

2011-2012

Lincoln District Alcohol Impact Area

Annual Report

Welcome to the
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DISTRICT**

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This report prepared in collaboration with:
Eastside Neighborhood Partners
Tacoma Police Department
Tacoma Fire Department



City of Tacoma
Police Department

October 29, 2012

Mary Segawa
Alcohol Awareness Program Manager
Washington State Liquor Control Board
3000 Pacific Avenue SE
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Ms. Segawa:

Enclosed is the 2011-2012 annual report for the Lincoln District Alcohol Impact Area (AIA) in the City of Tacoma.

The report was prepared for your review and presentation to the Washington State Liquor Control Board. The report is also available in electronic format and will be forwarded to you.

On behalf of the AIA project team members, we thank you and the Liquor Control Board for your continued support and commitment to the AIA program.

Sincerely,

Lieutenant Corey Darlington
Tacoma Police Department
Sector Four Commander
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cc: Chief's Office
Asst. Chief Ake
Captain Gustason
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Background

City of Tacoma Ordinance No. 27602 initiated and created the Lincoln District/Eastside Tacoma - Alcohol Impact Area (AIA), and was approved on July 16, 2008, by the Tacoma City Council. Voluntary compliance by retailers and monitoring by the Tacoma Police Department and Eastside Neighborhood Partners began in September 2008. Previously in March 2002, the Downtown Tacoma- Hilltop AIA was established and experienced positive results resulting in a decrease in alcohol related nuisance crimes and a decrease in the number of Chronic Public Inebriants (CPIs) admitted to the local detox center.

In the Lincoln District, AIA compliance checks have been conducted continuously since October 2008. Tacoma Police Department Detective Bert Hayes and Community Representative Robert McCutchan have checked "off premise" licensees for restricted products adopted by the Washington State Liquor Control Board. Recently (Fall 2012) Community Liaison Officer (CLO) Dan Hensley has taken over the compliance check role with Mr. McCutchan. CLO Hensley is assigned to Sector Four (East Tacoma Substation/Precinct) of the Tacoma Police Department's Community Policing Division.

Current Status of the AIA Project

During the 2011-2012 reporting period, compliance checks began in April 2012 and were completed in May 2012. Out of sixty-five (65) "off premise" liquor license businesses in the Lincoln District AIA, forty-one (41) businesses were inspected. All businesses checked were found to be in compliance, representing a 100% compliance rate. Since May 2012, additional compliance checks have occurred and the effort is on going.

Sixty-five (65) "off premise" licensed businesses were selected for compliance checks due to prior liquor law violations or higher than normal nuisance activity surrounding the businesses. On several occasions empty banned product containers were located in the Lincoln District AIA even though these products were not being sold in the area. It is believed that Chronic Public Inebriants are paying someone to drive them out of the area or they are taking public transportation outside the AIA boundary to purchase or obtain their banned products of choice.

While conducting AIA compliance checks, CLO Hensley and Mr. McCutchan fielded many questions from citizens and retailers regarding Initiative 1183 (I-1183); privatization of the state's liquor business that went into effect July 2012. It is believed that I-1183 will have an affect on AIA voluntary compliance by retailers. Already there is evidence of increased consumption of sprits by CPIs that has not occurred in the past.

On several occasions while touring the Lincoln District AIA, CLO Hensley and Mr. McCutchan have observed empty lower priced spirits containers in the district's parks, near public schools, in the 38th Street Business District, in and around derelict and vacant properties and buildings, and on unimproved right of ways near I-5 frequented by transients. Prior to I-1183, spirit containers were rarely observed in these areas. It was also noted that empty alcoholic beverage containers, trash, outdoor make-shift sleeping areas/camps, etc., are almost always located in proximity to various social services and trails that lead to these service organizations.

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Based on the evidence observed, it is believed that consumption of spirits by CPIs has increased dramatically. Anecdotal evidence and testimony from community members and local businesses indicates that CPIs are also reaching higher levels of intoxication than in the past. It is anticipated that some lower priced spirits may be added to the banned product list.

Additionally, some banned dangerous weapons and illegal "SPICE" products ("herbal" synthetic cannabinoid) were also observed during the compliance checks. These issues were handled on a case by case basis by the Tacoma Police Department.

