



City Council Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda

Public Safety Committee

This meeting will be conducted by telephone and online,
connection information will be posted on the City Website –

[Zoom Meeting Webinar](#)

Thursday, April 28th, 2022 5:00 PM

Police:

1. General Police Update
2. Legislative Update

Fire:

1. 2022 1st Quarter Report for North County Regional Fire Authority



**CITY OF STANWOOD
PUBLIC SAFETY COUNCIL COMMITTEE**

DATE: February 24, 2022 Meeting

SUBJECT: Public Safety Committee Agenda Discussion Items Overview

FROM: Rebecca Lewis, Chief of Police
John Cermak, Fire Chief

General Police Update

Chief Lewis will explain CompStat issues and discuss recommendations for future reports. According to our crime analyst, the county wide SNO911 systems upgrade has delayed accurate statistics for the CompStat report. She estimates the issue will be fixed by the end of the month.

Legislative Update

Discussion on police reform bills passed and not passed during the 2022 Legislative Session. The 2022 legislative actions that help clarify policies include:

- HB 1719 authorizes the use of less lethal munitions
- HB 1735 clarifies police to use force in civil and community caretaking situations
- HB 2037 defines “use of force” and provides for investigative detentions

The legislature did NOT pass SB 5919 despite bipartisan support and left a critical gap in police reform “fixes.” While all law enforcement leaders know pursuits are dangerous and undesirable, this gap has essentially given criminal a “get out of jail free card” if they flee in a vehicle.

2022 First Quarter report for North County Regional Fire Authority

Chief Cermak will present the 1st quarter report and discuss items as needed.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 13, 2022

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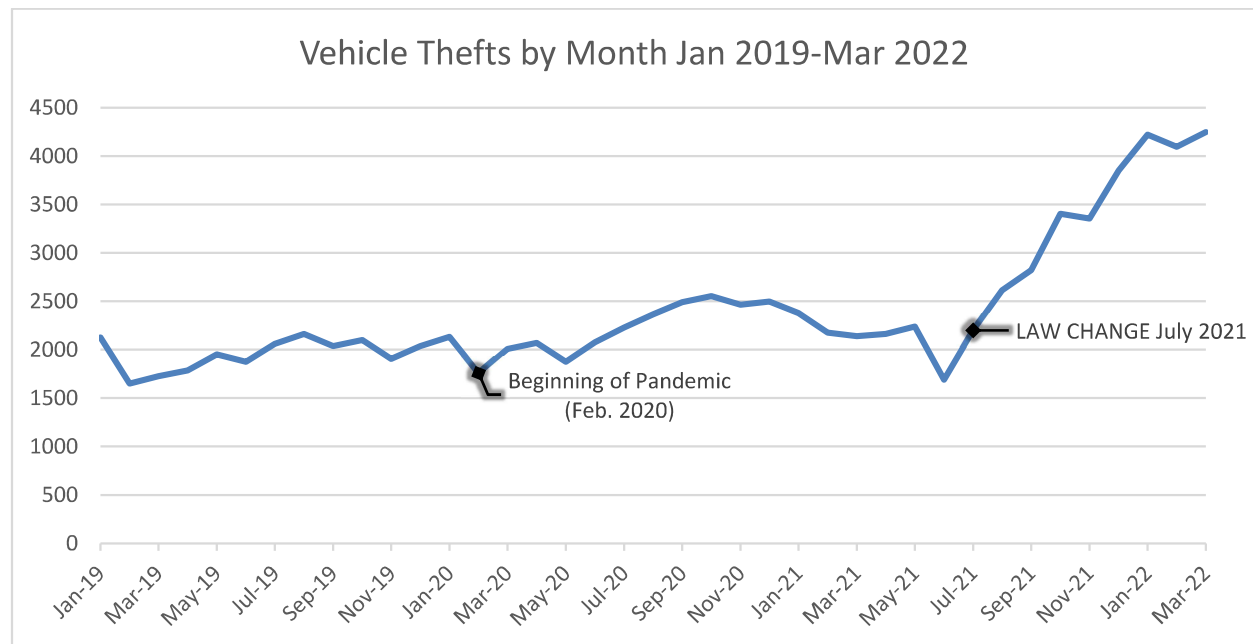
STATEWIDE VEHICLE THEFTS RISE AGAIN, INCREASE 88 PERCENT SINCE 2021

