

City Administrator Report

City of Lake Forest Park

Date: December 8, 2022

TO: Honorable Deputy Mayor and Councilmembers

FR: Phillip Hill, City Administrator

CC: Honorable Mayor Jeff Johnson
Leadership Team

The City Administrator Report is meant to provide the council, staff and community an update on the activities of the City and on issues that concern the City. This memo will be provided in each Council packet and is divided into key sections.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information about any of the following items and please feel free to contact any of the department heads for additional information.

I. Intergovernmental and local issues update.

News release from 11/29 - Five Northend Cities Form New Regional Crisis Response Agency

The City Councils of Bothell, Kenmore, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, and Shoreline this month each adopted a partner agreement to form a new Regional Crisis Response (RCR) Agency. The signed Interlocal (ILA) agreement merges the North Sound RADAR (Response Awareness, De-Escalation, and Referral) Navigator program with Kirkland's Community Responder program to form a new entity to provide community mobile crisis response services to all five cities.

"Cities in the North Puget Sound region came together to find a coordinated solution for providing much-needed behavioral help resources to those in crisis," said Lake Forest Park Deputy Mayor Thomas French. "This regional agency will help find the appropriate support in situations involving behavioral health challenges while reducing the burden on law enforcement as the principal responders. This collaboration to provide mental health support in the North Puget Sound region is a huge step forward for those in need."

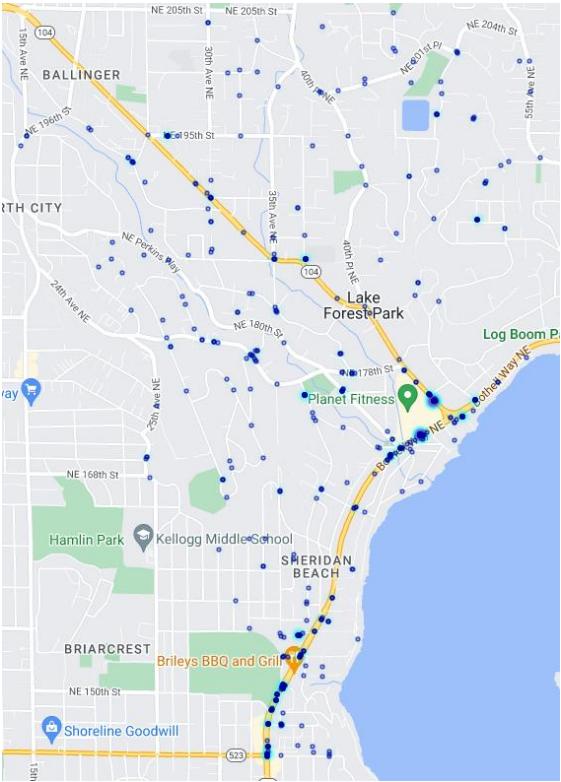
The RCR Agency will have 13 total staff, including ten Mental Health Professional Community Responders, which will enhance public health, safety, and emergency response services, including crisis response awareness, support, and resource referral for community members experiencing behavioral health issues across the five-city region.

The new agency will be jointly governed and funded by the partner cities. Supplemental funding support will also come from King County's Mental Illness Drug Dependency (MIDD) levy

and other grants. The City of Kirkland will serve as the administrative host of the program. The initial term of the agreement is for four years and includes the option for neighboring jurisdictions to join after the first year of operation.

The new RCR Agency will begin formal operations at the end of the first quarter of 2023. In the meantime, existing RADAR and Community Responder staff will continue to respond to calls in their respective communities.

Police Department



Police incidents heatmap for
November 2022:

Each blue dot is an incident generated by dispatch or an officer. This map represents **711** incidents in **November**.

Notable Calls/Incidents:

Type	Calls
Suspicious Circumstances	75
Hazard	28
Welfare Check	20
Alarm	14
Theft	13
Traffic Accident	12
Parking	12
Disturbance	11
Subject Stop	10
Malicious Mischief	9
Vehicle Prowl	9

Notable Calls

On 11-04-22, Officers responded to a domestic violence call. The caller stated her husband slapped her in the face during an argument. Officers found history of domestic calls at the residence. Officers completed an investigation and sent assault charges to the spouse.

Officers arrested a suspect in a theft at Ross. The suspect admitted stealing clothing, hats, and shoes from the store. The suspect was found in possession of a bottle of Smirnoff Vodka with a partially attached broken Rite-Aid security lock. The suspect claimed that he purchased the vodka. When the questioned further, he said he bought it from someone else who had stolen it.

On 11-05-22, a strong windstorm went through our city. Officers and Public Works crews worked through the night and day conducting traffic control and street closures. Officers also responded to several traffic collisions, two DUI investigations and arrests during the storm and power outage.



Officers responded to three death investigations over the last two weeks, consisting of medical conditions, two calls were CPR, and an AED were utilized.

On 11-16-22, a fight occurred at Ballinger Estates between two tenants. One of the tenants was playing loud music, which was reported as being a constant issue over several months. The other tenant knocked on the door to ask the male occupant to turn down the music. The subject initially threw something at the door, which the complainant then opened. The tenant immediately attacked the complainant inside his apartment. The victim stated said he was punched in the head three times and knocked to the floor by the suspect. The victim stated he was able to get up and the suspect then chased him down the hallway. The victim stated that as he was chased, the suspect told him he had a gun and threatened to shoot him. The specific threat was he would “make me bleed” the next time. The suspect was arrested for assault.

A small child called 911 to say hi to the police. Ofc. Carlsrud had conversation on how to use 911 and invited him to come by the police station one day to say hi.

