



# SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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2012  
**Annual Report**  
**Downtown Urban Core AIA**  
WAC 314-12-215(8)(A)

To: Washington State Liquor Control Board  
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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 2012. 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 a Voluntary AIA in late 2009.

During 2011 we made frequent contacts with CPI's found consuming fortified beer products in the Downtown AIA. We found that CPI's were traveling short distances to licensees outside of the AIA boundary to purchase their fortified beer and then transport it back downtown for consumption. This practice continued to occur during the 2012 year. Many of these purchases were occurring in the East Central/ East Sprague voluntary Alcohol Impact Area. The East Central AIA wasn't officially recognized until September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. We've also found that two beer distributors in the Spokane area are still substituting products in the AIA. A Petition to Add Products to the banned product list has been prepared and submitted. 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.

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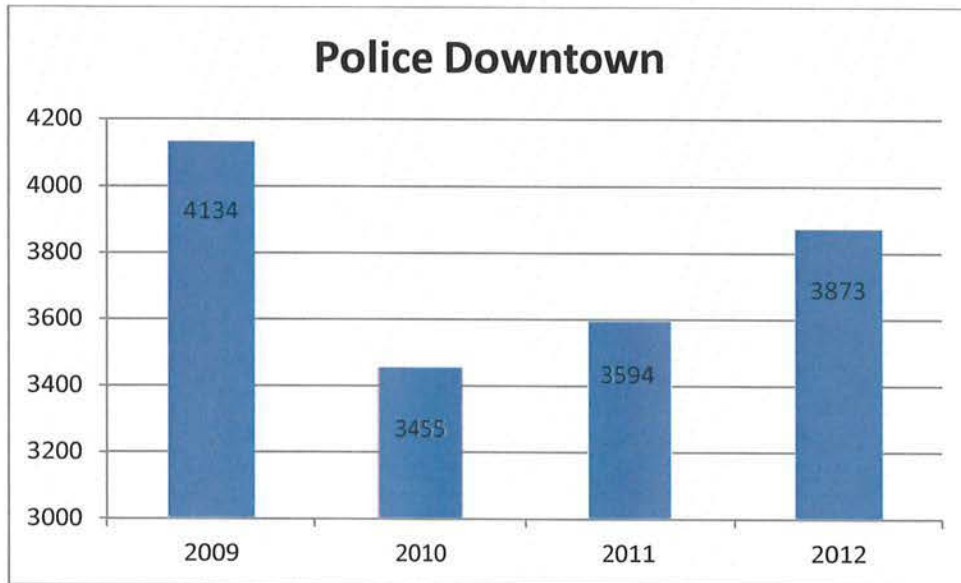
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For 2012 we have seen a slight increase in overall calls for service for police nuisance calls. Since 2002 we have used the following call types as a measure of activities associated with chronic public inebriation: arguments, disorderly conduct, fights, lewd conduct, liquor violation, panhandling, pedestrian violations, persons bothering, suspicious persons, unwanted guest, trespassing, welfare checks and requests for detox transport.

