



# City of Tukwila

Community Revitalization  
Operation Taking Back Our Boulevard

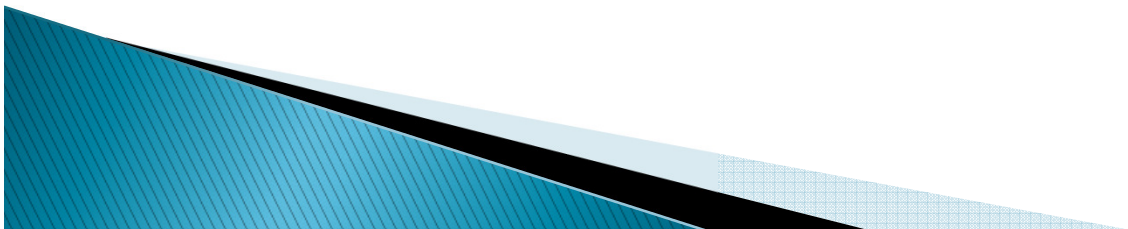
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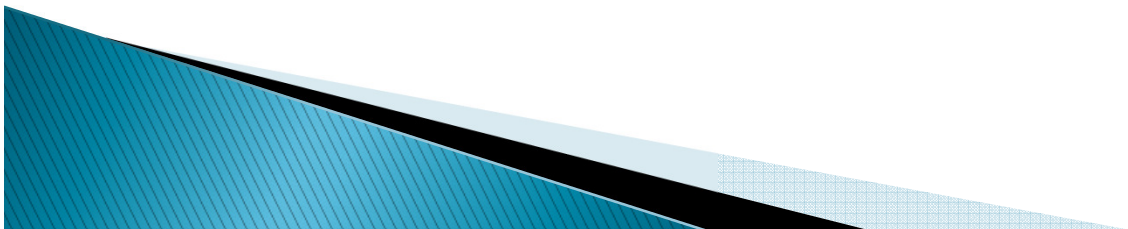




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## **Crime Reduction Initiative**

- Reduction in Police Resources 2010
- Sharp increase in Violent Crime 2011-2012
- Police Proposed CRI
  - Targeted Tukwila International Boulevard (TIB)
  - Included Hot Spots Strategy
- Mayor and Council Approved



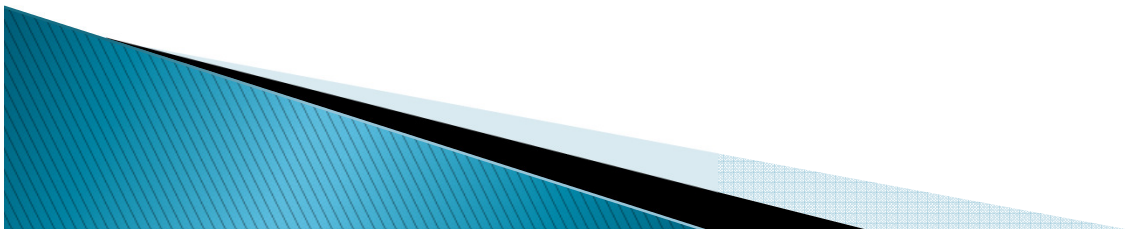




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## **Urban Renewal Area**

- Council Ordinance in 2000
- States Community Renewal Law RCW 35.81
- Purpose was to eliminate blight through revitalization
- Authorization granted April 2013 to purchase motels

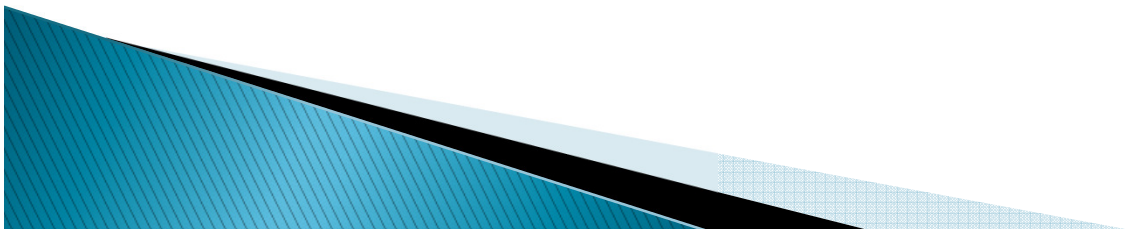




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## **Community Renewal RCW 35.81**

- Allows the creation of urban renewal areas within cities to revive areas struggling with crime and blight.
- Purpose to eliminate social liabilities, increase growth, reduce crime and improve livability.
- Redevelopment can occur through acquisition of blighted areas; demolition and removal of buildings and improvements; making land available for development or redevelopment by private enterprise or public bodies.

