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## Team Composition

- **Neighborhood Response Team (NRT)**
  - 6 Officers
  - 1 Acting Detective
  - 1 Sergeant
- **Bike Squad (Day and Afternoon Shifts)**
  - 8 Officers
  - 1 Acting Sergeant and 1 Sergeant
- Multi-functional unit with patrol, tactical, and investigative abilities
- Enhancing community safety with targeted, strategic operations
- Cover 6 days a week 0600-0000



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# Primary Focus Areas

- Drug interdiction and crime suppression
- Outreach and livability issues
- Support to patrol during tactical incidents
- Drone, less-lethal, and rifle operator capabilities
- Long-term investigations and follow-up
- Conduct missions to address specific problems in the community (RTM, drug dealing, burglaries, traffic, community engagement)



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### Additional Elements

- Plainclothes operations for proactive crime detection
- Surveillance operations
- Serving arrest and search warrants
- Supplementing patrol with specialized tools and tactics



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# Investigative and Case Support

- Long-term case development and mentorship
- Supporting other units with intelligence and operational resources (recent SERT call out)



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# Advanced Academy Instruction

- Several hours of classroom instruction from Multnomah County Senior DDA, includes written exam
- In the joint Patrol Tactics/Control Tactics class “Intro to Custodies” the mechanics of inventories and frisks are taught, and instructors discuss some of the policy components
- During the Patrol Tactics class “Emergency Entries,” trainers discuss the legal authority for warrantless entry under Community Caretaking (ORS 133.033) and the corresponding directive (631.60 Premise Entry)



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### Outline:

The Current Situation - Homelessness and Measure 110

Types of Dealing

Adapting Responses - Targeting

Search and Seizure – Person, Tent, Vehicle

Deflection

Interviews and "Flipping"

Homelessness and Drugs



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### The Current Situation

#### Recent History

Homeless population with high rates of addiction concentrated in a small area.

Measure 110 removed fear of being seen with drugs.

Difficulty for patrol

Suppression vs Conviction



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### The Current Situation

Recent History

Recriminalization

Deflection

Changing methods of dealing



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### Types of Dealing

Foot – Primarily to homeless population or to buyers who arrive by vehicle. Mostly confined to hotspots

Tent – Selling in homeless camps. Identifiable by people lining up at the tent flap. Customers often offer stolen property in exchange for drugs.

Car – Arranged meetups, hotspot dealing, and stops at camps.

Some are having an issue with their homeless camps where dealers will pull up in their car, deal, and then leave - How have you dealt with something like that?

