

# ***POLICE SERVICES***

**Goal**

The Kirkland Police Department strives to provide quality law enforcement that builds trust, confidence and respect throughout the community. The Police Department places a strong emphasis on ensuring that all those who live, shop, work, and play in Kirkland feel safe. The Police Department prevents and responds to crime so that Kirkland remains safe for all community members.

Police Department	<b>MEASURE</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
	Total calls for service	*	43,120	43,682	41,870
	Average # of Calls For Service per shift	*	59.1	59.8	57.4
Prevent and Respond to Crime	Total 911 calls received	*	27,962	28,249	27,633
	Average # of Patrol contacts per shift	9.63	8.82	8.84	8.69
	Criminal Citations	*	1,468	1,775	2,005
	Infractions	*	8,618	7,516	8,167
	Collisions w/enforcement	*	*	668	511
	Sworn FTE's (Authorized) <sup>1</sup> per 1,000 population	1.36	1.39	1.45	1.47
	Average # of Officers per shift	7.09	6.49	6.59	6.8
So that..... Keep City Safe	Total Arrests per 1,000 population	51.5	42.6	50.9	48.8
	DUI Arrests per 1,000 population	10.9	9.0	5.5	7.5
	Total Part I Violent Crimes <sup>2</sup> per 1,000 population	1.7	1.6	1.9	1.4
	Total Part I Property Crimes <sup>3</sup> per 1,000 population	37	39	40	40
	Citizen Rating of Safety in Their Neighborhood During the Day	*	*	Very Safe <u>89%</u> Somewhat Safe <u>9%</u>	*
So that..... Citizens Feel Safe <sup>4</sup>	Citizen Rating of Safety in Their Neighborhood After Dark	*	*	Very Safe <u>54%</u> Somewhat Safe <u>29%</u>	*

<sup>1</sup> Increased personnel provide for additional patrol coverage, investigations & other police services that keep the community safe.

<sup>2</sup> Part 1 violent crimes include: murder and non-negligible manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault.

<sup>3</sup> Part 1 property crimes include: burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft and arson.

<sup>4</sup> 2006 Citizen Opinion Survey rated Police services as one of the top 5 most important services.

**Analysis**

Through increased emphasis on enforcement of driving under the influence, DUI arrests increased by 2 additional arrests per 1000 people in Kirkland in 2007 or approximately 94 additional arrests were made. There were no DUI traffic fatalities on City maintained roadways in 2006 or 2007. To ensure a safe community the City of Kirkland Police Department has been emphasizing enforcement of traffic laws such as speeding, crosswalk violations and seatbelt usage.

## **DOMESTIC ABUSE RESPONSE TEAM (DART)**

The Kirkland Police Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) has been working with victims of domestic violence since 1999. Initially organized by former Advocate Julie Reynolds as a resource to assist the Family Violence Unit, the all volunteer group quickly became an indispensable part of the unit.



The volunteers each receive 30 hours of specialized training and pass a rigorous testing and background process. Frequent meetings and on-going training ensure that DART volunteers are current on the latest developments in the law and aware of resources that may be available.

Kirkland is the only city in east King County that has a program supported by a trained volunteer core, in addition to a detective and family/youth advocate. Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) volunteers provide crisis intervention, victim support and caseload follow-up. Trained in understanding the cycle of domestic violence, volunteers are quick to offer a reassuring voice and resources to help victims immediately following an incident.



“Domestic violence is one of the most common in-progress offenses against a person that our department responds to,” explains Detective Janelle McMillian. “It usually involves an assault or a violation of a protection order.” Last year, KPD responded to 827 domestic incidents and 91 restraining order violations.