(Lacey, WA) – The Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs ([WASPC](#)) today noted vehicle theft data from the Washington State Patrol showing the [following](#):

- Vehicle thefts have increased **88 percent year-to-date for 2022 compared to 2021** through the end of March.
- Vehicle thefts have **increased 99 percent for March 2022 compared to March 2021**
- Vehicle thefts have **increased 93 percent since a number of new laws went into effect at the end of July 2021**

“The data show what our law enforcement and communities are seeing out there every day—the word is out and criminals know what they can do under our current laws,” said Strachan. “Each of these alarming numbers represent a victim, and victims of auto theft too often are those who can least afford it- with older cars with fewer anti-theft systems, with less insurance coverage, and with greater impacts on their lives.”

WASPC believes the failure of the legislature to give law enforcement the authority to allow even the perceived possibility of a pursuit has created an environment that is a significant cause of the increase.



Between February 2020, the start of the pandemic, and July 2021, auto thefts increased 25 percent. In July 2021 laws went into effect that placed blanket restrictions on the tools law enforcement could use to detain, pursue, and investigate suspects. Since the laws changed in 2021 vehicle thefts have increased 93 percent which WASPC believes is a direct result of the restrictions on investigating criminal activity.

“I have never seen criminals as emboldened as they are now,” said Steve Strachan, executive director. “Our mayors, law enforcement, and the community asked for help, and the legislature made the specific decision to continue to allow for brazen contempt for the law. No one wants more pursuits, which are inherently dangerous, but current law has created an atmosphere of flouting the law even on simple traffic stops. This is one example of a change in atmosphere that is, and will continue to be, unacceptable and dangerous to public safety. Fleeing in a vehicle should not be a get-out-of-jail-free card.”

In the 2022 Washington legislative session, several bills were passed to address the unintended consequences of some of the 2021 laws, but other needed changes were not made. There was bipartisan support for SB 5919 to provide for a balanced improvement for vehicle pursuits, and the bill passed both chambers by a large margin, but it did not pass on the last night of session.

There were 26,520 vehicles stolen in 2020, and 31,032 in 2021. If current trends hold, WASPC estimates that without additional tools to change the current environment of criminal behavior, 2022 would end with over 50,000 vehicles stolen this year in the State of Washington.

Links to stolen vehicle totals by months for each county can be found here [2021](#) and [2022](#). The Washington State Patrol compiles the data each month from law enforcement across the state.

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WASPC was founded in 1963 and represents executive and top management personnel from law enforcement agencies statewide. With more than 900 members it includes the 39 elected county sheriffs, and 240 police chiefs, as well as the Washington State Patrol, the Washington Department of Corrections, and representatives of several federal agencies.

FOR RELEASE
March 17, 2022

Statement attribution:
Steven D. Strachan, Executive Director

WASPC POST LEGISLATIVE SESSION STATEMENT

(Lacey, WA) --- The Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) thanks legislators for their follow up and necessary adjustments to the 2021 package of reform laws as well as the use of force definition provided by the legislature in the 2022 legislative session. We are however, disappointed and concerned that state law will continue to allow criminals to flee in vehicles without consequence. This intentional lack of action by the legislature will result in continued emboldened criminal behavior, increased crime, reduced public safety, and does not balance reform with attention to victims of crime.

The Washington Attorney General's [January 2022 opinion](#) made it very clear the legislature needed, at minimum, to provide clarity and a specific definition of use of force, which was accomplished during the 2022 session. WASPC appreciates the passage of legislation that clarify public policies and works to protect public safety. The 2022 legislative actions that help clarify policies, better serve communities and provide assistance for those who need it include:

- HB1719 authorizes the use of less lethal munitions
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For these bills, House and Senate members worked hard to find balanced and fair solutions to the unintended consequences of bills passed in 2021, and we are appreciative. Governor Inslee also deserves recognition for quickly signing the laws so they took effect immediately.

Unfortunately, another bipartisan supported measure (SB 5919) to change restrictions on pursuits to reasonable suspicion, rather than probable cause, of certain violent crimes and sex offenses, was not enacted. The legislature's decision to not pass SB 5919 leaves a critical gap in police reform "fixes".

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It is important to note that amendments to the police reforms of 2021 still hold law enforcement to the Duty of Reasonable Care under the law to both de-escalate and follow a duty to preserve and protect all human life. We are committed to the accountability measures that were part of these reforms, which have not changed.