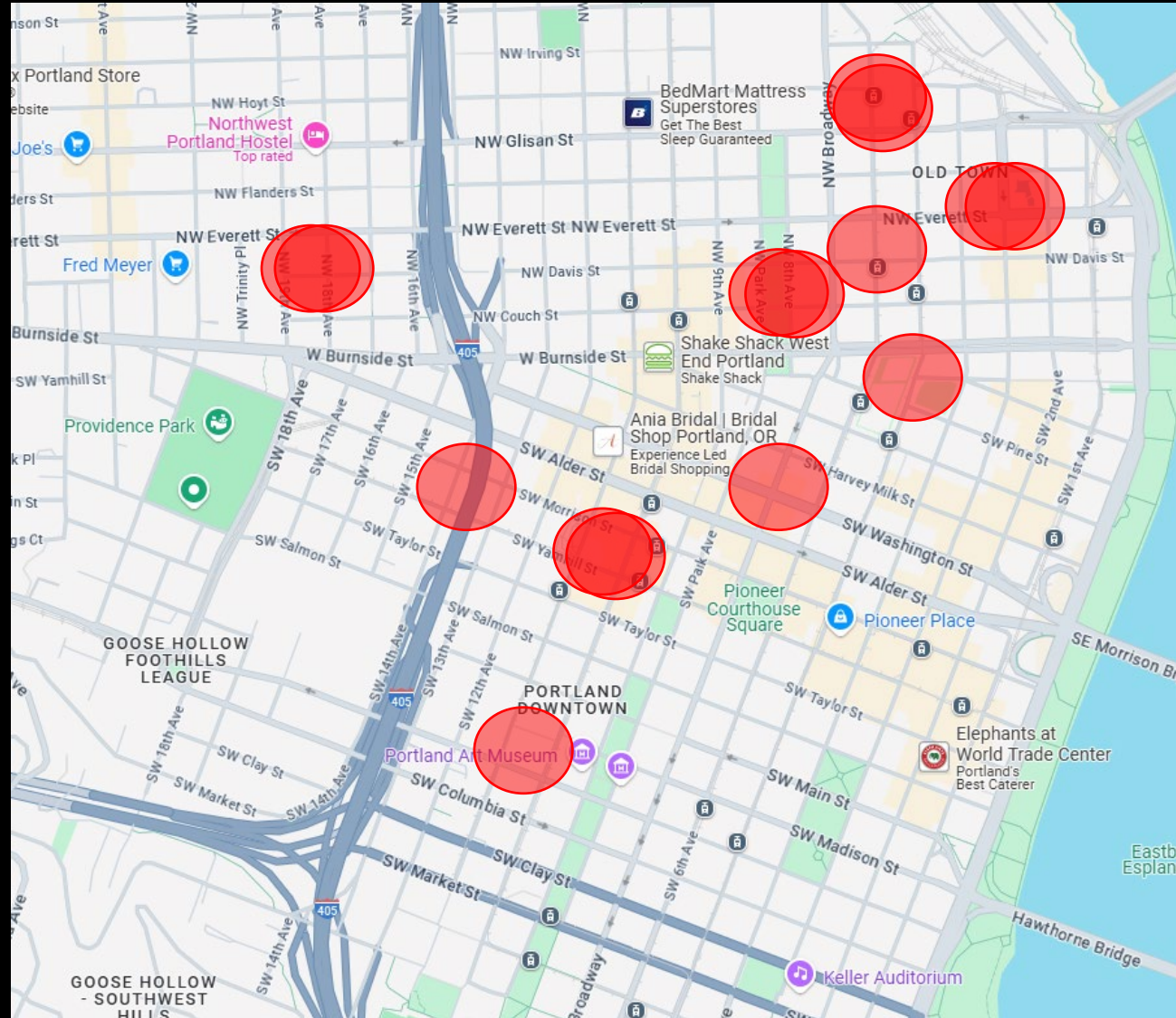


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Adapting Responses  
Targeting

Where should we  
focus?

Hotspots





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### Adapting Responses – Targeting

Where should we focus?

What do we need?

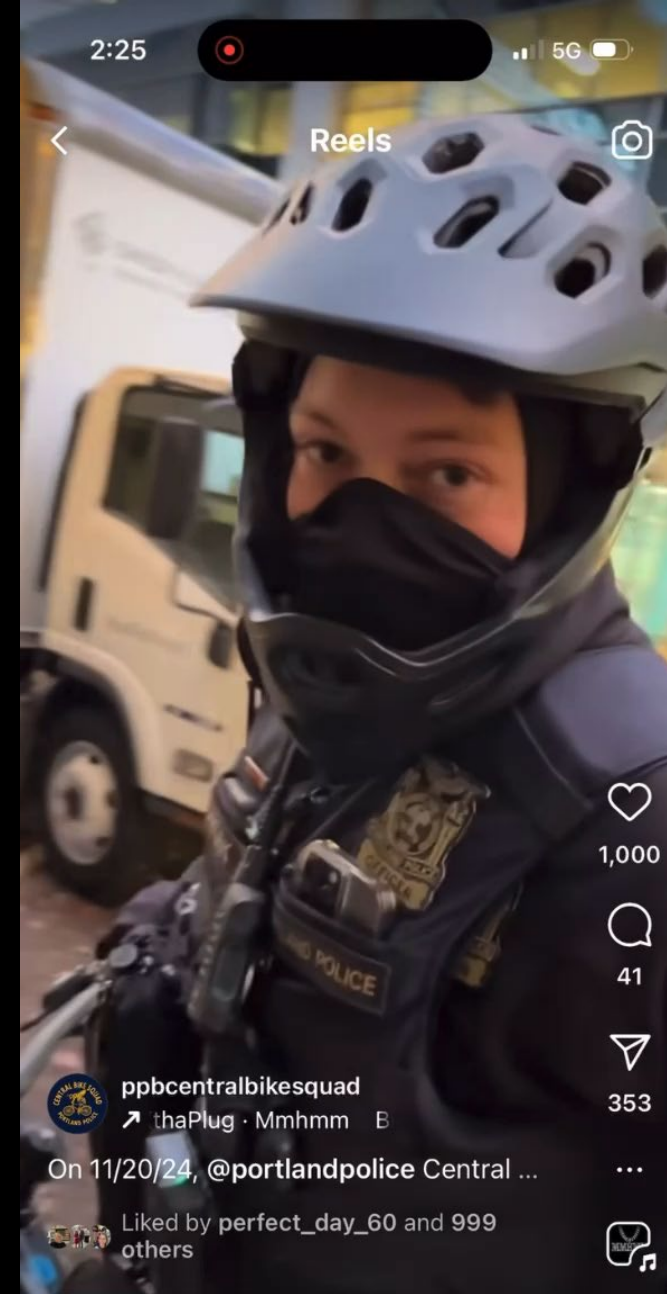
How can we prepare to capture it?







