

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<p>AGENDA TITLE: Update on 2003 Crime Statistics (SEA Report) DEPARTMENT: Police PRESENTED BY: Chief Tony Burt</p>

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

The 2003 Service Efforts and Accomplishments (SEA) report included several crime categories that had significant spikes in total number of occurrences. They included Auto Thefts, Thefts (larceny), Thefts from Auto (car prowls) and Burglaries.

In addition, there was a slight increase in the response time to Priority X calls (life threatening situations).

Council had requested an update on that report.

A review of the crime statistics was conducted and the numbers verified. In addition, a snapshot of "where we are today" comparing the first half of 2004 with 2003 was completed.

Background:

In 2003, there were four crime categories that had fairly significant increases in total number of occurrences:

Burglary: There were 324 reported. The average number is 281.

Thefts: There were 1544 reported. The average number is 1262.

Car Prowls: There were 841 reported. The average number is 497.

Auto Thefts: There were 325 reported. The average number is 225.

Where are we today?

Burglary: We continue to see increases in the number of both residential and commercial burglaries. (See Attachment "A".) Our 2004 numbers (through July) show we are ahead of 2003 by a count of 234 to 193.

While cognizant of the need for vigilant patrol, we also recognize the importance of public education. An alarming number of our burglaries have occurred through unlocked doors and windows. We continue to work with our storefront officers, Block-Watch groups, and media outlets to educate our citizens and provide safety tips and recommendations so they may safeguard themselves.

Thefts/Car Prowls: We have seen a reduction in both overall thefts (larcenies) and car prowls (See Attachments "B" and "C"). Total thefts have declined from 958 to 922 (through July) and car prowls are down from 458 to 394.

Auto Thefts: This is another crime category that continues to rise. It's become a regional problem of epidemic proportions. Fully 50% of all auto thefts in the State of Washington occur in King County. We have seen our Shoreline auto thefts increase from 180 in 2003 to 206 in the first half of 2004. (See Attachment "D")

The department has been working with regional task forces, the King County Police Chiefs' Association, and prosecutors on strategies to curb this trend.

In addition, we continue to educate the public through our storefront publications, print/electronic media, and Block-Watch groups on techniques to safeguard citizens from auto theft.

Response Times: The department has reduced response times to Priority X, Priority 1, and Priority 2 calls. (See Attachment "E").

Traffic Accidents: While this was not a concern raised in the SEA report, it bears mentioning that the overall number of traffic accidents has declined in the first half of 2004. There were 592 accidents in 2003 and there have been 550 reported in 2004. (See Attachment "F").

The reduction of accidents and maintaining safe and friendly streets is a priority for the Shoreline Police Department and is consistent with Council Goal Number 2.

Conclusion:


While we have seen increases in some of our crime categories, the general level of crime in the City of Shoreline is quite low. As detailed in the 2003 SEA report, the City enjoys one of the lowest crime rates in the region. The police department will continue to pursue strategies that reduce crime and the fear of crime in the city.

RECOMMENDATION

No Council action is required or necessary. This report is for information/discussion purposes.