Statistical Information

Attached are calls for service reports from the Tacoma Police Department (TPD) and the Tacoma Fire Department (TFD).

TFD statistics indicate a leveling off of calls for service since the inception of the Lincoln AIA project. Since 2009, overall alcohol related incidents dropped from 288 to 210, a 27% decrease in calls for service.

Categories or indicators used in TPD's statistics include: Drunk in Public, Liquor in Park, Liquor Law Violation, Minor in Possession, Urinate in Public, and Unlawful Bus Conduct. Results were mixed and lower numbers in some categories were inconclusive. For example, in the past year Drunk in Public incidents handled by TPD increased by 46%; however, Liquor Law Violations decreased by nearly 77%. See individual maps and calls for service attachments for details.

Additional Information

Detective Hayes and Mr. McCutchan have been working with the City of Olympia on the Alcohol Impact Area in that city. Detective Hayes and Mr. McCutchan have provided pertinent information, education, and experience regarding the implementation of the AIA program in the City of Tacoma.

Conclusion

Although results are mixed regarding lowering alcohol related calls for service, the Eastside Neighborhood Partners and the Tacoma Police Department recommend continuation of the Lincoln District AIA project. Continued contact, outreach, education, and networking with alcohol retailers and wholesalers is critical to the success of the program. TPD, TFD, and Eastside Neighborhood Partners remain committed to the project and continue to support the project with on going compliance checks, personnel, and other resources. The expectation and outcome of the project is to improve overall quality of life conditions in the City of Tacoma.

Prepared by:

Lieutenant Corey Darlington, Tacoma Police Department
Community Liaison Officer Dan Hensley, Tacoma Police Department
Robert McCutchan, Eastside Neighborhood Partners

Tacoma Fire Department
IRS/GIS Data Request

Alcohol Related Incidents Occurring in Lincoln AIA

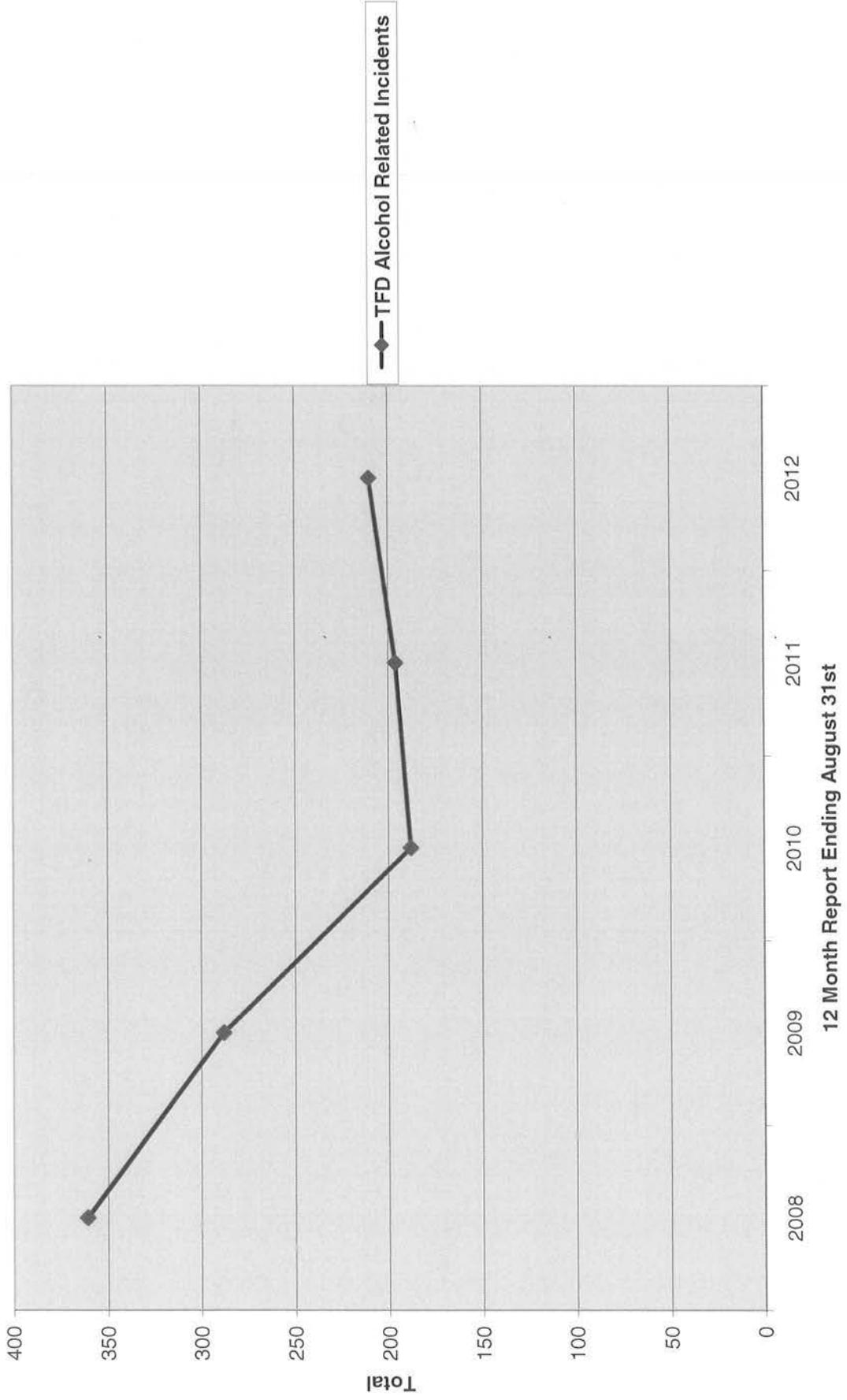
Summary:

