

INCREASED CRIME

Police acknowledge ‘increase in reported crime in the Pearl District’ amid concerns

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Future of Northwest Northrup shelter remains uncertain

PORTLAND, Ore. ([KOIN](#)) — Portland police are acknowledging an increase in reported crime in the Pearl District, as debate continues over homelessness, shelter operations and public safety in Northwest Portland.

“Well, there has been an increase in reported crime in the Pearl District, so we’re not going to deny that or shy away from it,” Portland Police Chief Bob Day said.

The discussion came during a Pearl District town hall, held at The Armory in Northwest Portland, attended by city and county leaders Monday night. **Neighbors raised concerns about safety and livability.**

Police Chief Bob Day said officers are responding to increased calls for service in the area but stressed that residents should continue reporting incidents, even when response times lag.

He said the information helps police track trends and guide staffing and resource decisions

For neighbors, concerns focused on what they described as ongoing issues tied to open drug use, camping, and street disorder.