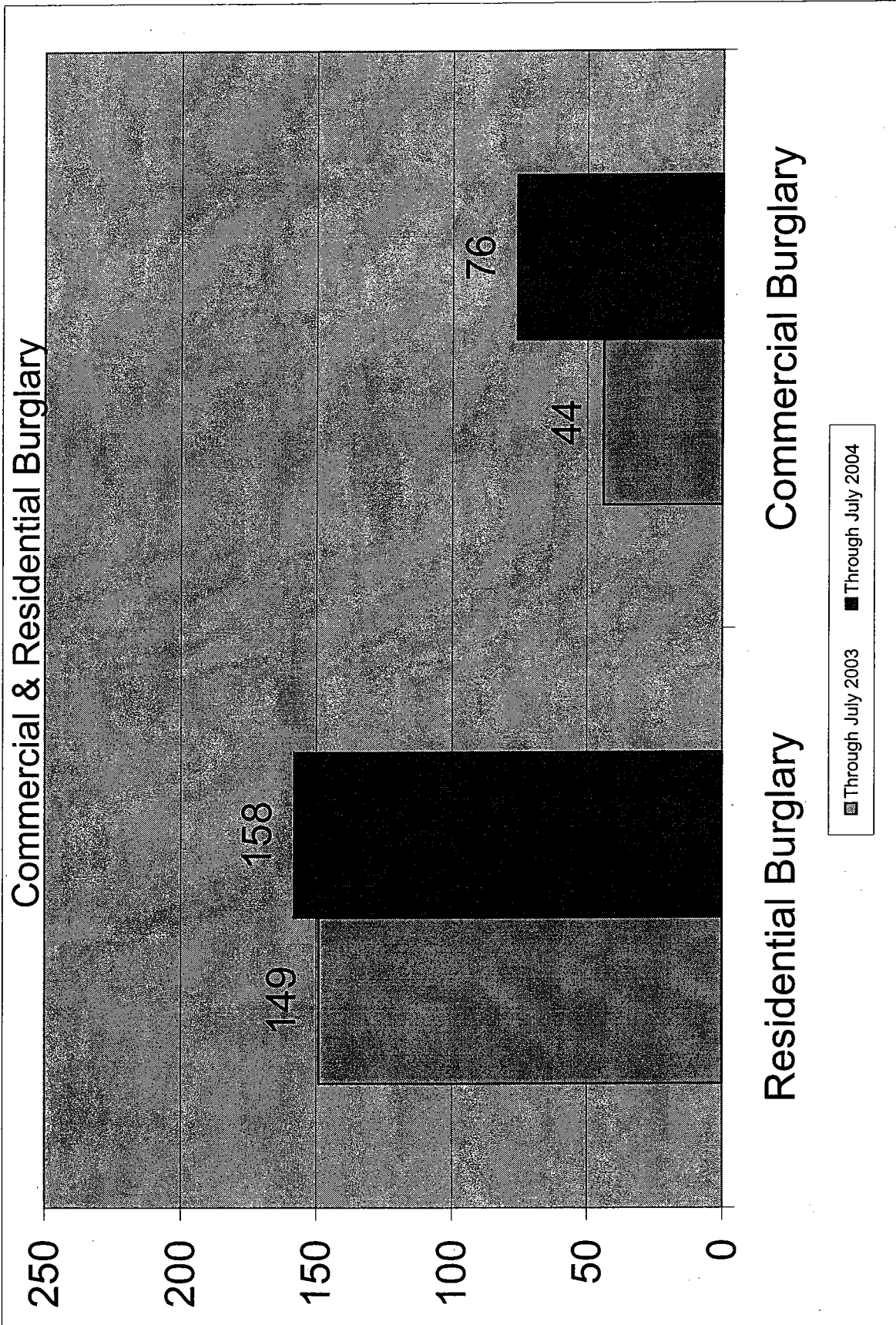
ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A: Residential and Commercial Burglaries
- Attachment B: Larcenies
- Attachment C: Thefts from Vehicles
- Attachment D: All Auto Thefts
- Attachment E: Response Times
- Attachment F: Traffic Accidents
- Attachment G: Sample Publication, Block Watch News
- Attachment H: May Staff Report

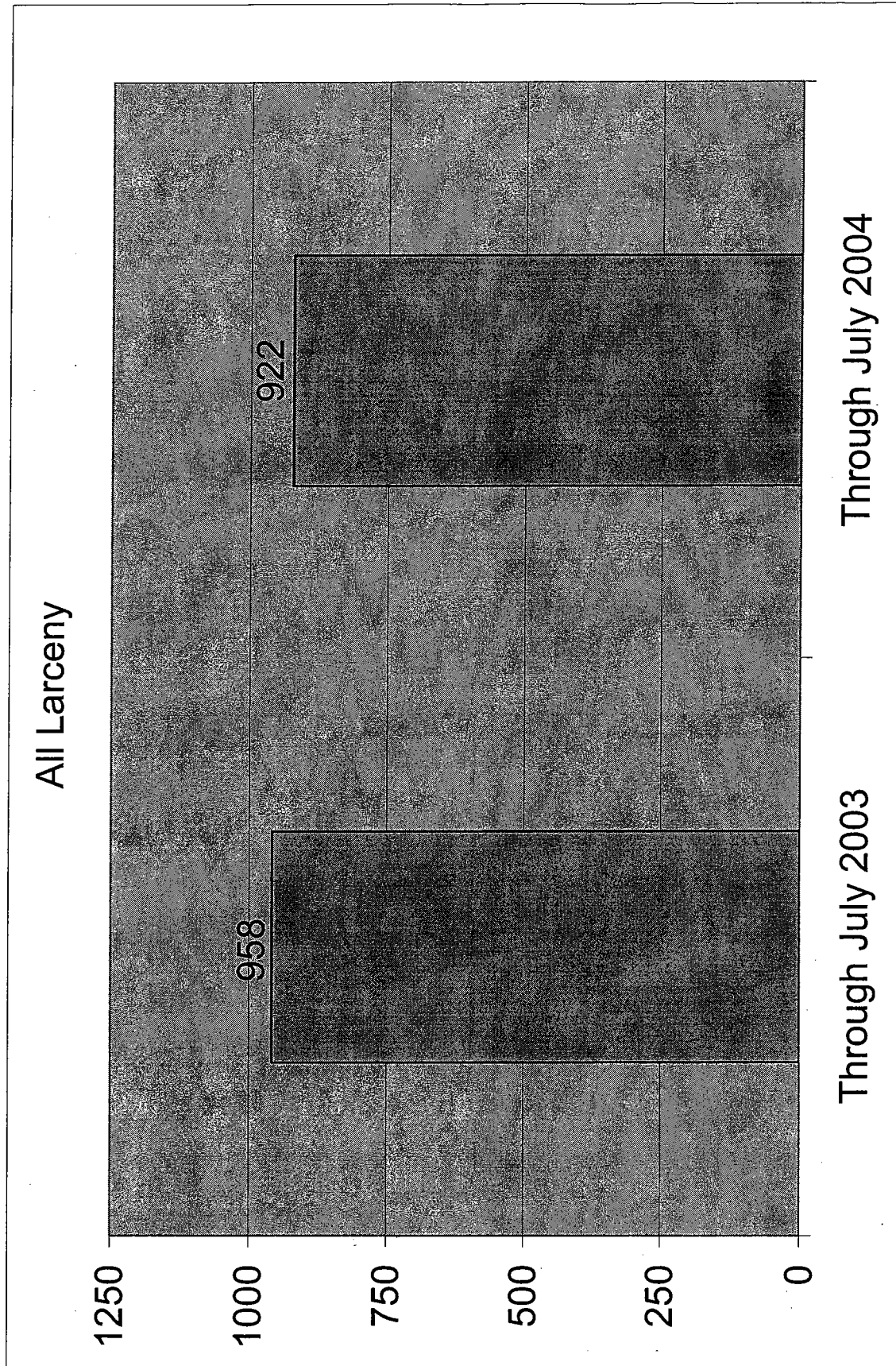
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Residential Burglary: Attempts / Non-forced Entry / Forced Entry
 Commercial Burglary: Attempts / Non-forced Entry / Forced Entry