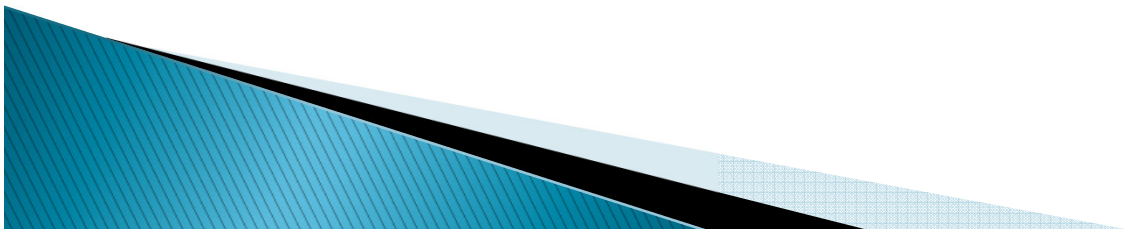


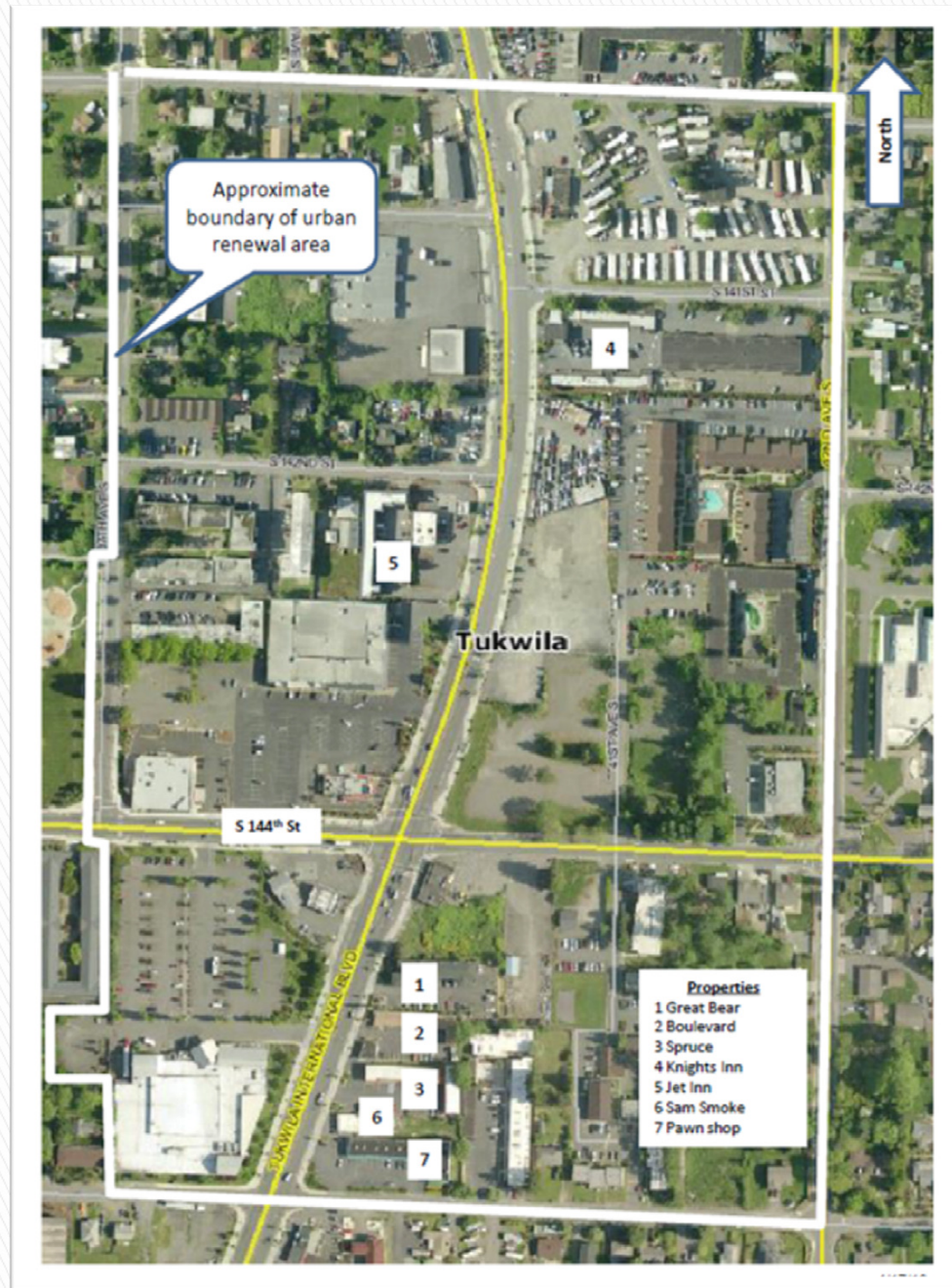


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## **Council Condemnation Action**

- Crime and disorder at motels on TIB
  - Hotel/Motel Ordinance
  - Chronic Nuisance Ordinance
  - Uncooperative Ownership
- Increase PD staff or change the environment
- Condemnation Initiated Under URA April 2013









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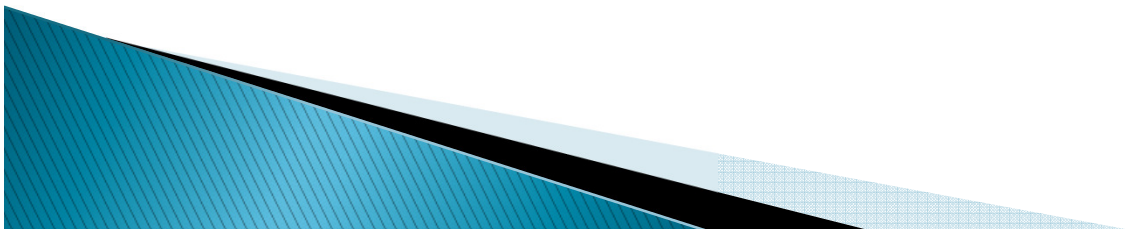
## Motel Police Investigation





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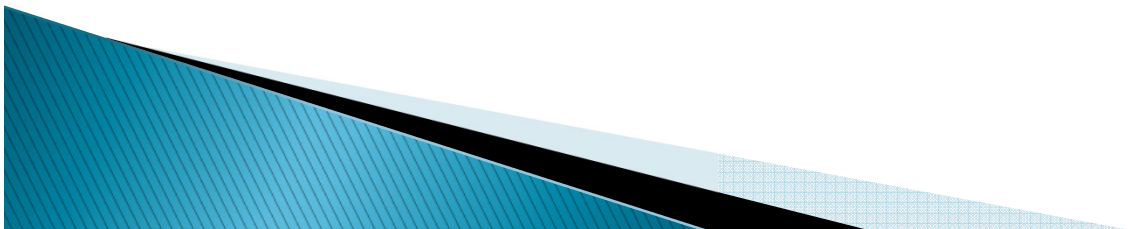
- Regional effort between the valley agencies and ATF identified a pattern associated with these motels