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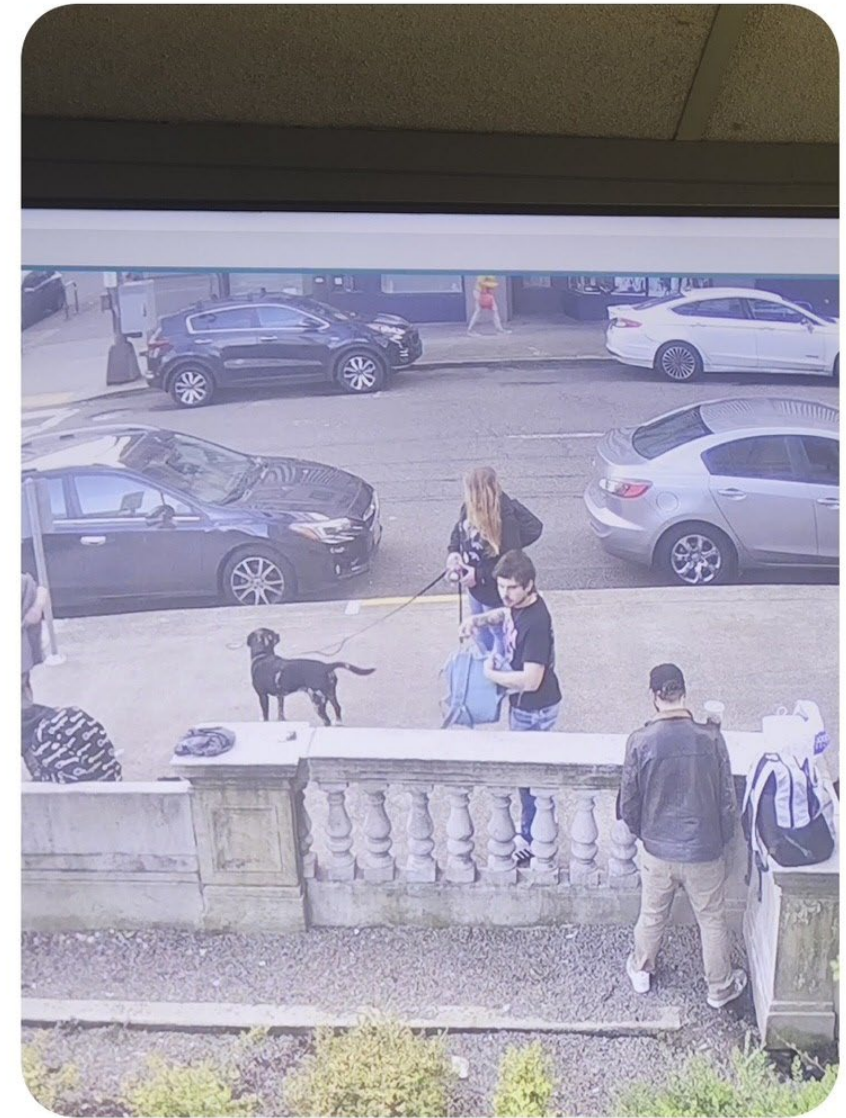
### Adapting Responses – Build an Intelligence Network