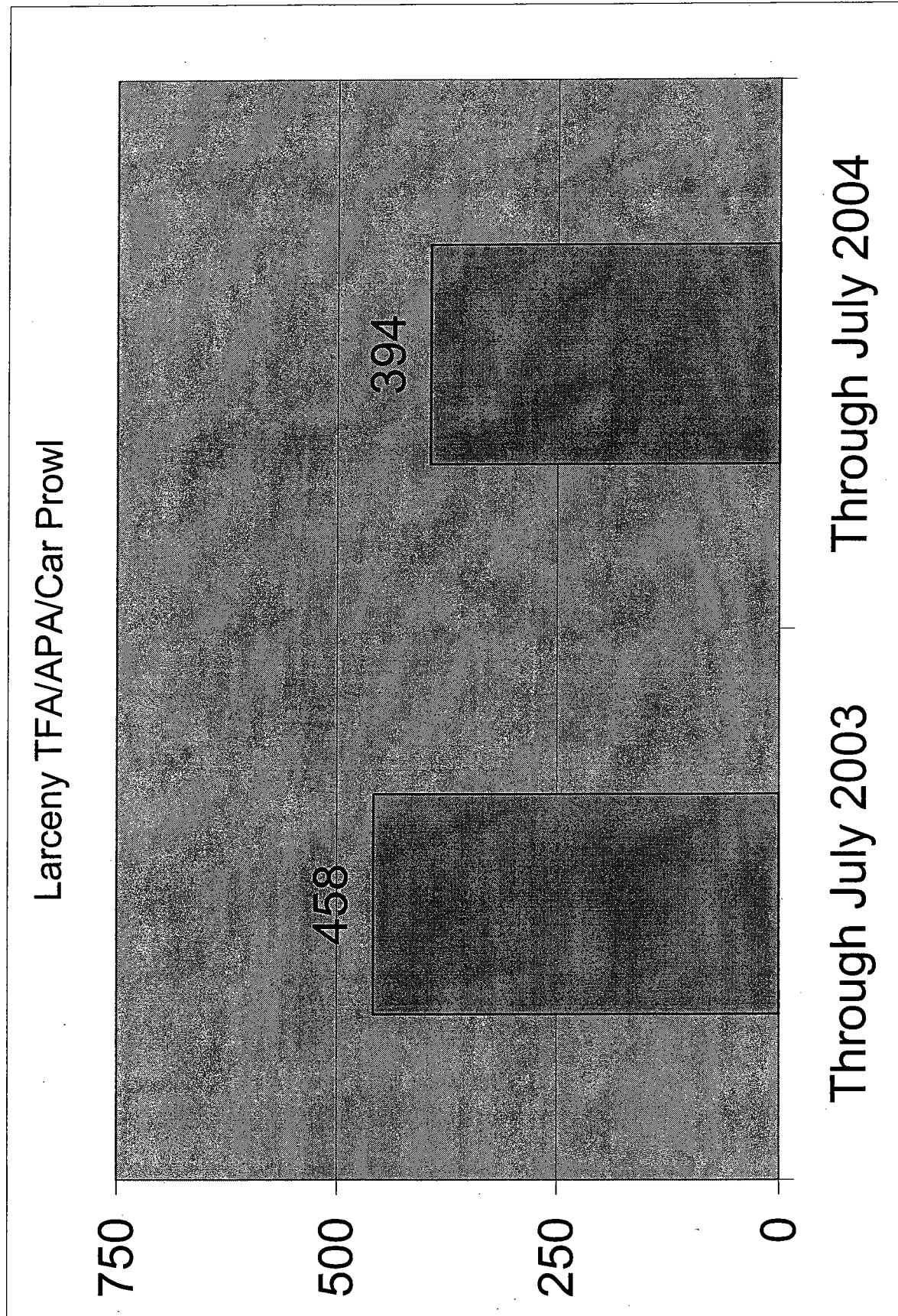
Thefts from: Vehicles / Coin Operated Machines / Buildings
and Thefts of/by: Auto Parts Accessories / Bicycles / Pick-Pocket / Shoplift /
No Specific Category (mail, fuel from gas station, etc.)