WASPC and its members have long supported constructive, balanced reforms focused on principles that build trust, recognize the sanctity of life, and bring justice to victims of crime. Law enforcement need the appropriate tools to fight and prevent crime. WASPC will continue to work with legislators throughout the interim to find common ground to prepare for additional legislative action in the 2023 session. We have been consistent in recognizing the need for change, our active participation in it, and our willingness to work for thoughtful and productive reform.

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**CITY OF STANWOOD
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

ITEM NUMBER:

DATE:

April 28, 2022

SUBJECT:

2022 First Quarter Report, 2021 Annual Report

CONTACT PERSON:

John C Cermak, Fire Chief

ATTACHMENTS:

First Quarter Report 2022, 2021 Annual Report

ISSUE:

2022 First Quarter Report for North County Regional Fire Authority, 2021 Annual Report

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Please see attachment

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

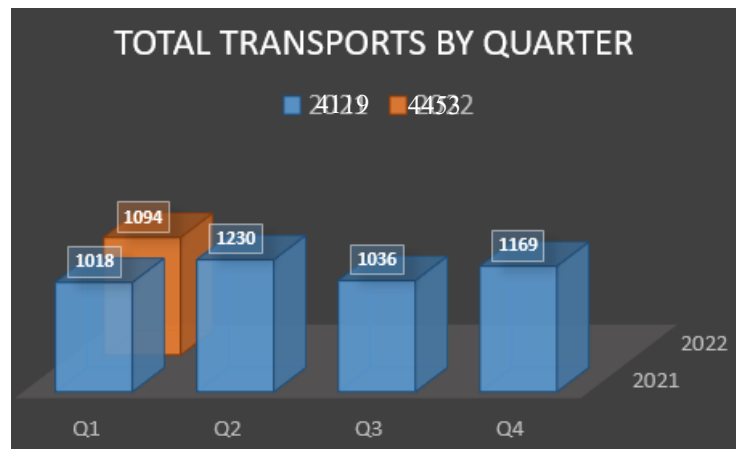
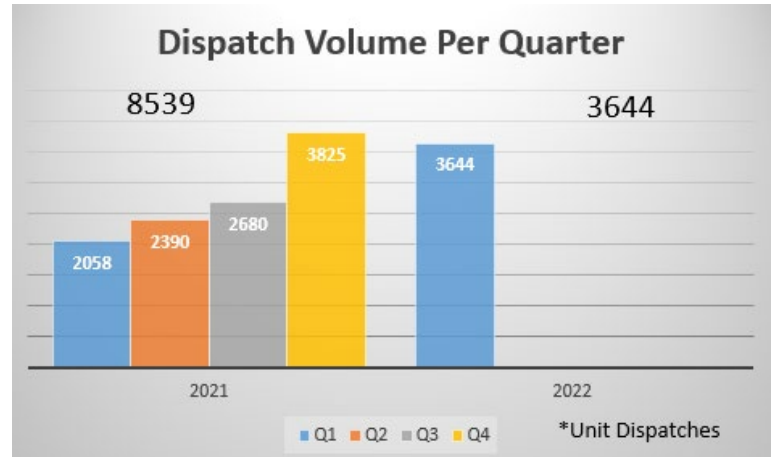


North County Fire & EMS

Operations First Quarter Report 2022 (January - March)

