

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Work Session: Police Department Data Led Policing Strategy

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Department: Eugene Police
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ISSUE STATEMENT

The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of the Police Department's Data Led Policing strategy to address property crime.

BACKGROUND

Eugene is in the 85th percentile for property crime among cities in the United States with populations of 100,000 or more. We have fewer police per capita than most communities in Oregon, while the state has fewer than any other state in the country. Across the nation, counties average 59 jail beds per 1,000 arrests. In Oregon, the average is 43 jail beds per 1,000 arrests and in Lane County we have 11 jail beds per 1,000 arrests.

Data Led Policing is a strategy used by law enforcement agencies, like ours, with limited resources and a high demand for services. To be effective, it requires timely crime analysis to show where and when crime occurs, innovative police managers able to adjust the deployment of officers and application of tactics to effectively meet crime trends, robust crime prevention capacity, and the deliberate prosecution of chronic offenders.

During the July 14, 2010, presentation, the council will hear about the Police Department's transition from the traditional model of policing to one designed to more efficiently manage property crime in our community. The presentation will include the progress in transition made thus far and likely future changes, the challenges faced by our organization as we make those changes, and the apparent impact of the work to date.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

None; this is an informational item only.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

None; this is an informational item only.

SUGGESTED MOTION

None; this is an informational item only.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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