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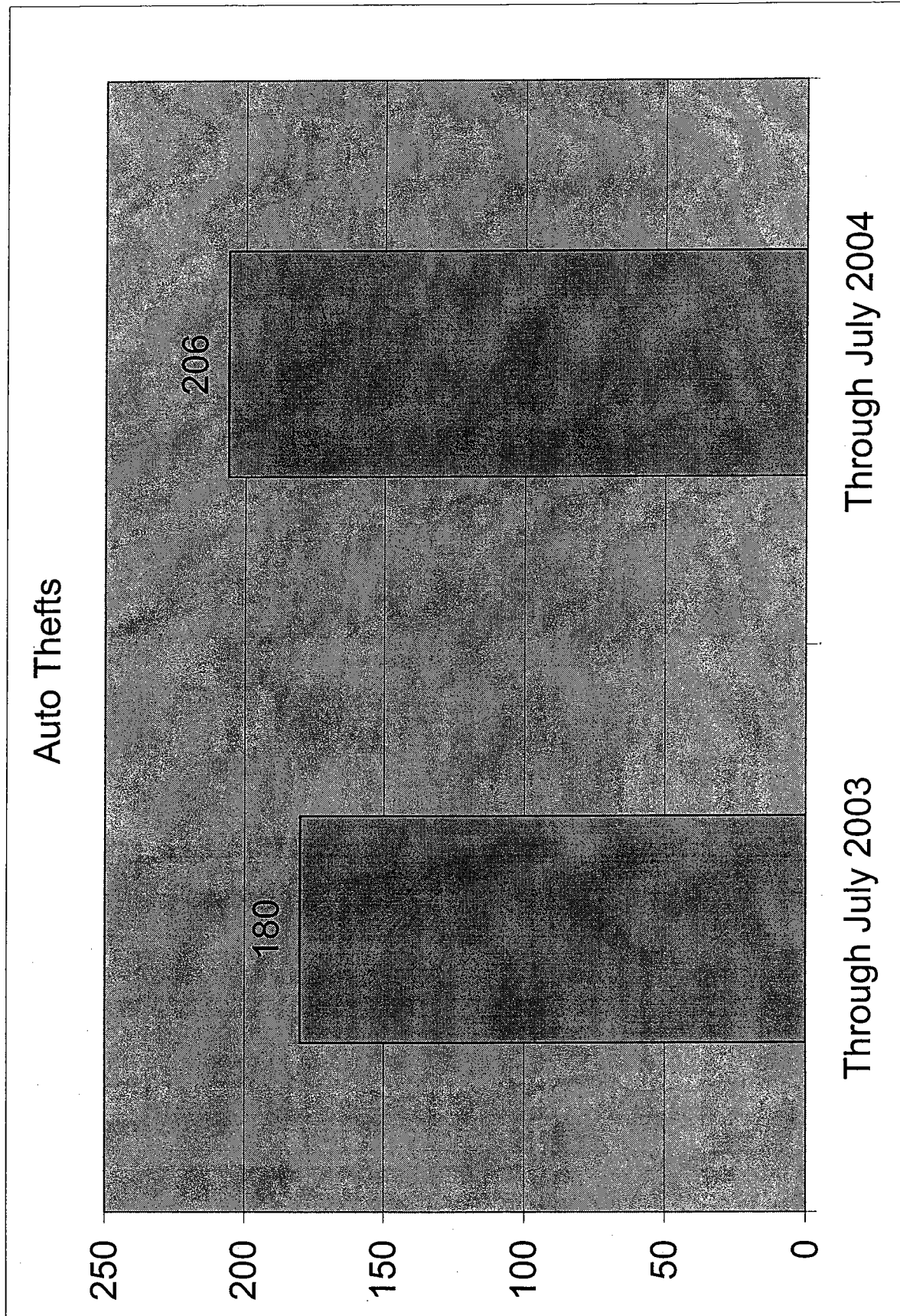
Attachment B

Thefts from vehicles; Thefts of auto parts and accessories; Vehicle prowls resulting in nothing stolen