An officer located a lost dog. The officer called the number on the collar and eventually received a call-back from the dog owner and claimed her dog. The dog had bolted after a deer and was separated from its owner.

Officers were dispatched to a possible fight, the reporting person (RP) stated they heard a fight and yelling. The RP stated he heard someone say "come outside, you're dead" outside his bedroom door. Officers investigated determining there was no fight. Another tenant was woken up by officers, who indicated there was no sign of disturbance within the residence.

A husband called reporting his wife had been missing for a several hours. Officers located the wife in the backyard where she had fallen, injuring her shoulder. The husband stated his wife suffers from dementia. Shoreline Fire provided husband with resources.

Det. Teschlog responded to Lake Forest Park Elementary School for a malicious mischief report. Principal Minor advised that sometime over the weekend someone had damaged roofing material at the school and had burned some signage. She then advised that two staff members had signed in at the school the day before and had observed an unknown number of juveniles on the roof. The staff scared them off but did not call the police. They believed the unidentified juveniles caused the damage.

An officer contacted two subjects washing a truck at Subaru's only. The truck had no license or vehicle ID. One subject stayed and spoke with officers, the second walked away. Officers arrested the subject on a Lynwood warrant and issued him a trespass warning from Subaru's Only. The vehicle was impounded for VIN verification, and later confirmed stolen out of Marysville. The vehicle had catalytic converter cutting tools inside the cab along with stolen mail.

Officers responded to a possible fight at Deja Vu. A subject was reportedly becoming aggressive and had attacked a staff member. Officers determined the subject had been involved in an altercation with security. At the businesses request the subject was issued a trespass warning and escorted from the property.

An unknow subject detonated a battery of commercial grade fireworks in the parking lot of city hall. They were positioned to fire directly into a stand of trees and within feet of a motorhome. Officers collected the spent fireworks for fingerprint processing and collected video surveillance of the incident. The investigation is ongoing.

Officers contacted a subject in a motorhome in the parking lot of the mall. It was determined the owner works a business at the mall. The owner stated they are homeless other than the motorhome. Resource/housing assistance information provided.

In the Sheridan Heights neighborhood, a resident reported an unknown person/s had removed and stolen a catalytic converter from their vehicle sometime overnight.

On November 29, a snowstorm came through LFP.

An approximately 60-foot Douglas fir fell in the 19200 block of Lago taking out a fence, and two service lines. The tree also struck a willow tree bringing it down near a house.

Night shift had a busy night with the storm while at minimum staffing of officers Benson and Carlsrud. Multiple trees came down, power went out several times, and a patrol car was nearly crushed by a tree while officer was at another fallen tree call. Both 40th Avenue NE and NE 197th Streets were essentially shut down due to fallen trees. Night shift estimated up to 6 inches of snow fell in about a 4-hour period (suspected thunder snow). It's believed there are several houses on 40th that are possibly damaged.

Power lines and trees down on 25th from 178th to 168th (Shoreline issue) and NE 198th Street was blocked by a small tree.



Lake Forest Park Police Department Pink Patch Project - 2022



October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. In partnership with agencies across the country LFPPD participates in the **Pink Patch Project** to bring awareness to the fight against breast cancer. With the sale of our pink patches and pink coins we strive to bring support to organizations helping those affected by this devastating disease.

October was Breast Cancer Awareness month. The Pink Patch Project brought in \$775 from patches and coins. The North Sound Police Foundation donated an additional \$225 for a **\$1000 donation to the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance**

Thank you to all that donated!

November 11 was Veterans Day. Lake Forest Park Police Department acknowledged and thanked our current and former employees who have served in the armed forces.

- Scott Benjamin US Navy
- Jason Becker US Army
- Jess Brecht US Coast Guard
- George Coleman US Navy
- Jason Czebotar US Army Reserve
- Maurice Parrish US Air Force/Washington Air National Guard
- Bill Wieghat US Army
- Diego Zanella Italian Special Forces
- Beau Zelenock US Marines
- Kevin Lowery (Emergency Management) – Coast Guard

Retired staff members:

- Bill Miller US Air Force
- Ron Seguin US Army
- Greg Stankatis US Army/US Coast Guard Reserve
- Greg Ward US Army



Of the 24 department staff members, 40% are veterans who proudly served in their nations' military branches.



Lt. Zanella instructed an active shooter training class for the Municipal Court employees. The program models the CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events) class.

Shop with a Cop is December 22!

Shop with a Cop is an annual event which pairs approximately 10 underprivileged students with LFPPD and local officers for a shopping trip leading up to Christmas. With a large donation from the LFP Rotary Club, the goal is to promote community and public relations while also instilling in each child a positive experience with law enforcement.

**II. Internal City Information****New City Arborist**

Hannah Swanson has accepted the City's offer and will start as City Arborist on Monday, December 5. Most recently, Hannah was employed by Seattle Tree Care for over five years, initially as Permit Specialist and then as Operations Manager. She has an undergraduate degree in Ecology from Seattle Pacific University.

III. Council Information**IV. Response to Citizen and Council Comments****V. Contract Reporting**

Nothing to report.

VI. Legislative Update

VII. Community Events

VIII. Upcoming City Sponsored Events

IX. Meetings Calendar

[Planning Commission Meeting \(hybrid meeting\)](#)

December 13, 2022, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ City Hall and via Zoom

[CANCELED City Council Budget & Finance Committee Meeting \(hybrid meeting\)](#)

December 15, 2022, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM @ City Hall and via Zoom

[City Hall Closed \(Christmas Day Holiday/Observed\)](#)

December 26, 2022, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

[CANCELED - Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting \(hybrid meeting\)](#)

December 28, 2022, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM @ City Hall and via Zoom