



## CITY OF BOTHELL INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM Police Department

**DATE:** September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
**TO:** Manny Ocampo, Interim City Manager  
**FROM:** Forrest Conover, Chief of Police  
**SUBJECT:** Tent City Final Police Report

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The information presented below is the final summary police report on the police activities at Tent City 4, and follows the police activity reports of June 29<sup>th</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup>.

The City of Bothell learned of the arrival of Tent City 4 to the St. Brendan's site on 05/14/04. The first public meeting regarding Tent City was held on the evening of 05/15/04, and Tent City residents moved in on 05/17/04. During that weekend, a policy decision was made to provide a police presence at the site 24/7. This was done because of the short notice, a lack of information regarding tent cities, public requests for police presence, but primarily because the site was located adjacent to three elementary schools, a daycare center, and several playgrounds. The purpose of the police presence was to provide protection to the neighborhood and also tent city residents as well. This presence was evaluated on a weekly basis by police administration and would remain for the duration of the stay.

During the Tent City stay at the St. Brendan's site Bothell police officers had many contacts and interactions with Tent City residents, and many of these were service related contacts. In addition there were a number of arrests, criminal and non-criminal incidents, and they are statistically outlined below.

Total number of documented police incidents or related contacts	154
Total number of criminal events or related contacts	25
Total number of non-criminal events or related contacts (including disturbances)	129
Total number of arrests of Tent City residents (5 felony warrants, 2 misdemeanor warrants, 2 DV assaults, 1 DUI, 1 drug related arrest)	11

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Total number of individuals with arrest warrants – <b>Not arrested</b> (warrants were mostly non-extraditable)	6
Total number of known sex offenders (one staying at camp and another denied entry)	2
Total number of (known) individuals rejected from entry into camp w/police notified	10
Total number of (known) individuals ejected from camp w/police notified	53
Total amount of police overtime including meetings, public disclosure requests, and providing police presence	\$98,690

In summary, the effects of Tent City 4 were experienced by many in different ways, and all in all there are many differing opinions on the success of Tent City 4 at the St. Brendan's site in the City of Bothell.

From a police perspective, while many of the residents of Tent City were good citizens, and we did not see an increase in crime in the Maywood Hills neighborhood, there were many items regarding Tent City 4 that could have been done better. These items include finding a better site to house Tent City residents, improvement of site security, better identification of residents, and an improved screening process of prospective residents.

Additional police recommendations also include significant notice before Tent City camps move into a community, an improved public notification process, and an analysis of each future Tent City proposal on a case by case basis for special conditions which hopefully will ensure a better experience for all.