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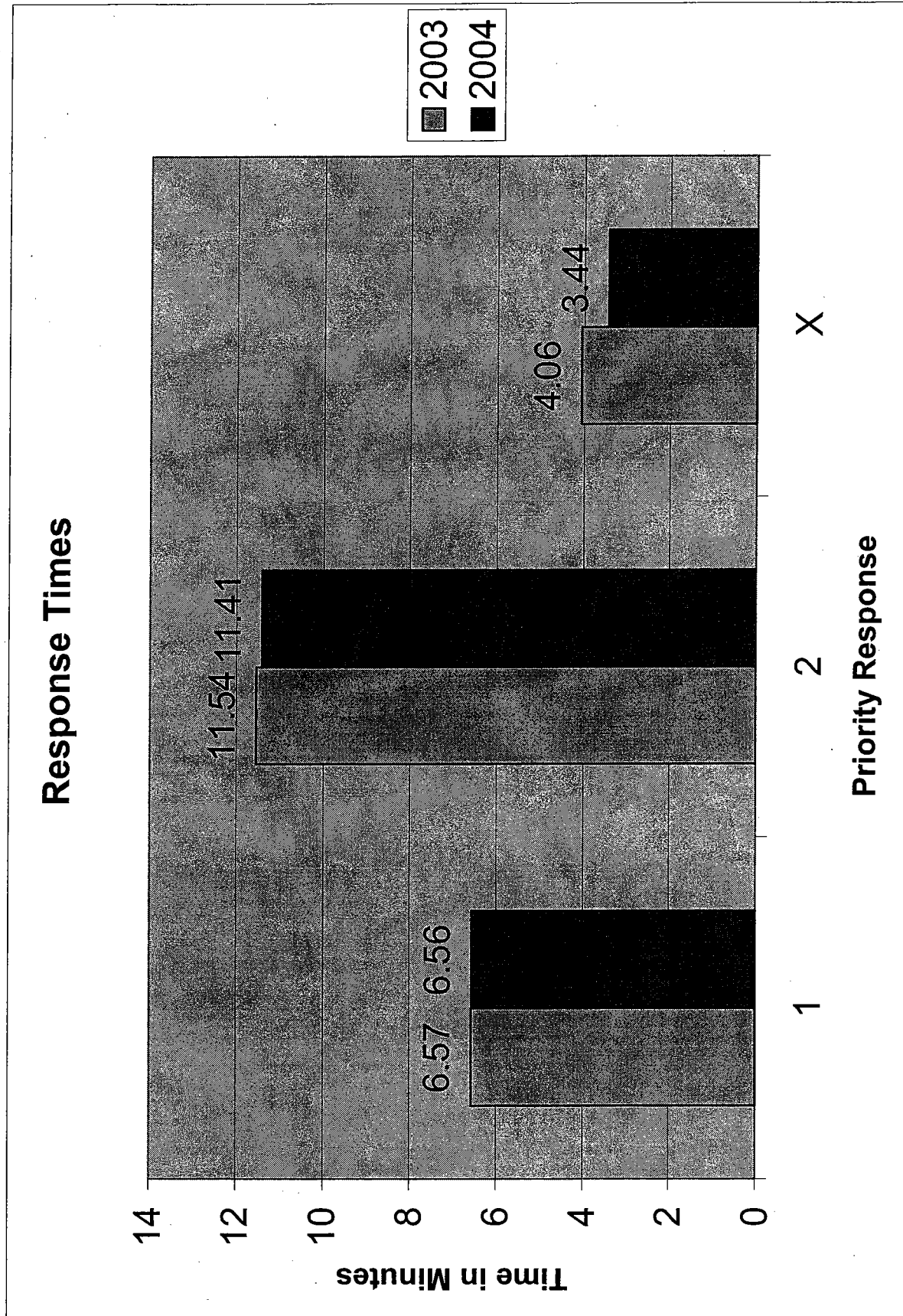
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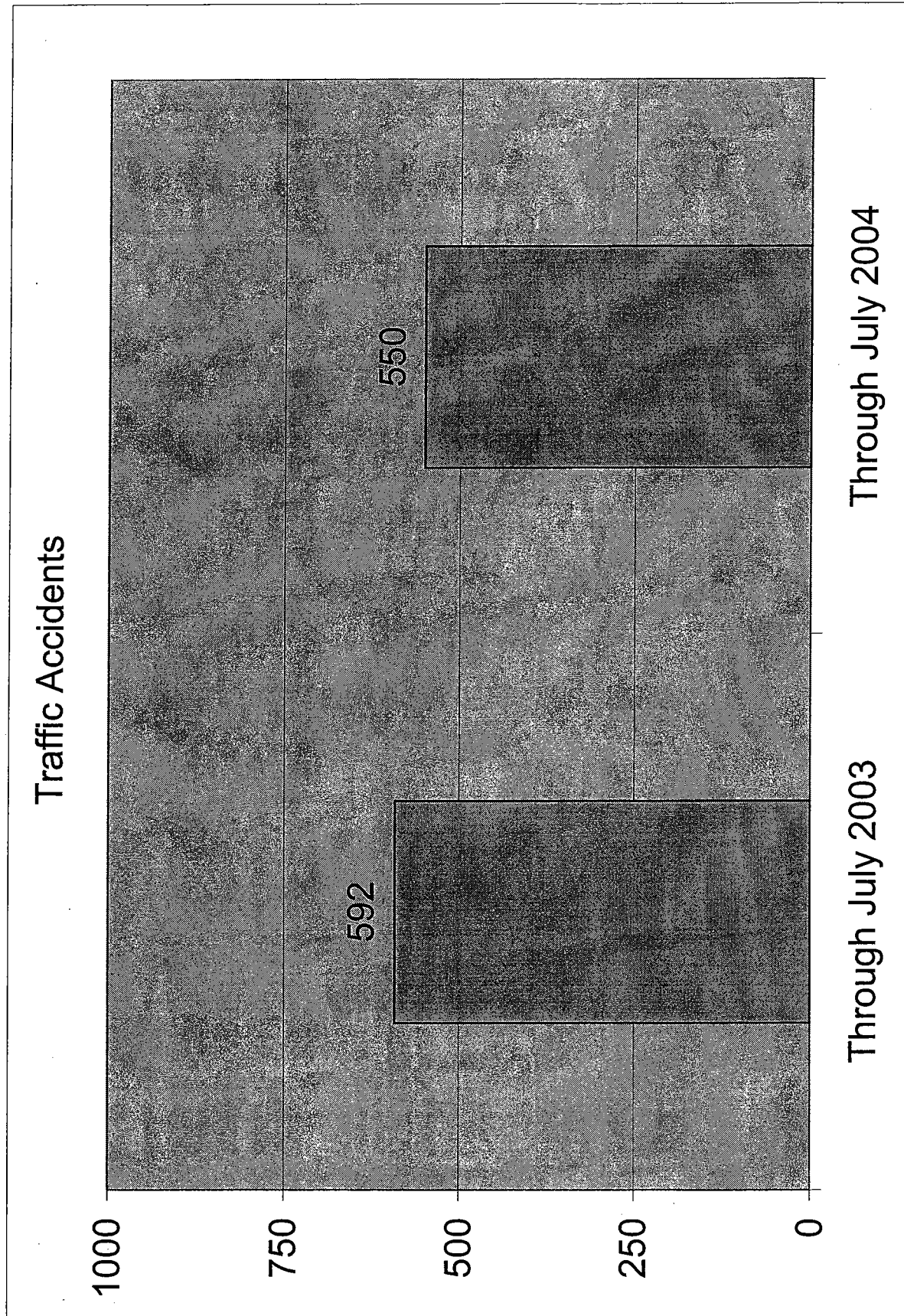
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2003 Year-end Response Times
vs. 2004 (through July only) Response Times