The following graph shows a 7% increase of police calls for service for the 2012 monitoring period for the above listed nuisance calls. 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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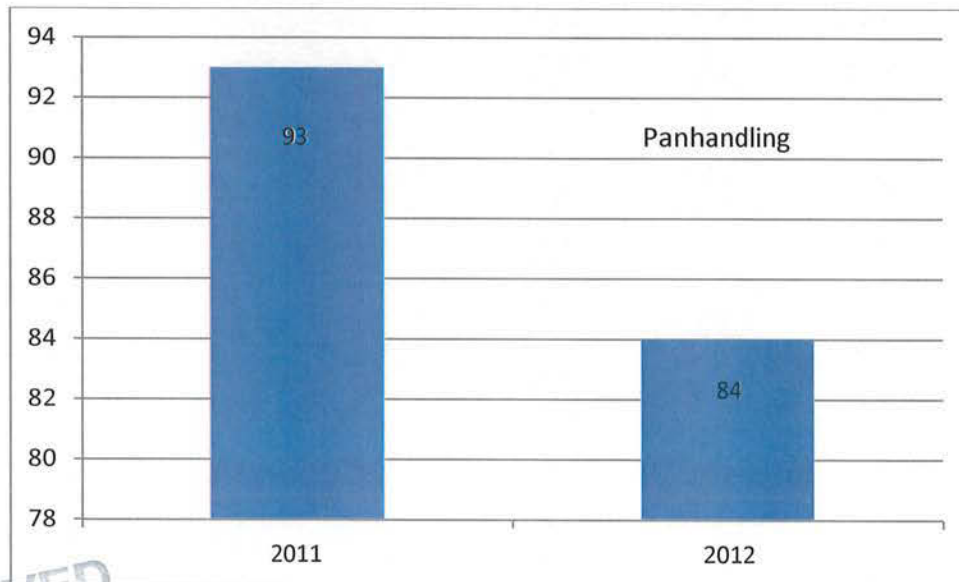
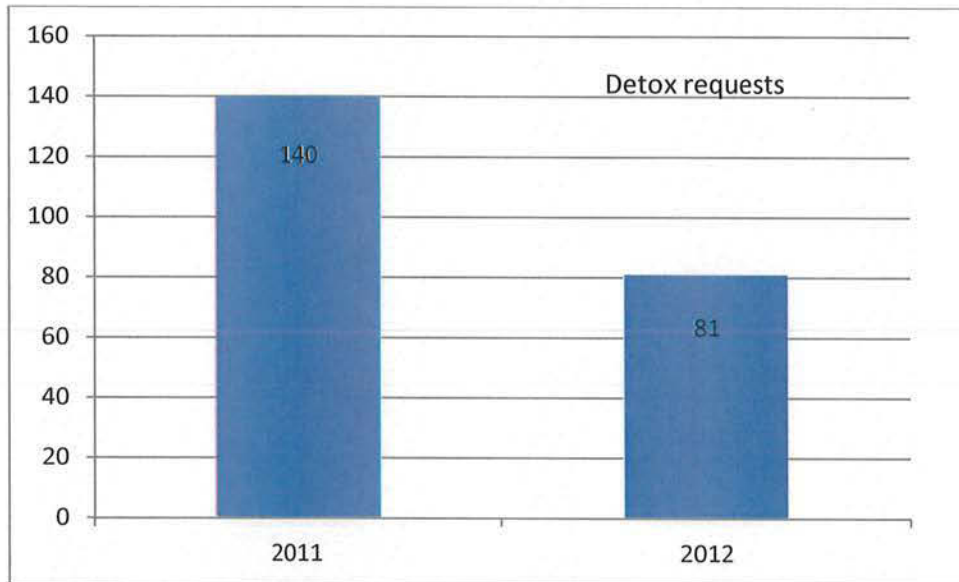


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However, when we compared the following call types that have been shown to be directly attributable to alcohol consumption; Liquor Violation, Panhandling and police requests for detox, we found a 23% drop in calls for police service.



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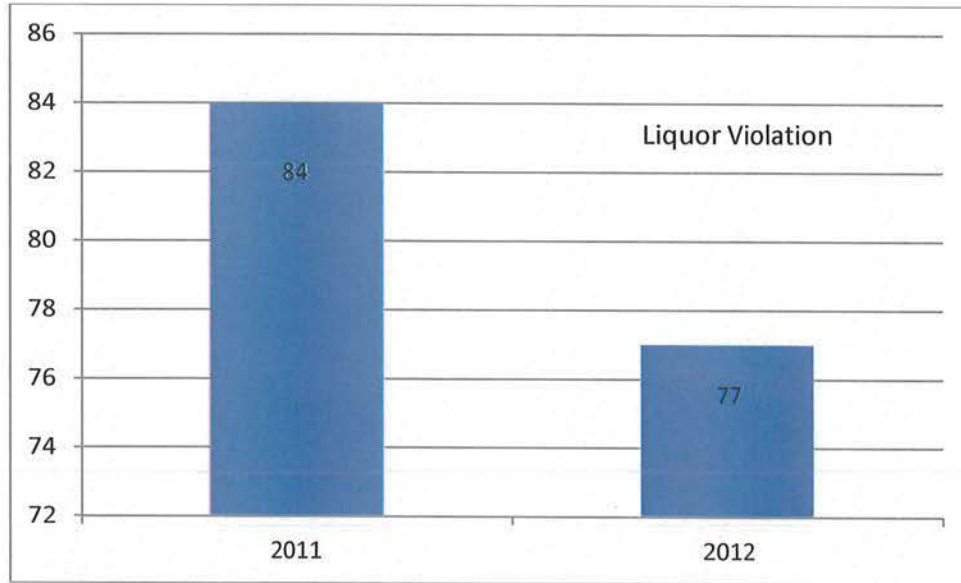
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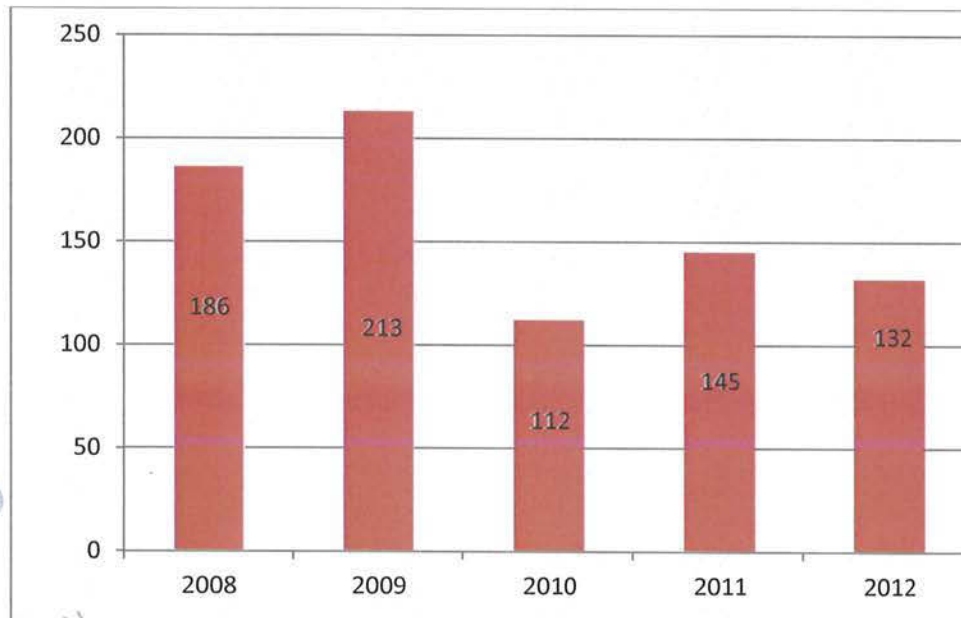
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Fire Department Medic calls for alcohol related incidents within in the Downtown AIA decreased from 145 in 2011 to 132 for 2012. This is an 8% decrease.



