



Downtown Enforcement Team Overview

Public Safety Subcommittee Meeting
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Overview of the Downtown Enforcement Team (DET)

- Responsible for patrolling the downtown footprint and addressing homeless issues citywide
- 2024 through end of June: 2400 calls, 650 arrests
- Partners with community groups and businesses to address quality of life concerns

Citywide Reach of DET

- Actively engages in homelessness response across the city
- Collaborates with patrol beat officers and sergeants
- Responds to other criminal activity in City



Successes of the DET

- Significant reduction in homelessness citywide
- No large encampments present due to DET's ongoing efforts
- Successful collaboration with city departments and external agencies

Collaboration and Cleanup Impact

- Partnered with Fire, Code Enforcement, TPW, Housing & Community Services, Community Partners, and Downtown Action Organization
- Regular operations Major factor in overall reduction of homeless issues
- Preliminary 2025 numbers show an approx. 23 percent decrease of persons experiencing homelessness
- 1319 cubic yards trash removed July 24-July 25
- Only 8 Active Encampments end of June 2025

Additional Operations

- Parking garage operations
- Holiday foot patrols
- Special events
- Evening and night operations

Santa Rosa Plaza Substation

- Moved in Mid-April of this year
- High visibility location increases police presence, improves response time, and deters crime
- Reinforces commitment to economic development downtown
- May 2024-July 2024- 203 calls for service
- May 2025-July 2025- 128 calls for service



Impact of Reducing DET to 6 Officers

- 8 officers provided 7-day coverage, preventing weekend camp formations
- Will have reduced hours and/or day
- Risk of increased homelessness and reduced responsiveness citywide
- Fewer officers will reduce capacity to assist other teams and patrol

Questions?