Traffic Accidents: Injury / Non-injury / Fatal / Hit Run - Occupied / Hit Run - Injury



Attachment F

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Shoreline Police BLOCK WATCH NEWS

Eastside and Westside Shoreline Police Neighborhood Centers
Citizens and Police, Working Together for A Safer Community

National Night Out 2004

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2004

Station Crew Takes Time For 'Night Out'

Communities participating in Night Out on Tuesday, August 3, will get a special greeting from the crew of the **International Space Station**.

"We're a long way from home," Expedition 9 Flight Engineer and NASA Science Officer Mike Fincke said, "Conducting the research that will pave the way for future exploration away from our planet, but we wanted to join you in reinforcing the spirit of community that National Night Out promotes," he added.



Expedition 9 Flight Engineer and NASA ISS Science Officer Mike Fincke and Commander Gennady Padalka onboard the International Space Station.

National Night Out, sponsored by the National Town Watch Association, is an event observed by millions across the country with neighborhood block parties, cookouts, visits by local law enforcement, and other activities. The objectives are to generate support for local anti-crime programs, heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, and strengthen neighborhood spirit and local police-community partnerships.

The video greeting from the Station will be on the NASA TV Video File daily beginning Friday, July 30, airing at noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. EDT. NASA TV is available in the continental United States on AMC-6, at 72 degrees west longitude, Transponder 9, 3880 MHz, vertical polarization, audio at 6.8 MHz. In Alaska or Hawaii, NASA TV can now be seen on AMC-7, at 137 degrees west longitude, Transponder 18, at 4060 MHz, vertical polarization, audio at 6.8 MHz.

The crew's greeting also is available on the Internet in two different video formats. Log onto www.nationalnightout.org to see the crew's greeting.

Although few areas will have an opportunity to see the station on this year's National Night Out, almost every month the orbiting complex is easily visible on a number of evenings or early mornings as it flies above many cities. To find out when the Station will next be visible in your area, visit:

<http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/realdata/sightings/index.html>

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE KING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



SHORELINE POLICE MAKE ARRESTS IN RICHMOND BEACH CAR PROWLs

by Paul Scoles, Volunteer Crime Analyst

In three separate and seemingly unrelated cases, Shoreline Police have arrested several suspects in car prowling incidents. In the early morning hours on July 8th, Shoreline officers were alerted by Seattle Police about a red Mustang headed to Richmond Beach to commit vehicle prowls. Shoreline officers spotted and stopped this vehicle in Richmond Beach and arrested four individuals (three were juveniles) for, among other things, possession of a stolen handgun.

