

Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention **Board of Health Presentation**

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A Public Health Approach

Gun violence is a fatal epidemic and the leading cause of death for children and teens in the U.S. Public Health – Seattle & King County takes a public health approach to preventing gun violence by utilizing robust strategies that engage multi-sector support and fostering partnerships with community leadership to develop and implement lasting solutions. This approach focuses on understanding the root causes of gun violence and addressing these factors to prevent violence before it occurs.





Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention

Mission:

Taking a public health approach, the Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention collaborates with community and across systems to collectively address gun violence in King County.

Goal: Coordinate a Regional Approach to Address Gun Violence By

- Analyzing data to direct services to individuals at highest risk of involvement in gun violence
- Partnering with directly impacted communities and survivors
- Funding and technical assistance for Community Violence Intervention (CVI) service providers and Hospital-based violence prevention services
- Strategic guidance and technical assistance for municipal leaders
- Convening and collaborating with community leaders, law enforcement, criminal legal system and government agencies on joint approaches to addressing gun violence
- Developing and disseminating public education/awareness campaigns
- Conducting safety activities and events (i.e. Firearm Safe Storage Distribution and Stop the Bleed Training promotion)
- Measuring Impact through results-based accountability evaluation and data sharing with key partners to inform strategies and initiatives

Current Initiatives:

- Community Violence Intervention (CVI)
- Hospital-based Violence Intervention Program (HVIP)
- Community Violence Intervention (CVI) Training Academy

Coordination Framework





A Spotlight on Kent



Raphael Padilla
Chief of Police
City of Kent Police Department



Mark Rivers
Deputy Director
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A Spotlight on Kent

- Gun Violence trends in Kent, WA
- City of Kent Police Department's Response
- Community Collaboration

Year to Year 2023 / 2024 As of 11/25	YTD 2023	YTD 2024	% Change	2023 Crime rate per 1000 in Pop	2024 Crime rate per 1000 in Pop	Change
Robbery	238	186	- 21%	1.72	1.35	- 0.37%
Vehicle Prowl	846	809	- 4%	6.14	5.87	- 0.27%
Vehicle Theft	2063	1242	- 39%	14.98	9.01	- 5.97%
Vehicle Recovery	1584	1069	- 32%	11.50	7.76	- 3.74%
Residential Burglary	209	187	- 10%	1.51	1.35	- 0.16%
Commercial Burglary	681	495	- 27%	4.94	3.59	- 1.35%
Aggravated Assaults (Not DV)	189	177	- 6%	1.37	1.28	- 0.09%
Shootings	159	138	- 13%	1.15	1.00	- 0.15%

A Spotlight on Kent

- Community's Role in Public Safety Efforts
- How We Do Our Work in Kent
- How We Work With Young People





100 Days of Action

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100 Days of Action Highlights

- Provided expanded support for **181 patients** involved in gun violence, including increased referrals, and emergency short-term resources for victims and families awaiting victim support services awards through Harborview Medical Center.
 - The most frequent types of support provided were **hospital meal vouchers, gift cards, and self-care bags and/or clothing.**
- Distributed over **5,000 gun lockboxes.**
 - One-third of people who took a lockbox and completed an anonymous feedback survey indicated they had no other form of firearm security at home.
- Conducted **strategic community engagement** with underserved communities experiencing increases in gun violence, including the East African, LatinX, LGBTQIA+, and Veterans communities.
- Developed **joint legislative agenda** for Washington State legislative session.

As a violence interrupter, I meet the young people where they're at, emotionally and physically. Whether at home, on the street, or at school, it's my mission to make sure they have what they need to navigate whatever they're going through.



Mark Rivers, Violence Interrupter



100 Days of Peace

Impact

400 youth and community members served to date	13 safety events (including safety patrols)
700 community members served	11 safety events