9/1/2007 - 8/31/2008	361
9/1/2008 - 8/31/2009	288
9/1/2009 - 8/31/2010	188
9/1/2010 - 8/31/2011	196
9/1/2011 - 8/31/2012	210

Year	Month												Annual Total
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
2007									40	33	28	30	131
2008	21	24	33	29	26	24	31	42	38	26	19	20	333
2009	17	25	23	27	28	22	25	18	19	14	8	16	242
2010	11	17	15	17	22	18	20	11	21	13	6	18	189
2011	10	18	24	19	15	17	16	19	22	13	19	18	210
2012	14	18	12	19	15	21	20	19					138
Monthly Totals	73	102	107	111	106	102	112	109	140	99	80	102	1243

Query parameters:
 Incidents occurred within designated AIA area
 Incidents occurred on public property
 City/County Street, Public Building, Recreation/Sports Facility, Other
 Service provided reported as ETOH Assist
 OR
 Mech. Of Injury reported as Alcohol and/or Drug related
 OR
 Alcohol and/or Drugs reported as Contributing Factor

Tacoma Fire Department Alcohol Related Incidents



Selected Calls for Service

Lincoln Alcohol Impact Area (AIA)

1 August 2010 to 31 July 2011; 1 August 2011 to 31 July 2012

Selected Call Types	Data in this Table Does Include the Selected Call Type of Unlawful Bus Conduct									
	1 August 2010 to 31 July 2011		1 August 2011 to 31 July 2012		Raw Change		Percent Change			
	Lincoln AIA	City	Lincoln AIA	City	Lincoln AIA	City	Lincoln AIA	City		
Drunk in Public	93	476	136	685	43	209	46.2%	43.9%		
Liquor in Park	3	32	3	41	0	9	0.0%	28.1%		
Liquor Law Violation	13	53	3	21	-10	-32	-76.9%	-60.4%		
Minor in Possession	14	75	13	62	-1	-13	-7.1%	-17.3%		
Unlawful Bus Conduct	29	171	15	117	-14	-54	-48.3%	-31.6%		
Urrinate in Public	5	45	11	58	6	13	120.0%	28.9%		
Total	157	852	181	984	24	132	15.3%	15.5%		

Notes:

1. Citywide the selected calls for service increased by 15.5% (an increase of 132 selected calls for service).
2. In the Lincoln AIA, the selected calls for service increased by 15.3% (an increase of 24 selected calls for service).
3. Data in the above table does include the selected call type of Unlawful Bus Conduct.
4. Alcohol Impact Area = AIA.