Phones

Surveillance Cameras

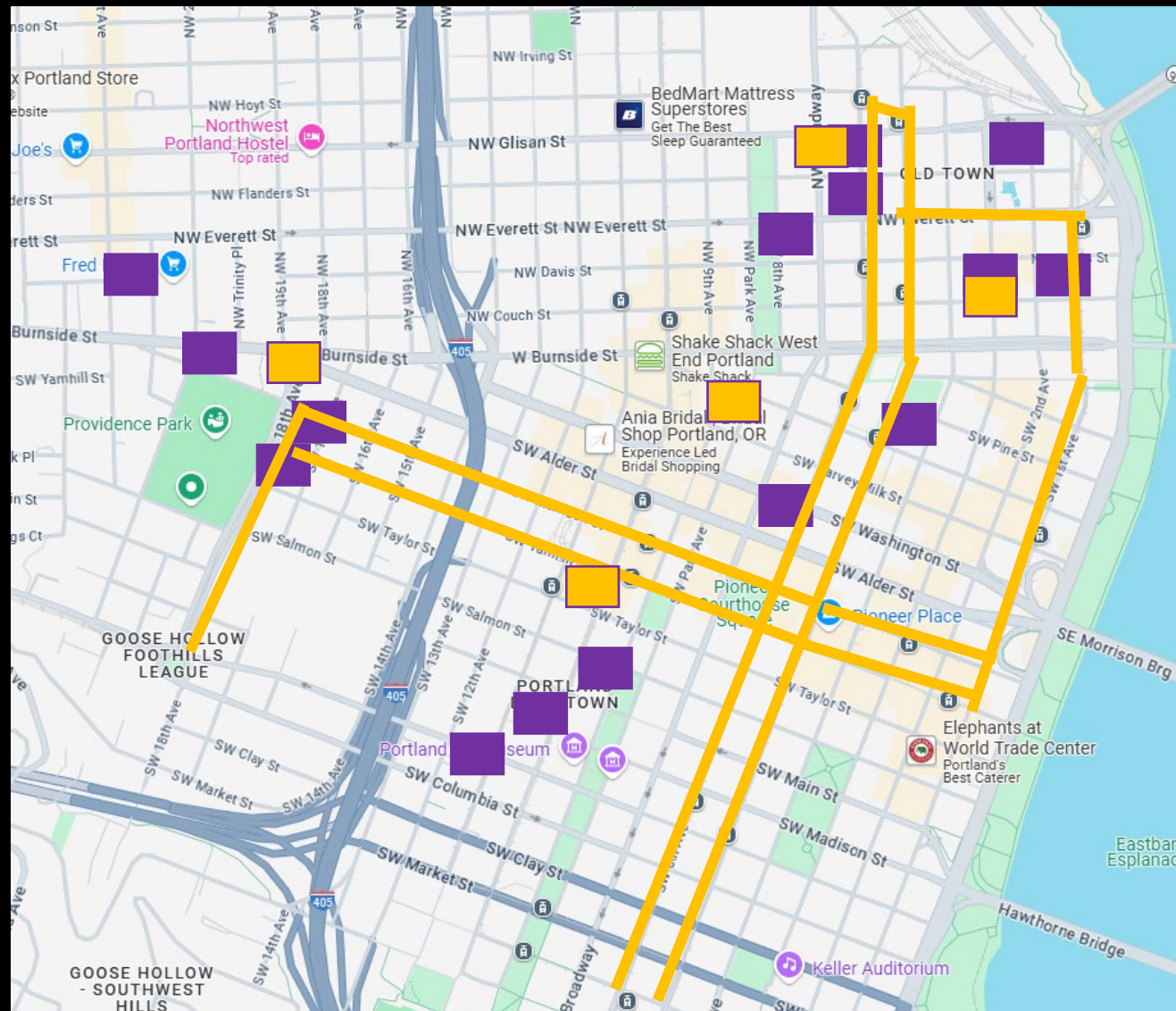
Relationships

Access



White Male in black and purple shirt with a blue backpack possibly Drug Dealing to several people passing by







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### Search and Seizure – Person, Tent, Vehicle

- *How are you relaying to the officers about how to express your authority in search and seizure situations - Feeling like they know what they can and can't do*
- *How are you handling search incident to arrest*
- *What's your experience related to searching for drugs vehicles - most places are going to be in relation to this rather than stopping pedestrians*
- *Lessons learned about what didn't work in search/seizure of drugs*



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Foot

Identifying and Assessing Dealers

Rate

Attire

Use

Cash

Trade Goods

Movement



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Foot

Search and Seizure

Do not separate



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Tents

Indicators

Surveillance





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Tents

Search and Seizure

Protected Space?

Abatements

Outreach



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Vehicle

Indicators

Surveillance







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Vehicle

Search and Seizure

Working up from PCS





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### Deflection

Finding Drugs – Primarily open use or paraphernalia with residue in the open or during inventory.

Barriers – Very little. People know that deflection is something they can walk away from in just a few minutes so we sell it as a way to avoid the criminal charge.

### Outreach



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### Interviews and "Flipping"

Friendly tone. Minimize. Sell to support own habit or just for profit? Have you tried drug treatment and do you want to? Duration of selling and how long does it take to sell amount found on you? I don't want to take all of your money, how much of the money on you was from dealing and how much was from something else?

Flipping: Many are very willing. Decision to handle ourselves or hand to NOC. Detailed interview, corroborating data on phone. Willing to do it for as little as being cited instead of jail. Order up in front of officer from precinct, others take into custody.

Intelligence Gathering



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### Homelessness and Drugs

*How are you approaching homeless folks/encampments*



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Questions?