SAFETY AND SECURITY SERVICE PROGRAM

The following data and information is provided to the City of Bellingham, WA for tracking purposes. The information contained in this report is for activities reported from April, 2022-January, 2023. The data and information is obtained from Ambassadors conducting patrols and entered in Tracktik.

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General Comments

Second Quarter 2022

05/19 Responded to a call from Little Cheerful about a woman stripping in front of the business and urinating/defecating on the wall. Upon arrival, we immediately called MCOT. MCOT took an hour and 20 minutes to arrive on scene so we spent that time keeping her from setting up her bed in the middle of Holly Street. The woman in question was actively suicidal and MCOT was eventually able to get her to the psych ward of the local hospital. Spent 3.5 hours on this call, making sure passersby were safe, as well as the woman in question.

05/25 During Wine Walk, Supervisor Hugo gave three different groups directions to spots on the Wine Walk. Offered to walk them to the destinations. Also gave out several resource cards to Wine Walk participants as well as patrons.

06/01 Protest outside local business. DBP Ambassador Rowan Powell showed exemplary skills in de-escalation and diffusing of a protest situation outside of local business putting on LGBTQ+ event. On two different occasions during the event Rowan was able to get both sides of the protest to calm down and not escalate into anything more than much of a yelling match. Rowan kept a cool, calm demeanor and successfully ratified the situation.

Lauren McGrath is receiving the Ambassador of the Year award for her stellar communication as a team lead, her exemplary bedside manner, and her neverending compassion. Lauren has been instrumental in the growth of the ambassador program and we greatly appreciate her service.

Ambassadors Lauren McGrath and Rowan Powell sitting in at the State St Block Party, distributing information about the ambassador program, as well as upcoming event information.
General Comments

Third Quarter 2022

07/23 DBP ambassadors came across two adult men dumping out a back pack and going through the contents of it. When ambassadors approached the men left, leaving an I.D. and keys to a vehicle. When contacting police to return the key and I.D., ambassadors were informed that the persons whose I.D. and keys it was had just had their vehicle stolen from the Commercial Street Garage. The ambassadors along with the BPD were able to get the individual their I.D. and Keys back.

08/07 DBP ambassadors arrived on scene to find windows of a local business who was being protested smashed and store somewhat ransacked. Reported to police and waited till facilities could come and board up windows. Ambassadors stayed to help clean up.

08/13 DBP ambassadors responded to an individual down on local beach who was shaking. Individual was having a diabetic issue 911 was called and an ambulance showed up.

08/18 DBP ambassadors responded to several calls of a naked individual in a public area and then in a local business. With the help of RSU officers we were able to get individual out of the Crown Plaza Building and wrangle them until BPD Officers showed up and took the individual into custody.

09/15 DBP ambassadors worked with an individual and their case manager to get the word out to them that they had been allowed back in at basecamp. DBP ambassadors were able to contact individual and give them the good news.

09/24 DBP ambassadors attended the State Street block party and manned a table giving out information about the program, resource cards, and informational maps about Bellingham/Whatcom County. Rowan, Aidan, and Lauren were the three to take turns sitting at the table for a few hours each.

09/24 DBP ambassadors responded to a call about intoxicated individuals illegally fishing. Ambassadors responded to the scene and talked with the individuals as they fished. Due to the individual’s unwillingness to talk and aggressive behavior towards the ambassador and other citizens, the ambassador called the non-emergency police line and had officers show up and take over the situation.

09/24 DBP ambassadors witnessed youth throw a 10lb weight off the top of the parking garage. The weight went through Locus awning. BPD responded and took over scene.
General Comments

Fourth Quarter 2022

10/05 DBP ambassadors responded to an individual walking around shirtless trying to get into people’s cars with them. This individual is normally not a big issue, the ambassadors have a good relationship with them. After speaking with the individual, it was determined that they might be in a mental crisis due to drugs. DBP ambassadors called H.O.T. and M.C.O.T. Both teams arrived on the scene and took over for the DBP ambassadors.

10/06 DBP Ambassadors did a business check. They told us about an individual who seemed very out of it and potentially shell-shocked. They also fit the description of someone we had received a call about earlier. Ambassadors ended up seeing them and checked in. They were trying to hide from an abuser. We talked with them for a while to try and see if they were in immediate danger. Ambassadors asked if they had reached out to DVSAS and they said they don’t like talking to people. Gave them a resource card called H.O.T.

10/13 DBP ambassador saw an individual in a wheelchair struggling to get up the hill so they offered to help out and push them up the hill to Frances Place. They were thankful for the help.