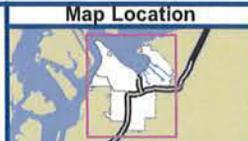
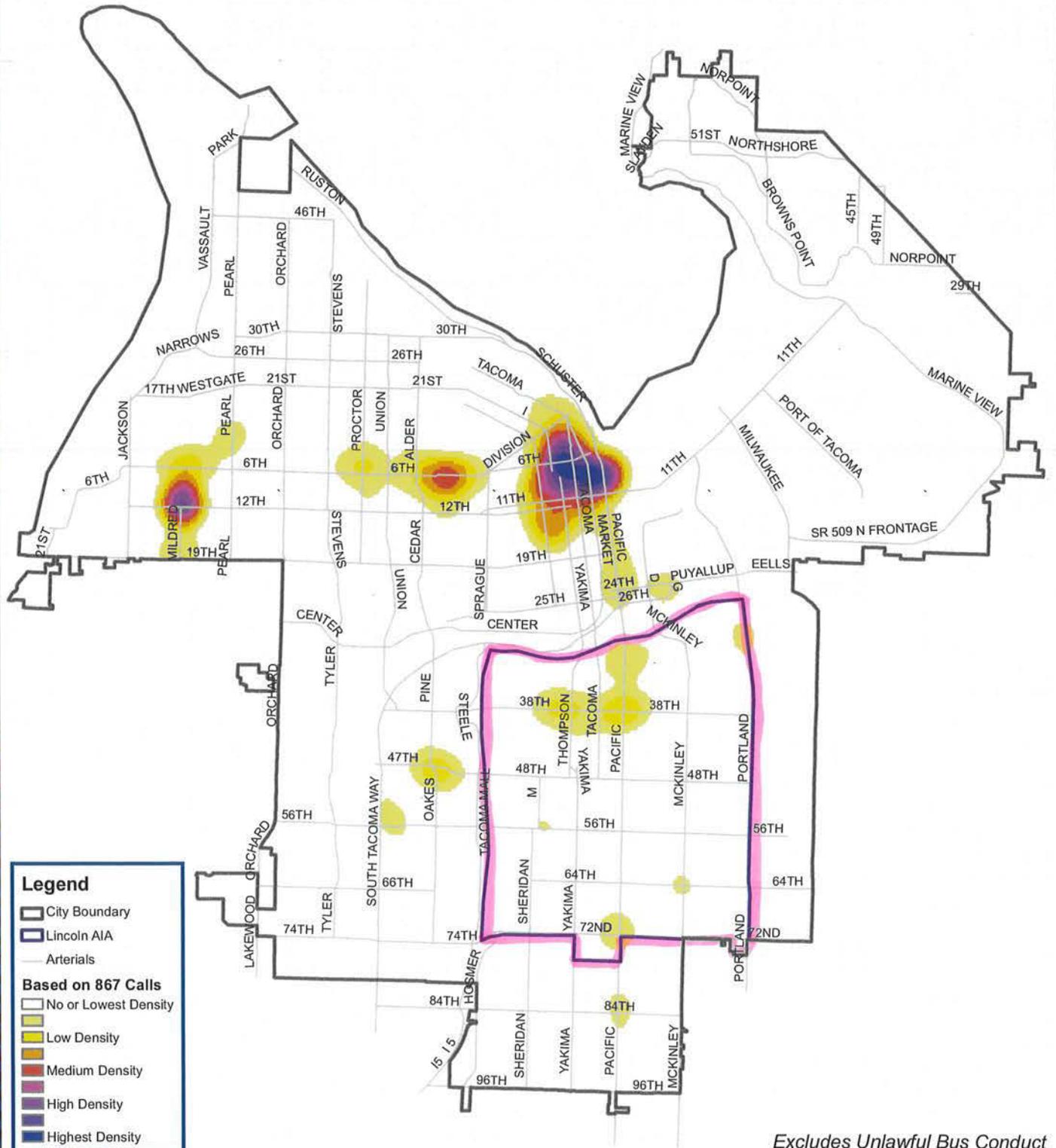
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Total	128	681	166	867	38	186	29.7%	27.3%		

Notes:

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Alcohol Impact Areas - Lincoln