- Local efforts recognized the same trends
  - Hotel owners and managers charging fees for entry onto their properties to solicit drugs and prostitution
  - Facilitation of EBT (food stamp) fraud by hotel management
  - A common ownership group between the three motels (Travelers Choice, Boulevard, Great Bear)



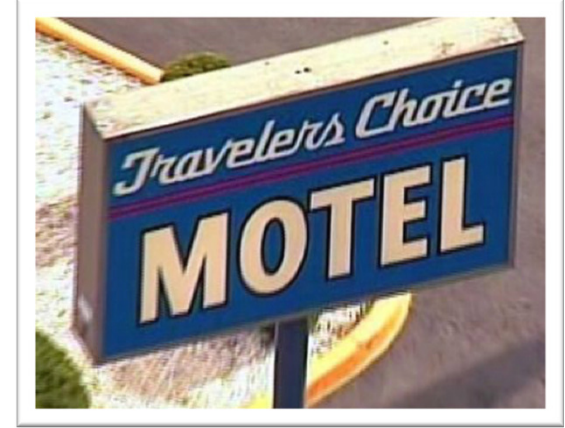


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- Formalized partnership with ATF and United States Attorney's Office
- Focused motel activity
  - Confidential sources and undercover officers confirmed management/ownership profited from the criminal activity
  - U.S. Attorney's Office Adopted the Case
    - Federal prosecution
    - Civil forfeiture of properties







