Strategic Outcome: Safe Community

Community Values:

As a community, Bellevue values feeling and being safe where people live, learn, work and play. Feeling and being safe involve both prevention and emergency response. Well-lit streets, clean public spaces, enforcement of laws, modern construction codes, and rapid, effective emergency response by police and fire all contribute to a safe community. A safe community is also one that plans for and is well prepared to respond to disasters. In a safe community, residents and businesses work together to make the community safer and stronger.

Safety is fundamental to a vibrant community. It is critical to attracting people and businesses. In a safe community, neighbors take pride in their neighborhoods, and businesses thrive and contribute to providing the resources for municipal services that people view as important.

Are We Achieving Results that Matter?

Operational data from Police, Fire, Transportation, Development Services and other departments all show that Bellevue is a safe place in which to live, learn, work and play. Results from the 2016 Performance Survey suggest that residents feel about the same as they did in 2015 regarding safety in Bellevue. Confidence in planning and responding to emergencies saw significant increases from the previous year. The substantial total dollar loss from fire in 2015 can be explained by a large car dealership fire that year. The \$6.2M total dollar loss in 2016 could be the result of better estimates by fire suppression staff in building improvement and replacement valuations. Given the historical performance for the dollar loss metric, the Fire Department is reevaluating the appropriateness of the \$1M target.

Key Community Indicators: Safe Community	2015 Results	2016 Results	Change 2015-2016
% of residents who agree or strongly agree that Bellevue is a safe community in which to live, learn, work and play.	94%	98%	+4%
% of resident who agree or strongly agree that Bellevue plans appropriately to respond to emergencies.	87%	93%	+6%
% of residents who agree or strongly agree that Bellevue is well-prepared to respond to emergencies.	93%	98%	+6%

Key Performance Indicators	2014 Results	2015 Results	2016 Results	2016 Target
Police patrol response time to critical emergencies (life threatening) from the time officer receives a call to arrival at the scene (minutes: seconds).	3:08	3:22	3:37	3:25
Number of Part 1 (violent and property) crimes per 1,000 residents.	35	34	34	35
% of incidents where total Fire Department emergency response from call to arrival on the scene is 6 minutes or less.	69%	68%	64%	90%
Survival rate from cardiac arrest.	58%	56%	60%	50%
Total dollar loss from fire (in millions).	\$2.636 M	\$20.908 M	\$6.256 M	\$1 M
% of fires confined to the room of origin.	91%	91%	79%	85%