



9th & Pacific Incident and Response Briefing

City of Tacoma
City Council Special Meeting
January 25, 2021



●●● Agenda



Street Racing

- Law
- Regional Activity
- Saturday Event Debrief and Follow-up
- Community Questions and Concerns

Demonstration Response

- Event Debriefs
- 2 Events, 2 Distinct Groups
- Non-Policing Preparation and Response
- Community Questions and Concerns

Street Racing - Law



- **Street Racing a Crime Under State Law and City of Tacoma Ordinance**
- **Tacoma has Adopted State of Washington's Model Traffic Ordinance (TMC 11.05.010)**
 - State law, RCW 46.61.530, categorizes racing as "reckless driving" which is a gross misdemeanor
 - Gross misdemeanors are subject to a jail term of 365 days and a \$5,000 fine

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Street Racing – Regional Activity



- **Regional Activity**
 - Groups and individuals involved
 - Demographics
 - Locations
 - Time of occurrences

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Street Racing – Saturday's Event



• Saturday's Event (South 9th and Pacific Ave)

- Reports of multiple vehicles and approximately 100 people blocking intersection
- Officers responded to clear intersection
- Responding police vehicle surrounded by crowd
- Individuals began hitting body and windows of vehicle as it was stopped in street
- Officer drove forward striking one individual and may have impacted others
- Officer stopped at a point of safety and called for medical aid
- One person transported to an area hospital
- Investigation turned over to Pierce County Force Investigation Team for independent investigation

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Street Racing – Community Questions & Concerns



- Why are facts shared in press release limited?
- Why no arrests of racers?
- Why an independent review?
- Why being handled as a use of deadly force?
- When will City/Public know more?
- When will Officer's name be officially released?
- When will City take action?

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Demonstration Response – Event Debriefs



• Two (2) Events

- Saturday Demonstration
 - Size of Demonstration
 - People involved
 - Scene Security
 - Arrests
- Sunday Demonstration
 - Size of demonstration
 - People involved
 - Arrests
 - Property Damaged

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Demonstration Response – Non-Policing



Community & Economic Development

- Early communications with Downtown Partnership / Chamber of Commerce to alert businesses
 - Notified 120 verified stakeholders downtown; Door-to-door knocking around 9th & Pacific (4-6PM)

Tacoma Fire Department

- Additional engine and medic company staffed at Station 9
- Additional medic unit at convention center parking lot

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Demonstration Response – Non-Policing



Public Works Department

- Delivered barricades to South 9th Street and Pacific Avenue
- Currently removing graffiti and/or signs placed in downtown Right-of-Way (ROW) during the incident

Environmental Services Department

- Supervisors drove area this morning for cleanup
- Street sweepers deployed to area
- Replacing and/or repairing any damaged containers 9

Demonstration Response – Community Questions & Concerns



- What steps did City take to protect the public and area businesses?
- Why did City move demonstrators?
- How many businesses were damaged?



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