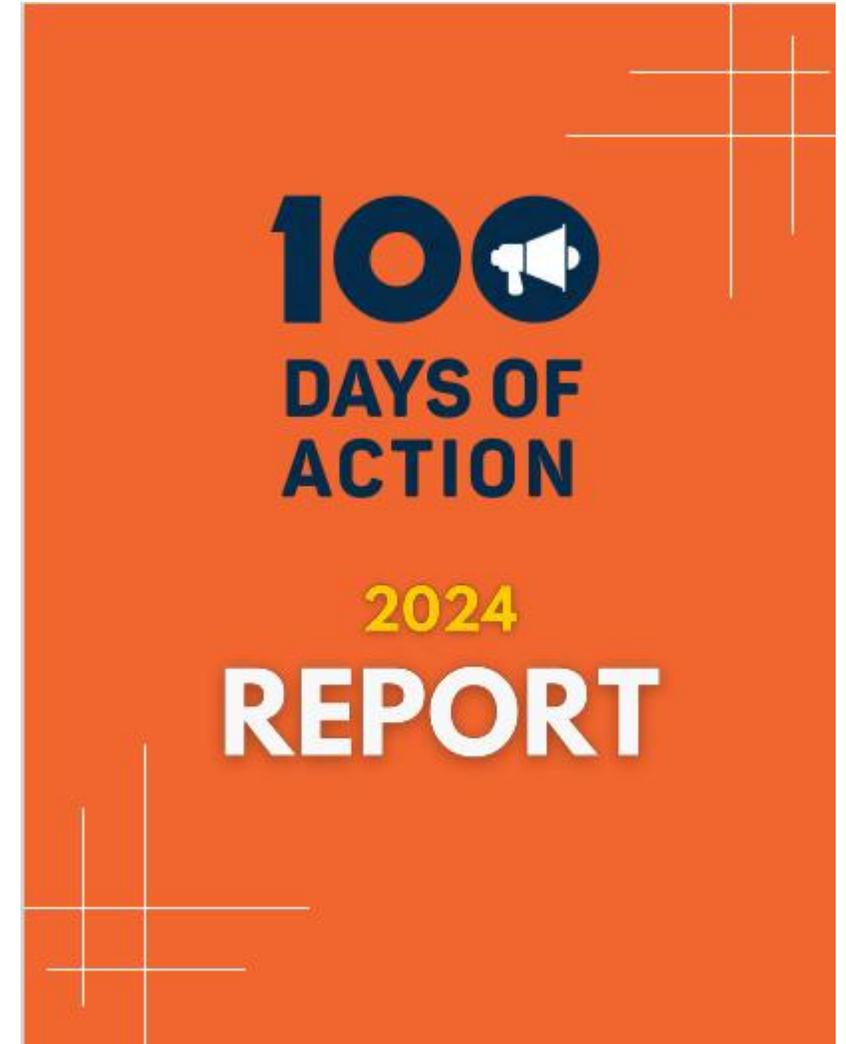
Increased Community Violence Intervention programming over summer months including community-led safety patrols and safe passages, expanded crisis response operations and interventions, provided more resources to help meet youth/young adult basic needs (e.g. food, overnight housing), prevention programming, provided increased outreach in South King County, as well as staff/employee training.



100 Days of Action Report



[100 Days of Action Report](#)



Upcoming Events

- Together We End Gun Violence: Crisis Response Summit
 - Date: **June 5, 2025**
- National Gun Violence Awareness Day Gun Lockbox Giveaways
 - Date: **June 6, 2025**
- Summer Safety Events/Trainings (*i.e. Stop the Bleed*)
 - Date: **To be announced soon**



Public Health - Seattle & King County Resources & Data Sources

King County Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention Community-based Resource Guide

<https://kingcounty.gov/rgv>

Public Health - Seattle & King County Firearm Data Dashboard

<https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dph/about-king-county/about-public-health/data-reports/firearms-data-dashboard>

Data for Office of City Auditor annual report on gun safe storage

*Annually since 2019, PHSKC has collaboratively worked with the City of Seattle's Office of City Auditor to provide them data on firearm mortality and morbidity for the City of Seattle. This involves provision of summary data, interpretation, technical review, and explanation of methodology changes across reporting years for annual reports produced as part of **Ordinance 125620**.*

[Gun Safe Storage Ordinance: Statistical Report on 2023 Data](#)

[Gun Safe Storage Ordinance: Statistical Report on 2021 and 2022 Data](#)

[Gun Safe Storage Ordinance: Statistical Report for 2020](#)

[Gun Safe Storage Ordinance: Statistical Report on 2019 Data and Updated 2017 Data](#)

[Gun Safe Storage Ordinance: Baseline Statistical Report](#)

Additional Data Sources

King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office Gun Violence Data

<https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/pao/about-king-county/about-pao/data-reports/gun-violence-data>

Washington State Department of Commerce Firearm Data Dashboard

https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/ofsvp.community.safety/viz/2025InjuryDashboard_Final1/InjuryDashboard

Everytown For Gun Safety EveryShot

https://everytownresearch.org/labs/everyshot/?zoom=-8.0&lat=36.68612&lng=-103.38847&compare=main&view=map&lview=incident&incident=&city1=&city2=&state1=&state2=&compt=1*January*2025_9*April*2025



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