1 August 2011 to 31 July 2012

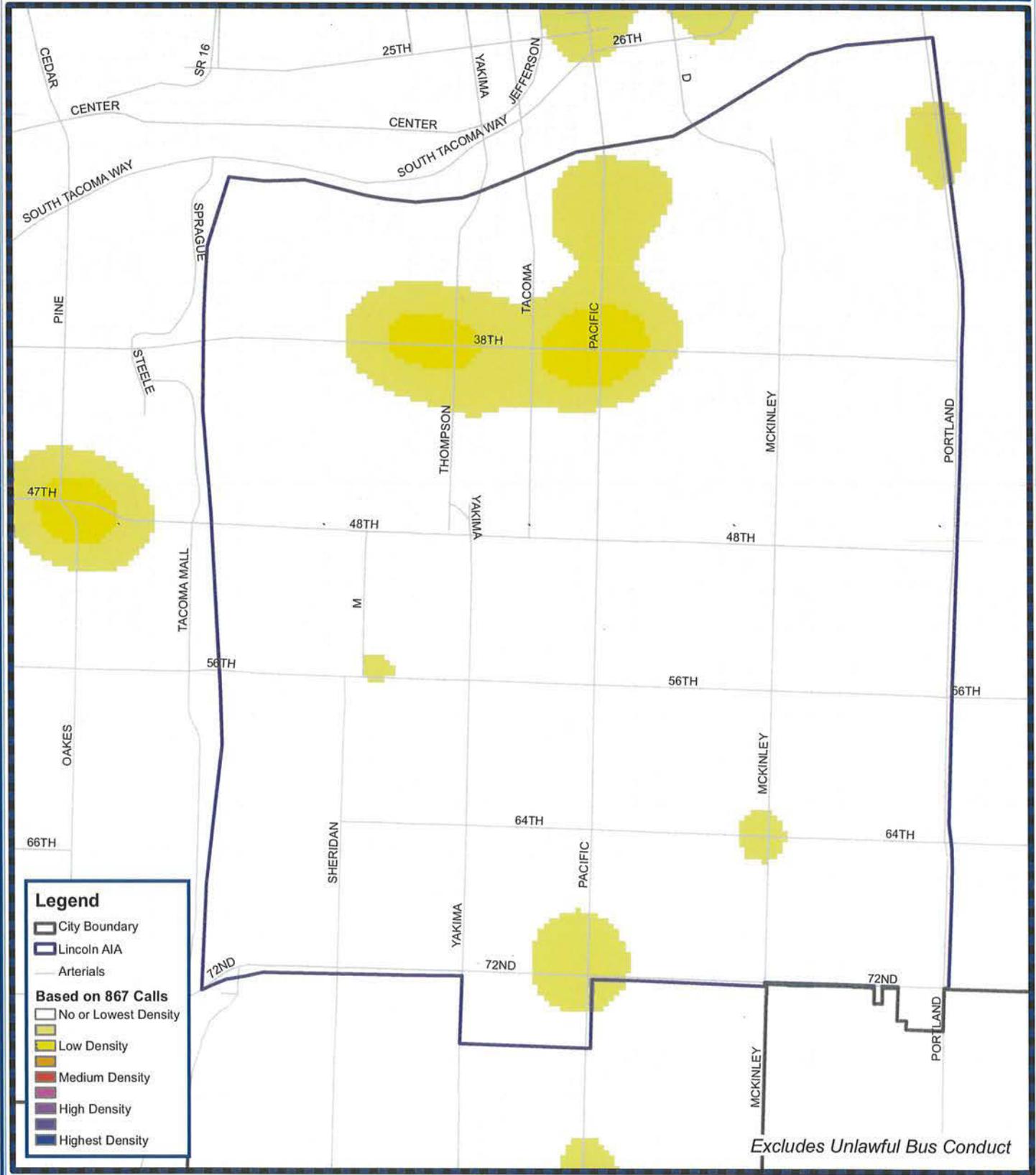


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Crime Analysis Unit**

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1 August 2011 to 31 July 2012

