Office/Ensuring-the-Safety-and-Respect-of-Black-People> website explains what the city and police are doing to dismantle institutional and structural racism in Kirkland, including changes to the ‘use of force’ policy.
- What are the prostitution laws in Kirkland?

- Prostitution is illegal. If you suspect that a place of business is a front, please contact the police.
- What is Kirkland doing to redirect people away from incarceration?
 - Officers try to use diversion whenever possible, and provide mental health intervention and resources to deal with substance abuse.
 - A new community court is coming in March.

Police Department Community Resources page:

<https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Government/Departments/Police-Department/Community-Resources>