On July 13th in the early morning hours, several witnesses called 911 to report a car prowling in progress in the 1400 block of NW Richmond Beach Road. Although the prowler ran off before police arrived, the victims provided officers with a description. Dispatch broadcast the description, and about two hours later another officer spotted and arrested the suspect in the 500 block of NE 205th. Inside a bag the suspect was carrying, were various stolen items including numerous pieces of mail.

Early July 23rd, officers were called to the home of two car prowling victims in the 1200 block of NW 202nd St. A CD player was taken from one unlocked vehicle, while a pair of speakers was stolen from a 2nd unlocked vehicle. A short time later Edmonds Police arrested a group of juveniles in another matter and in their possession were the stolen CD player and speakers.

Citizens can minimize their chances of becoming a victim of car prowling by observing the following basic crime prevention tips:

- *Always lock your car.*
- *Completely close all windows.*
- *Don't leave valuables of any kind in plain sight.*

It's important to follow these tips, even when making a quick visit to the store. Car prowlers have been known to work store parking lots, watching for their chance to steal items of value.

For further information on crime prevention and Blockwatch programs contact one of our Neighborhood Storefront Offices listed on the back page.

MORE TIPS TO PREVENT AUTO THEFT AND CAR PROWLs

Auto theft is a widespread crime that affects the whole community. Higher insurance rates, property damage and injuries and loss of life from accidents are the results. It's a billion dollar a year crime. You can reduce the risk of theft of your unattended car, parts or contents by observing certain precautions.

- *Secure valuables and don't leave them in plain view: Never leave purses, backpacks, checkbooks, credit cards, mail or other valuable items in your car.*
- *Lock your car.*
- *Don't leave keys in the car: Keep car keys and house keys on separate rings. Never have an ID tag on your car key ring-thieves can easily locate your car.*
- *Never hide an extra car key under the hood or elsewhere on your car.*
- *Park in well-lit and busy areas: This is important for both your personal safety and the protection of your car and it's contents.*
- *While your registration, insurance card and driver's license are required by law to be presented to police during traffic stops or accidents, it's best not to leave these documents in your car overnight.*
- *Mark your property: Criminals have also found it profitable to steal equipment and accessories. Engraving tools are available for sign-out at both your local libraries and your local Neighborhood Police Storefront stations (see below).*

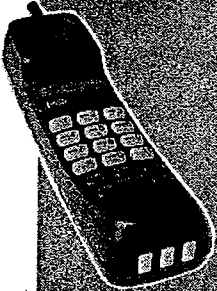
Neighborhood Blockwatches:

Get the help of your neighbors to watch and listen. Community members are the best "eyes and ears" we have. Communicate with one another so that if there is a problem you're all aware of it. For more information on Crime Prevention call one of the Neighborhood Storefront offices listed on the back page.



**IMPORTANT
TELEPHONE
NUMBERS**

In an
Emergency,
CALL 911



Police
Non-Emergency
(206) 296-3311

Shoreline Police
Precinct
1206 N 185 St
(206) 546-6730

Police West Side
Neighborhood
Center
624 NW Richmond
Beach Rd
(206) 546-3636

Police East Side
Neighborhood
Center
521 NE 165 St
(206) 363-8424

GOING ON VACATION?

Everyone looks forward to taking vacations. Unfortunately, this can be an opportune time for a burglar to strike, especially if there are "telltale" signs your home is unoccupied. Whether you're gone for a day or a couple weeks, take the following precautions:

- *Check all doors and windows to make certain they are securely locked. If any locks need to be replaced or reinforced, make these improvements before you leave.*
- *Use automatic timers on interior lights. A timer can also be used on a portable radio.*
- *Use photo electric cells (which screw into the light socket) on exterior lights. These devices will automatically turn lights on/off depending on the level of darkness.*
- *Make sure items such as children's toys, ladders, lawn furniture etc. are put away.*
- *A trusted neighbor or friend should be informed of your vacation plans, when you're leaving and your expected return date.*
- *A trusted neighbor or friend can be given a key to your home so that the position of curtains, drapes or blinds can be changed. Also ask that newspapers, mail be picked up or stopped.*
- *Inform trusted neighbors on all four sides when you'll be gone so that they can help to watch your home. Be selective in announcing your plans.*
- *If you have an alarm system, make sure it's activated when you leave. Leave an alternate alarm code with a trusted neighbor or friend and show them how it operates.*

Call one of the Shoreline Police Neighborhood Storefronts or the Main Precinct to sign up for the Vacation House Check Program.

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Council Meeting Date: May 17, 2004

Agenda Item: 6(a)

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Annual Police Service Efforts and Accomplishments Report
DEPARTMENT: Police
PRESENTED BY: Chief Denise Turner

EXECUTIVE / COUNCIL SUMMARY

The 2003 Service Efforts and Accomplishments Report (SEA) is the fourth annual police report presented to Council. The report combines statistical crime data, clearance rates with analysis and interpretation. The overall purpose of this report is to provide a scorecard of the wellness of public safety services in the City.