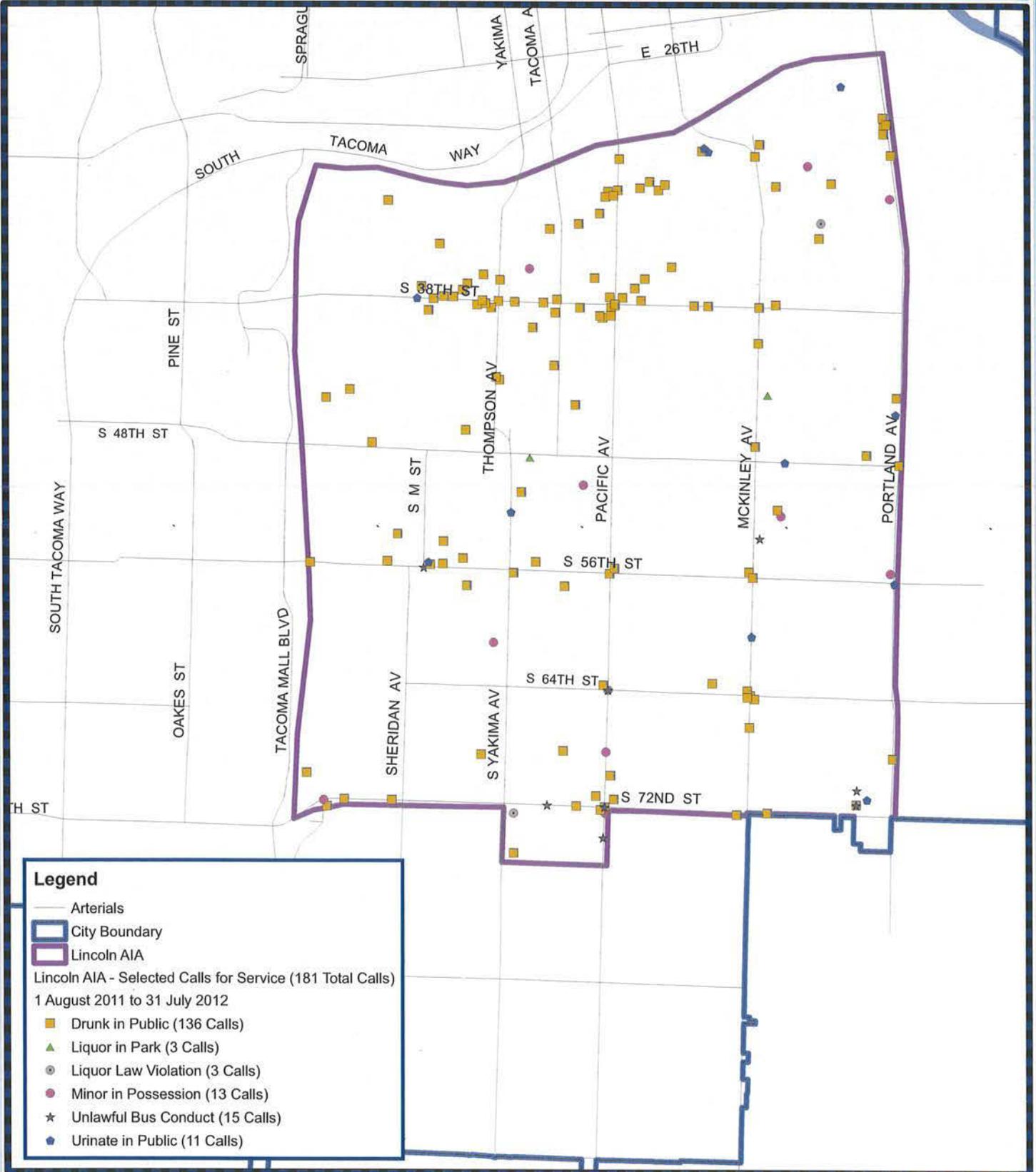


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Selected Calls for Service - Lincoln Alcohol Impact Area (AIA)

1 August 2011 to 31 July 2012



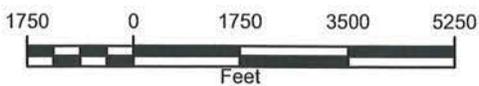
Legend

- Arterials
- ▭ City Boundary
- ▭ Lincoln AIA

Lincoln AIA - Selected Calls for Service (181 Total Calls)