Major Activities and Accomplishments in Q1

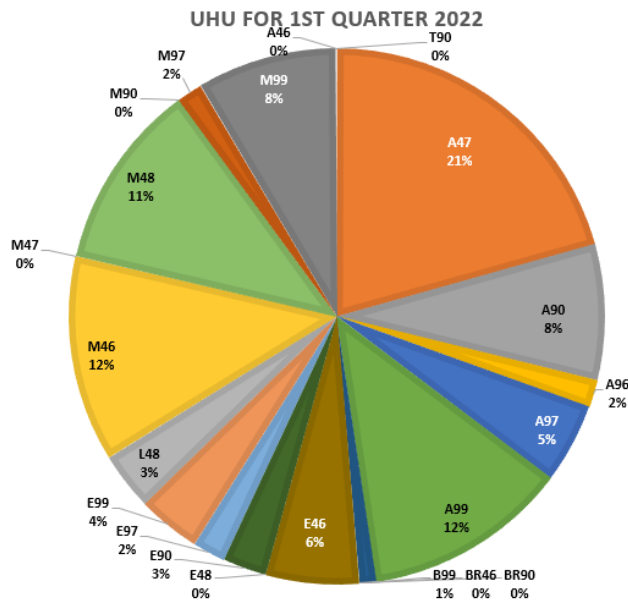
- Fire Engine Pre-build Pierce Factory, WI
- Continued uninterrupted operations during the week of snow
- Fire Marshal recruitment
- CRP recruitment
- New group of part time members started
- Annual Pump test on all suppression apparatus
- Support of EVIATION
- New mobile radio installations on all vehicles
- Station 47 move out completed
- BlueCard instructor training
- Open paramedic recruitment
- IT Support implementation
- Station clean-ups and surplus sale
- 6 recruits in Fire Academy
- AAL Leadership training



*times are in minutes/seconds. TurnOut = Dispatch to Enroute, Travel = Enroute to Onscene, Response = Dispatch to Onscene. Average is total time divided by number of calls.



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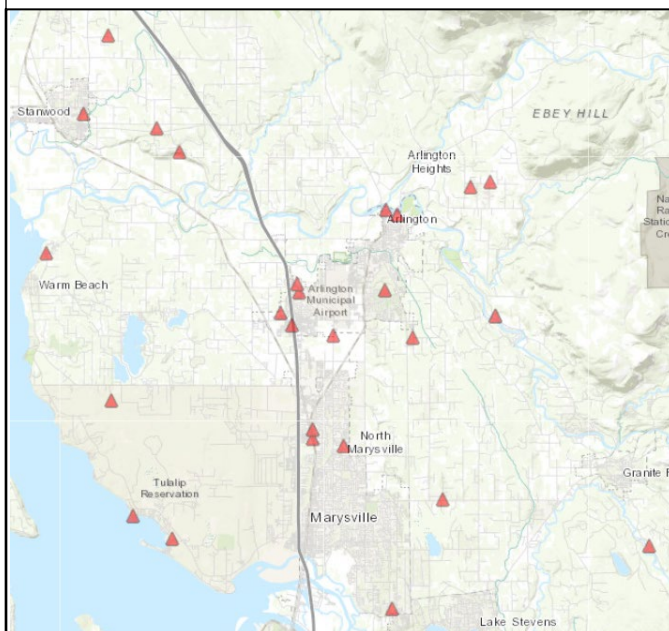
Unit Hour Utilization (UHU) is calculated by dividing the number of Dispatched Calls by the number of Unit hours.

Unit responses, not individual calls

Mutual Aid Given	Total # of Resp	Total Task Time
Camano Island Fire Rescue	21	10:49:47
Everett Fire Department	3	0:30:26
Marysville Fire District	205	101:16:09
Snohomish County Fire District #15	19	9:01:41
Snohomish County Fire District #17	5	0:29:15
Snohomish County Fire District #19	57	29:09:10
Snohomish County Fire District #21	99	62:49:10
Snohomish County Fire District #22	4	2:04:21
Snohomish County Fire District #24	6	5:54:22
Snohomish County Fire District #25	9	7:42:36
Snohomish County Fire District #5	1	0:04:12
Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue	1	0:01:02
South Snohomish County Fire and Rescue	1	0:00:19

Mutual Aid Received	Total # of Resp	Total Task Time
Camano Island Fire Rescue	31	9:41:36
Everett Fire Department	1	
Falck Ambulance	2	6:53:34
Marysville Fire District	176	46:15:53
Northwest Ambulance	3	0:05:10
Sky Valley Fire	1	1:33:35
Snohomish County Airport Fire	1	0:02:42
Snohomish County Fire District #15	4	2:10:42
Snohomish County Fire District #17	1	0:01:00
Snohomish County Fire District #19	63	14:27:27
Snohomish County Fire District #21	124	24:54:04
Snohomish County Fire District #22	15	10:19:36
Snohomish County Fire District #24	1	0:00:09
Snohomish County Fire District #4	1	0:01:07
Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue	4	0:29:23

Fire Calls & Locations Quarter 1 2022



Fire Commercial (FC)	7
Fire Commercial Confirmed (FCC)	1
Fire Residential (FR)	10
Fire Residentail Confirmed (FRC)	11