

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	RADAR (Risk Awareness, De-escalation, and Referral)		
DEPARTMENT:	Shoreline Police Department		
PRESENTED BY:	Chief Shawn Ledford Captain Scott Strathy		
ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

It is the goal of the Shoreline Police Department to reduce the frequency of use of force incidents. The Shoreline community must be made aware that their police department is making every effort to increase understanding between the police and members of the community that may be at a higher risk to be involved in a violent event or may unknowingly react in a threatening manner due to diminished capacity or developmental disability. Frontloading cooperative and voluntary relationships with these individuals and their circles of support will go a long way towards achieving this goal.

The "Risk Awareness, De-escalation and Referral" (RADAR) concept is intended to change the way that police agencies do business. The RADAR concept operates beyond traditional police functions to embrace community caretaking and procedural justice. Officers focus resources on specific individuals with a history of violence, including violence related to substance abuse, dangerous mental conditions, or developmental disability. Through the establishment of voluntary, positive and cooperative relationships with these higher risk individuals and their circle of support ("COS"), RADAR breaks the chain of misunderstanding and escalation that often is a catalyst for use of force incidents. The RADAR concept systematically promotes community outreach, the development of *individualized* de-escalation strategies, the sharing of those strategies with other officers, and the use of those strategies to prevent violent events.

Staff is proposing a well-researched and heavily evaluated pilot program in the City of Shoreline to verify the positive impact of RADAR on citizen safety, officer safety, crime prevention, and supported re-entry of higher risk individuals. Tonight will be an opportunity for the Council to discuss this recommendation, ask questions, and provide policy direction on the proposed program.

The King County Prosecutor's Office, King County Sheriff Office (KCSO) Chief Deputy Kirkpatrick and Captain Strathy, met with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) a slightly more than a month ago and discussed the RADAR initiative. They have

requested a voice in policy development and the KCSO has agreed that it is appropriate to have their concerns (unspecified at this point) considered as the process moves forward. The KCSO will be meeting with them again in the not too distant future.

Other next steps in the process include:

- Obtain grant funding from US Department of Justice. (The pilot program has recently been selected to move on to the final phase of examination for the grant.)
- Establish policies to achieve outreach and planning goals, while at the same time respecting the privacy rights of citizens
- Launch Pilot Program in early October 2013, to run through December of 2014.

RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Implementation of the RADAR effort will have no impact upon the resources or budget of the Shoreline Police Department or the City of Shoreline. Existing police resources will be performing both community outreach and RADAR planning. The Shoreline Police Department has requested funding through a federal grant for assistance in developing our information sharing system and a part time, limited term pilot project manager.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required at this time. This is a discussion to inform the City Council of the efforts taken by the Shoreline Police Department to reduce the frequency of police use of force and the RADAR program.

Approved By: City Manager **JU** City Attorney **IS**