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**Annual Report
Downtown Urban Core AIA
WAC 314-12-215(8)(A)**

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In accordance with Washington Administrative Code 314-12-215, the City of Spokane, and the Spokane Police Department hereby submit the following data which represents the yearly evaluation of the Downtown Urban Core Alcohol Impact Area for 2011. The Downtown Urban Core AIA was officially recognized and implemented by the Washington State Liquor Control Board on May 15, 2010.

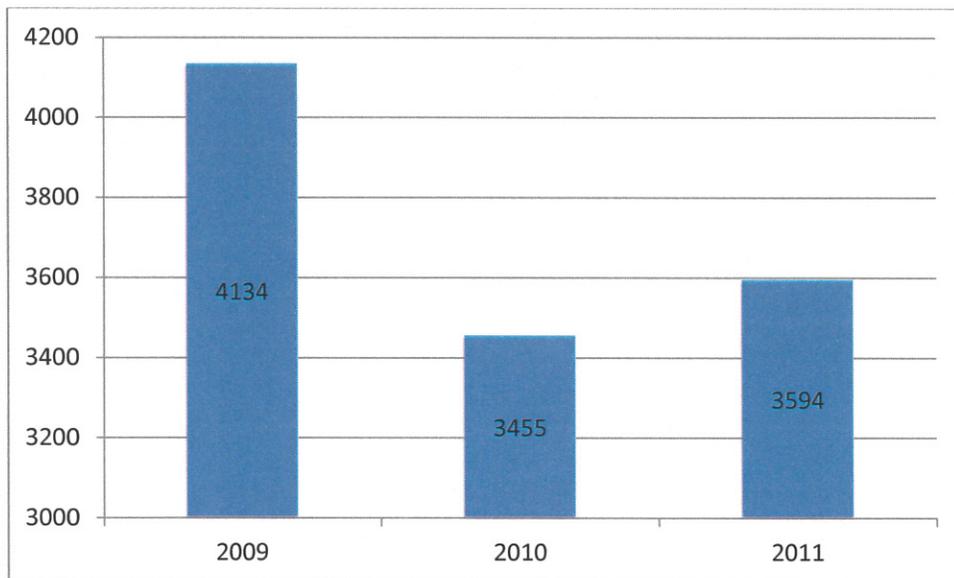
The yearly evaluation of the AIA for 2010 resulted in a significant reduction of problems associated with chronic public inebriation. We also experienced some displacement of those problems to other areas of Spokane. One of those areas was East Central. East Central established an AIA in late 2009 which is still currently in a voluntary status. The other area that experienced an increase in public intoxication was West Central Spokane. Both these areas are adjacent to and within close proximity to the Downtown corridor.

During 2011 we made frequent contacts with CPI's found consuming fortified beer products in the Downtown AIA. The CPI's reported that they would purchase these products in neighboring East Central and West Central and transport their alcohol back downtown for consumption. Since the downtown area of Spokane houses almost all of the transient and homeless care centers, this is where they prefer to loiter.

The City of Spokane has previously filed two petitions to add products to the banned product list for the Downtown Urban Core AIA. This was due to alcohol distributors substituting products that were not on the banned product list. We have since met with those distributors and believe we have developed a working relationship with them to avoid future substitutions.

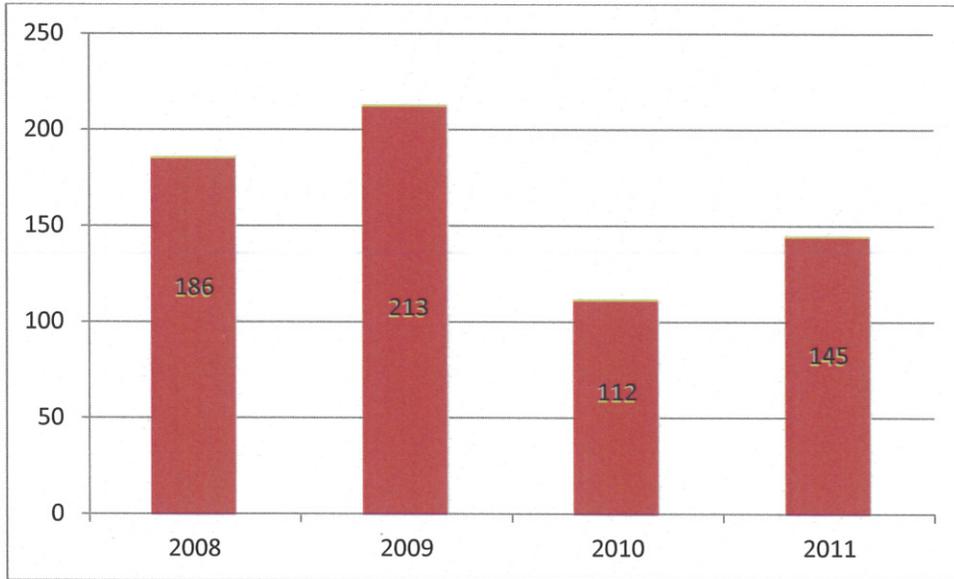
For 2011 we have seen an increase in overall (alcohol related) calls for service for police nuisance calls, fire medic calls and Detox transports. Based on review of CAD entries and police reports we have found that the majority of the following nuisance calls for service are attributable to public alcohol consumption and sales. Since 2002 we have used the following call types as a measure of activities associated with chronic public inebriation: arguments, disorderly conduct, fights, lewd conduct, liquor violation, panhandling, pedestrian violations, persons bothering, suspicious persons, unwanted guest, trespassing, welfare checks and requests for detox transport.