1 August 2011 to 31 July 2012

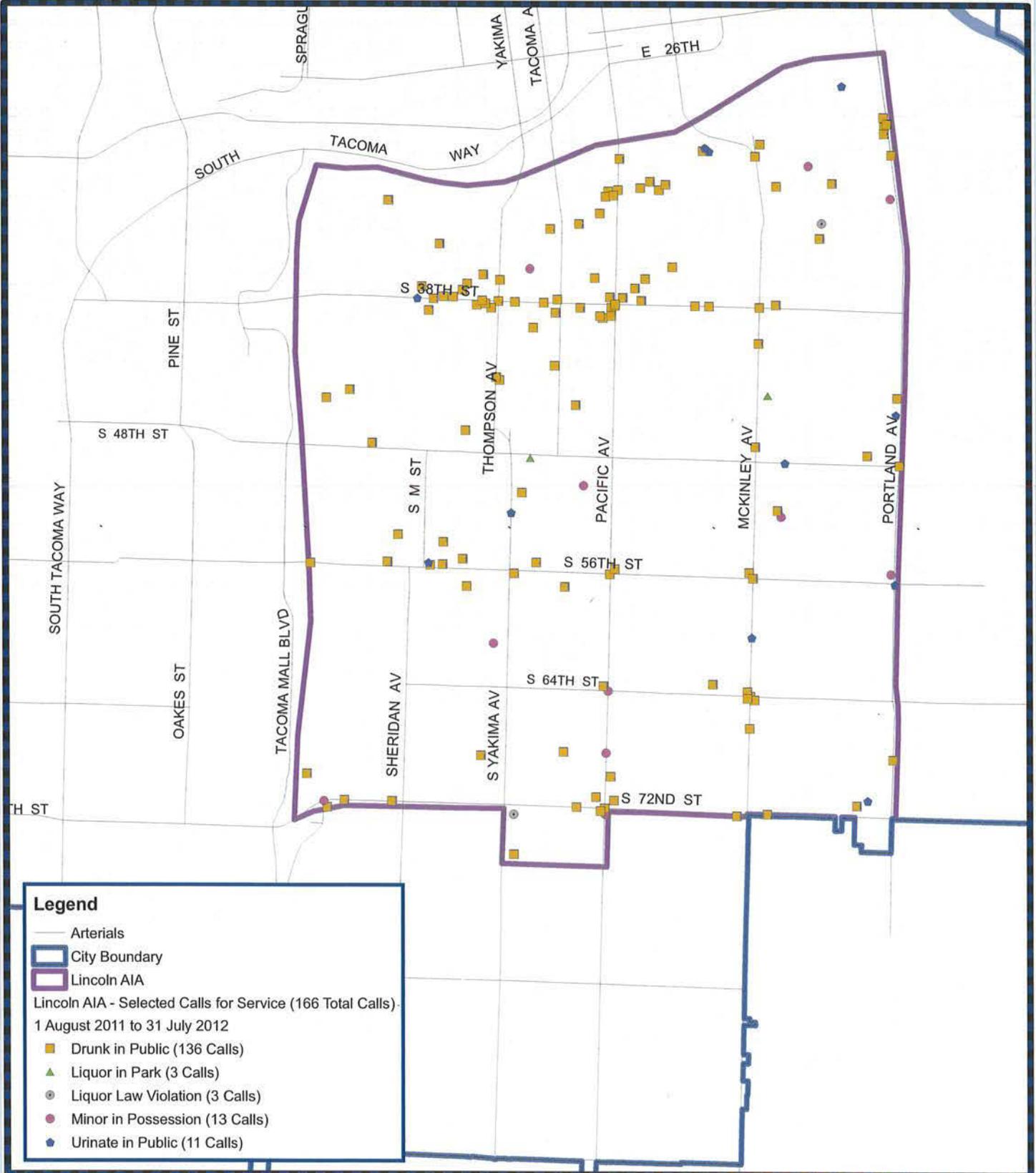
- Drunk in Public (136 Calls)
- ▲ Liquor in Park (3 Calls)
- Liquor Law Violation (3 Calls)
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- ★ Unlawful Bus Conduct (15 Calls)
- Urinate in Public (11 Calls)



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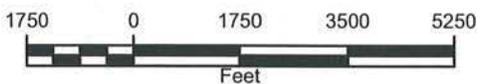


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Lincoln AIA - Selected Calls for Service (166 Total Calls)
1 August 2011 to 31 July 2012

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