The report blends crime trend and workload data for the past five years, when available. It also examines citizens' satisfaction with police, perceptions of safety in the community and issues of citizen concern. A recap of the 2003 problem solving projects has been included. These projects were designed to address community concerns from the previous citizen satisfaction surveys.

Report Highlights:

- The SEA report is structured into Goals and Objective sections. There are two primary goals of the Shoreline Police and they are:
 - *To reduce crime and the fear of crime*
 - *To provide high quality, cost effective and accountable services to the City of Shoreline*
- Each goal has a number of objectives listed in succession of the goal. All objectives are designed to accomplish the goal. The objectives are a combination of workload, problem solving efforts, statistical analysis and citizen input. These data become our benchmark to compare ourselves over a period of time and thus measures our performance in the delivery of police services.

The overall scorecard remains favorable for Shoreline. The Part 1 Crime Rate- rose slightly in 2003 to 44.5 per 1,000 residents. This rise was primarily due to increased property crimes such as auto prowls, larcenies, (thefts) and auto thefts.

Emergency response times to critical calls averaged 4:06 minutes, which continues to exceed Council's benchmark of 5 minutes. According to both the 2004 City survey and prior police surveys, residents continue to feel safe in their

neighborhoods and are satisfied with police services. 81% of residents surveyed in 2004 rated overall satisfaction and quality of police services at very satisfied or somewhat satisfied. 79% of residents were very satisfied/somewhat satisfied with the quality of local police protection and 69% were very/somewhat satisfied with our efforts to prevent crime. .

Shoreline's officer per thousand rate combined with support services from the King County Sheriff's Office provide for excellent coverage of calls for service and allow time for problem solving/proactive activities. Comparing to benchmark cities, Shoreline continues to have a lower crime rate than many cities we benchmark to and one of the lowest officer per thousand rates. The cost per capita for police services in 2003 was approximately \$123.69, which represents the Interlocal Agreement costs only. The cost per capita is significantly well below the benchmark cities.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required. This report is for review and discussion.

Approved By: City Manager ____ City Attorney ____

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS

Report highlights are as follows:

The Crime Rate or Part I Crime Rate is defined as a category of crimes established by the FBI, which consists of murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Shoreline's year 2003 Crime Rate was **44.5**, per 1,000 residents, **an increase of 8.1 from 2002**. This increase was primarily due to auto prowls, auto thefts, and larcenies.

Shoreline's response time to critical 911 calls (Priority X) was **4:06 minutes**. This was an increase of about one minute from 2002. Response times to Priority 1 calls were 6.57 minutes as compared to 6.04 minutes in 2002, and to Priority 2 calls the average was 11.54 minutes. The response times remained somewhat consistent over the past three years.

Dispatched calls for service (DCFS) were up slightly to 13,548. The average is approximately 13,500 calls per year. The total Self-initiated details, proactive & problem solving efforts were also up to 15,456 versus the 2002 total of 13,186. Of the 29,004 contacts, police received only 11 citizen complaints, which equates to 0.38 complaints per 1,000 contacts.

Several problem-solving projects were started or continued in 2003 to address citizen concerns, to reduce criminal activity and to create a more efficient and effective workforce. The projects were: school traffic safety program, false alarm reduction program, hotel/motel trespass, city and school emergency response preparation, and increased Blockwatch participation.

6,388 traffic related citations were issued in 2003. The reportable accident rate increased from 589 accidents in 2002 to 607 accidents in 2003.

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The 1998 citizen survey revealed that police could improve by providing follow up and communicating more with victims and the community. A Victim Call Back program was initiated and is handled by detectives and volunteers.

In examining the total number of crimes per category, the highest rates of incident are as follows:

Crime Type	Total Incidents in 2003
Larceny (theft) -\$250	898
Larceny +\$250	646
Vandalism	475
Auto Theft	319
Forgery/Fraud	315
Assault 4 th degree	217 (127 are domestic violence related)
Family/Juvenile Disturbance	235
Residential Burglary	223
Driving Under the Influence	175

*Data obtained from the 2003 Annual Report for the City of Shoreline, prepared by the King County Sheriff's Office Research, Planning and Information Services Unit.

SUMMARY

The overall public safety health of Shoreline is excellent. In the fall of 2004 a third police services specific citizen survey will be conducted. Those survey results will be compared against the baseline survey from 1998 and 2001. Based on the findings, strategic initiatives will be developed to address citizens concerns. Those initiatives will become part of the work program for Shoreline Police in 2004 and beyond. The citizen survey conducted by the City in 2004 did result in very favorable results regarding the overall quality and satisfaction with police services and traffic enforcement. Police will continue to generate crime prevention programs so our partners in crime prevention, the community, will work hand in hand to prevent crime.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required. This report is for review and discussion.

ATTACHMENTS

A City of Shoreline 2003 Service Accomplishments and Efforts Report