



# SAFESTREETS

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## **Everett Police recommend moving forward with mandatory alcohol impact area**

EVERETT - On Wednesday, Dec. 9, Lt. Bruce Bosman updated the Everett City Council on the alcohol impact area (AIA) that was established in Everett in May. Creating an AIA to reduce the negative impacts of chronic inebriation and associated illegal activity was a priority recommendation of the Community Streets Initiative task force.

The first phase of the AIA was a six-month period of voluntary compliance where Everett Police officers worked with businesses within the AIA boundaries to educate them about the program and request that they voluntarily stop selling specified alcohol products.

Bosman reported that of the 101 businesses in the AIA boundaries, about 70 percent were still selling the restricted products at a four-month check-in. Fifteen percent had stopped selling the products and 14 percent never sold the products.

Using Everett Fire Department data, he also noted a 10 percent decrease in alcohol-related incidents during the voluntary period of the AIA. However, Bosman reported that community stakeholders like Providence General Medical Center, the Downtown Everett Association and the Everett Gospel Mission had observed either no change or an increase in alcohol-related issues since May 2015.

The Everett AIA was developed in consultation with the Washington Liquor and Cannabis Board and with other communities that have established AIA programs. Representatives from Olympia, Tacoma and Spokane report that their programs have been effective in reducing alcohol-related issues and associated criminal activity.

On Wednesday night, Bosman recommended that the City Council direct Police Chief Dan Templeman to request that the Washington Liquor and Cannabis Board make the AIA mandatory, which would prohibit businesses in the AIA boundaries from selling restricted alcohol products. An ordinance for that request will come before the City Council for the first of three readings on Wednesday, Dec. 16.

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