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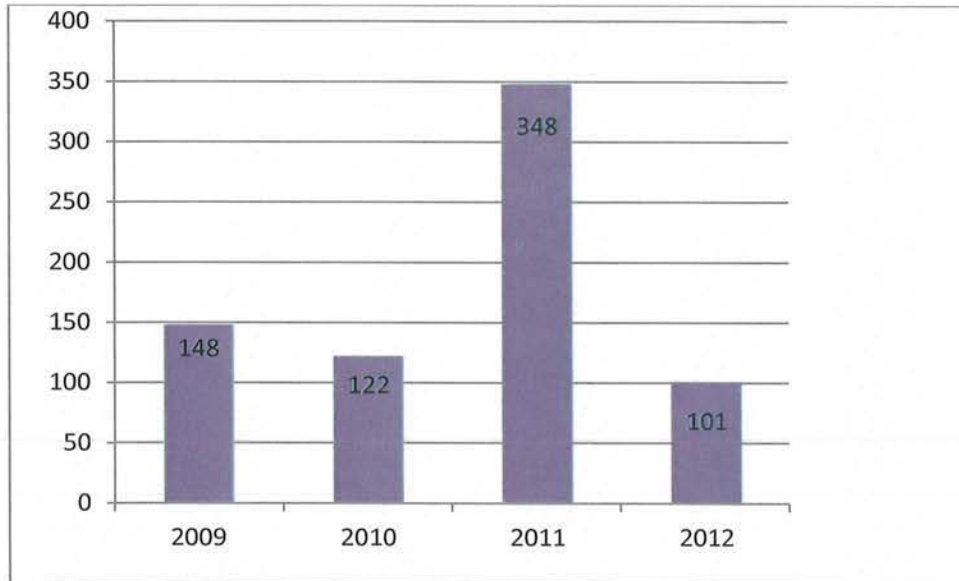


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Spokane Community Detox Services has seen a 70% decrease in detox transports for the Downtown Alcohol Impact Area for 2012.



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

*The Alcohol Impact Area is a useful and effective tool in reducing chronic public inebriation and other illegal activity associated with these types of sales. It has helped improve the quality of life issues that affect our Downtown Business Improvement District area, even more than we anticipated. By monitoring these activities, it may even prevent further disorder and escalation to more serious crimes. Disorderly conduct, panhandling, public consumption and inebriation are just a few of these behavioral issues that have been reduced in our city center due to having this solution in place. Together we strive for a safe, healthy community for all.*

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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 in 2012 and again in 2013. We believe that distributors substituting products contributes to increases in chronic inebriate problems in this AIA. We also know that liquor licensee's located just outside the Downtown boundaries, and within easy walking distance, contribute to the chronic inebriate and public consumption of alcohol problems within this AIA.

We believe the slight increase in general police nuisance calls may be a result of increased police focus on transient and chronic inebriate activities in the downtown core. Almost all of Spokane's homeless service providers are located within the downtown core 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. The implementation of the East Central AIA should also contribute to the future success of the Downtown Alcohol Impact Area.

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