Police Department calls have increased slightly for 2011 showing an increase of approximately 4%. We feel this is a manageable number considering the close proximity of liquor licensed stores within walking distance from the downtown core.



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Fire Department Medic calls for alcohol related incidents within in the Downtown AIA increased from 112 in 2010 to 145 for 2011. This is a 29% increase.

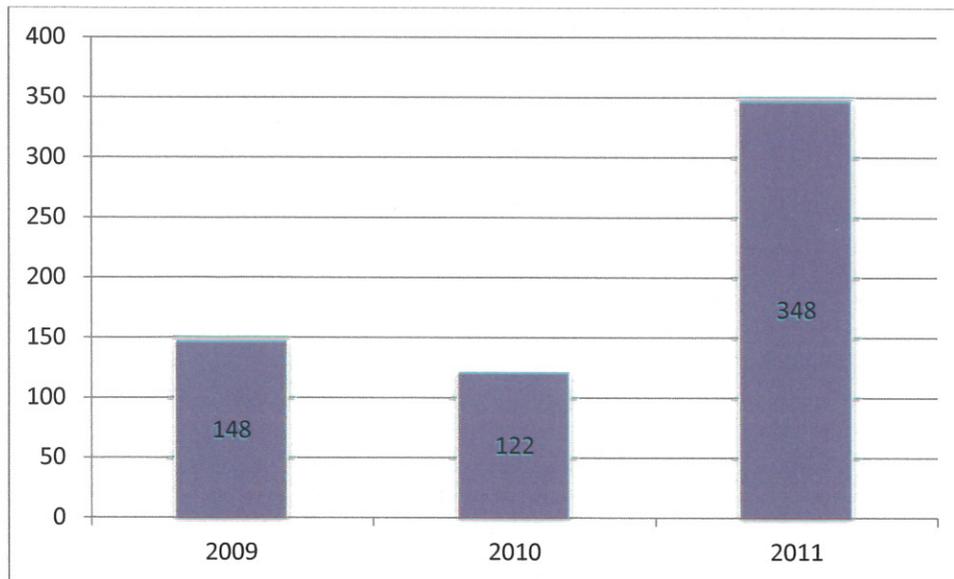


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Spokane Community Detox Services has seen a 185% increase in detox transports for the Downtown Alcohol Impact Area.



The most prevalent increases have been in medic and Detox responses to chronic inebriate activity. We base most of this increase on the proximity of liquor licensees located just outside the boundaries, but within walking distances of the mandatory Downtown AIA. The two adjacent areas that have a cause and effect impact on the Downtown AIA are East Central and West Central Spokane. Both these areas have implemented voluntary AIA's by City Ordinance. East Central has recently petitioned the Washington State Liquor Control Board for recognition. This petition is still pending. The West Central AIA is just beginning its voluntary period and was established by City Council in December 2011.

The downtown community has responded with favorable feedback on the progress and success of the Downtown Alcohol Impact Area. Since May 15th, 2010 the business and community perception of the AIA shows improvement.

The Alcohol Impact Area has helped to improve the quality of life issues in the downtown well beyond our expectations. Larry

	
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Summary

This evaluation was conducted using the criteria established under WAC 314-12 for the implementation of the Downtown Urban Core Alcohol Impact Area which was officially recognized by the Board in May, 2010. The data for this review was collected by the agencies listed above and evaluated by the Spokane Police Department. Community input was solicited from businesses and community members who are located or reside in the Downtown AIA. The City has petitioned to add products in 2011 and again in 2012. We believe that distributors substituting products has contributed to some degree to the increase in chronic inebriate problems in this AIA. We also believe that licensee's who are just outside the Downtown boundaries, and within easy walking distance, contribute to current majority of chronic inebriate and public consumption of alcohol problems within this AIA.

The City of Spokane maintains the perspective that the Downtown Urban Core AIA has been successful in reducing continuing health and safety issues related to chronic public inebriation. Implementation of the East Central and West Central AIA should also contribute to the future success of the Downtown Alcohol Impact Area.



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