

Community Forum

City of Marysville Criminal Justice Tax Proposal



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Criminal Justice Tax Proposal

Background

Appears as City of Marysville Proposition 1
on the August 2 Primary Election Ballot

Proposal for a one-tenth percent increase
in Sales Tax

Estimated to generate \$750,000 annually
to be used for Public Safety



How funds are distributed and who pays them

Per state law, 85% of funds would stay in Marysville and 15% would be allocated to the County

Funds staying in Marysville will be used solely for the purpose of Public Safety

Sales taxes are paid by everyone who shops in Marysville, not only residents



Why the tax is needed

Public Safety is a top priority

Population growth estimated at approximately 88,000 by 2035

Increased police presence is critical for continued efforts in proactively reducing crime and responding to incidents



How the funds will be used

Hire 1 full
time
Sergeant

Hire 4 full
time Police
Officers

Current state of Public Safety

Currently seeing reduction in crime throughout city due to proactive policing practices

Special task forces have been able to make noticeable impacts through focused efforts

Crimes such as theft, burglaries, robberies, vehicle thefts and vehicle prowls are down between 10 and 42%

When taking theft out of the equation, overall crime stats are down 22.26% from 2013 to 2015

N.I.T.E. Team

Served over 430
search warrants

Recovered 98
stolen vehicles

750 warrant
arrests

Removed 159
guns "off the
street"

850 felony
arrests

Collaborates
with
neighborhoods,
code
enforcement &
crime watch

5 officers focusing their operations on concerns associated with drugs, guns or career criminals to improve quality of life in neighborhoods

Regional Property Crimes Unit

Unit formed
in January of
2015

Recovered
over
\$295,000 in
stolen
property

Made 258
arrests

Served 33
search
warrants

Charged 408
crimes

3 Officers from Marysville and 3 Officers from neighboring jurisdictions aggressively investigating crimes and individuals associated with trafficking and possession of stolen property

Stay Out of Drugs Area (SODA)

Established in
2012

Enforced by
Patrol, Bike
Patrol, NITE
Team & City
Departments

SODA specific
laws and area
penalty
enhancements

Crime down
49.5% from
2013 to early
2016

Operation Northern Lights

Invested 1623
hours of
concentrated
police presence
in area

Made 21 arrests

Trespassed 10
individuals

Responded to
671 calls for
service

Took 133 case
reports

30% decrease in
activity in this
area since
March of 2015

A long term policing project to improve neighborhood livability and quality of life for residents and shoppers near the Lakewood area

Operation Southern Comfort

Area is a newer focus, which continues to be a challenging area

Showing a 32% decrease in activity from May 2016 to now

Current year-to-date statistics up 2.05% in activity

Focus on illegal camping, aggressive panhandling and illegal substances

A long term policing project near the waterfront in the downtown area and is a subarea with the SODA area

Other Community Resources

Marysville
Volunteer Police

Neighborhood
Watch and
Business Watch
programs

Social media,
website Ask a
Cop, Organized
Retail Crime
monthly
meetings

Community
outreach

Overview of current work load

Year	Calls for Service	Case Reports	# of Sworn Officers	Population Estimate
2009	56,125	6,873	53	*
2010	65,221	8,087	58	60,020
2013	71,816	9,310	55	63,302
2014	73,952	10,603	60	65,116
2015	67,962	*	61	66,773
2016	*	*	64, 3 SRO's added	*

*Information unavailable. A new system was launched in 2015 for tracking calls for service and case reports. Population estimates are based on 2010 US Census and 2013-2015 population estimate by the US Census.



Workload comparison to other agencies

Agency	Calls for Service	# of Officers	Calls per Officer
Snohomish County Sheriffs Office	709,473	846	839
Everett Police Department	180,291	199	906
Lynnwood Police Department	47,617	69	690
Marysville Police Department	73,952	60	1232

Data demonstrates that Marysville Officers are busier than the three other leading agencies in the county. Data based on 2014 numbers.



Proactive Policing Time

2013 – 34%

2014 – 29%

2015 – unable to determine

As population grows, ability to proactively police likely decreases

Police Department Area of Emphasis

Illegal camping throughout, City 15 to 20 locations citywide

Aggressive Panhandling

Neighborhood livability throughout the City

35 active Neighborhood Watch programs

Business districts – Operations Northern Lights and Southern Comfort

Partnership with Schools – addition of 3 SRO's

Daily emergency calls for service



Benefits of 5 New Police Officers

Permanent sergeant overseeing Regional Property Crimes Unit

1 officer added to each of the 4 main Patrol squads

Additional emergency responders 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Ensure fiscal and sustainable responsibility

Spread the enormous workload to 4 additional patrol officers

Increases traffic safety enforcement

Improves call response times

Increases proactive policing practices

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

