

# Sector Watch



## Building a Safer Community



Welcome to the Bellevue Police Department's quarterly newsletter! Our goal is to keep you informed about crime trends, prevention tips and what's happening within the department. We're calling the newsletter the Sector Watch because the police department divides the city into three sectors, North, South and West. Each sector has a captain to handle ongoing issues within that area. See the back page for your Sector Captain's contact information. To find out which sector you live in, refer to the Sector Map [BellevueWA.gov/sites/default/files/media/pdf\\_document/PoliceDistrictSectorNSW.pdf](https://BellevueWA.gov/sites/default/files/media/pdf_document/PoliceDistrictSectorNSW.pdf)

### BPD Earns Medal of Honor

This month, two current officers and one former officer of the Bellevue PD – Officers Kealii Akahane and Jeff Sebers and former Officer Caleb



Worthington – received the coveted Washington State Law Enforcement Medal of Honor during a ceremony in Olympia.

The Officers were recognized for their exceptional and meritorious conduct during an incident on June 6, 2022. The Officers saved the life of a young individual who was in distress and drowning in Phantom Lake.

“Every day, the Bellevue Police Department proudly serves its community without expectation of acknowledgment or special praise. It's who we are, and we're proud to serve this great City. But, there are special circumstances that arise where special recognition must be made, and Officers Akahane, Sebers, and Worthington deserve this esteemed honor,” said Wendell Shirley, Chief of Police.

Other Bellevue PD Officers who received this distinction include Jordan Jackson in 2023 and Greg Lum in 1998.



### BLU: Bellevue Light Rail Unit

Ahead of the grand opening of Sound Transit's 2 Line last April, the Bellevue Police Department (BPD) rolled out its new police unit – The Bellevue Light Rail Unit (BLU). This team is a dedicated unit designed to foster a safe and positive riding experience for individuals and families wishing to use the new Link Light Rail Service through Bellevue.

A Sergeant and four Officers make up this new endeavor, and all five team members will patrol the Link's six Bellevue stops.

Please remember these safety tips:

1. Look both ways when crossing the tracks
2. Stay alert and put away the smart devices when by a station, and
3. Use the crosswalks and don't take a short cut

Between the BLU and partnership with Sound Transit and the King County Sheriff's Office, this effort is a win-win for everyone.

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## Coming Soon: Target Zero 2024

It's that time of year again. In the effort to stop impaired driving across Bellevue, the Department is once again a contributing partner in King County's Target Zero initiative.

Bellevue PD will host a "100 Safe Days of Summer" kickoff event on June 7 and June 8 where Officers will begin a high-visibility effort to curb drinking and driving across the community.

This effort will no doubt save lives.



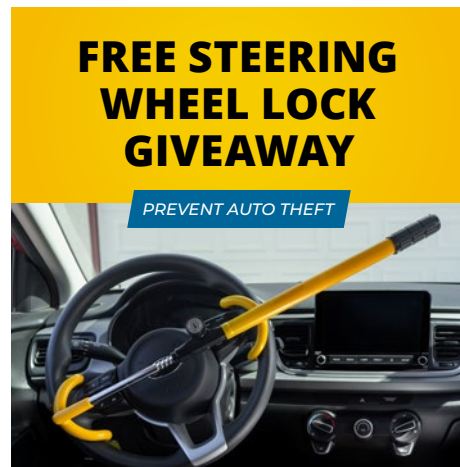
## Software and Lock Program a Success

A TikTok trend fueled a surge of thefts for Kia and Hyundai owners. To combat this crime, the Bellevue Police Department launched its Steering Wheel Lock Giveaway program.

The result: Owners of Kia and Hyundai vehicles have raced to the BPD's monthly giveaway events for a free wheel lock – a device that will help prevent theft and put a stop to this epidemic in the community.

More than 1,000 locks have been handed out, but the Department has no plans to stop anytime soon. Check out the "Community Events" section to learn when the next giveaway will take place.

But, the Bellevue PD did not stop there. In collaboration with Kia and Hyundai dealerships in the area, the BPD is notifying motorists about a free opportunity to upgrade their vehicle's software. This upgrade will help prevent more thefts in the City.



## Community Events

The Bellevue PD is making a difference for its residents. Check out the community events happening across the City:

### BPD Blood Drive:

Friday, June 28, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Bellevue Library  
1111 110th Ave NE  
Bellevue, WA 98004



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