## TBOB Operation – August 27, 2013





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## ➤ City

- ✓ Police
- ✓ Fire
- ✓ Emergency Management
- ✓ Public Works
- ✓ City Hall
- ✓ IT
- ✓ Human Services
- ✓ Finance
- ✓ Parks and Rec
- ✓ DCD

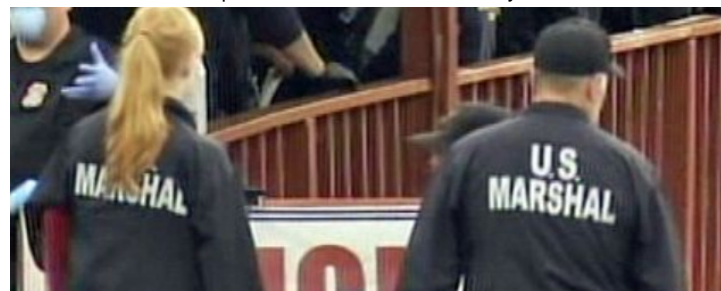


## ➤ Regional

- ✓ Valley Communications
- ✓ Bellevue PD
- ✓ Seattle PD
- ✓ Seattle SWAT
- ✓ Valley SWAT (Auburn, Federal Way, Kent, Port of Seattle, Renton, Tukwila )
- ✓ Valley CDU (Auburn, Federal Way, Kent, Port of Seattle, Renton, Tukwila )
- ✓ King Co. Medic 1
- ✓ Kent Fire Dept.
- ✓ Kent Emergency Manager
- ✓ Sea-Tac Fire Dept.
- ✓ Renton Animal Control
- ✓ King Co Sheriff
- ✓ King Co Metro Police
- ✓ King Co SWAT
- ✓ King Co Animal Control
- ✓ King Co Radio
- ✓ Washington State Patrol
- ✓ Department of Social and Health Services
  - Child Protective Services
- ✓ Department of Corrections
- ✓ AMR Ambulance Service
- ✓ TriMed Ambulance Service
- ✓ Tukwila Fire Explorers
- ✓ Tukwila Police Explorers
- ✓ United Methodist Church
- ✓ Starbucks

## ➤ Federal

- ✓ Alcohol Tabaco and Firearms
- ✓ Department of Justice
- ✓ U.S Marshalls
- ✓ Drug Enforcement Administration
- ✓ Federal Bureau of Investigations
- ✓ Department of Agriculture Office of Inspector General
- ✓ Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigations
- ✓ Department of Homeland Security

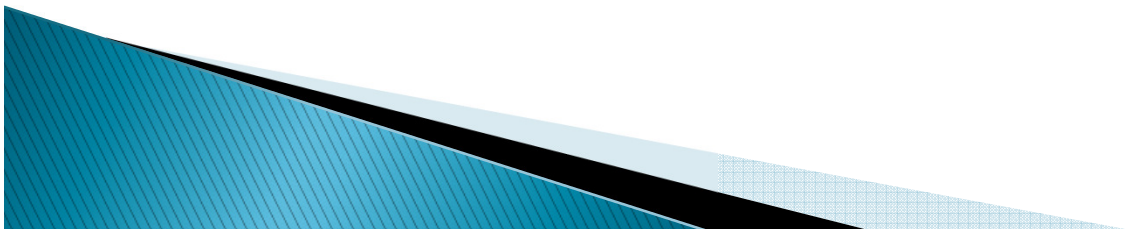




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## **Humanitarian Effort**

- Riverton United Methodist Church
- Multi-department effort
- Sound Mental Health support
- Food, emergency supplies, Visa cards, bus tickets, information
- Detailed intakes conducted, motel arrangements made, transportation arranged





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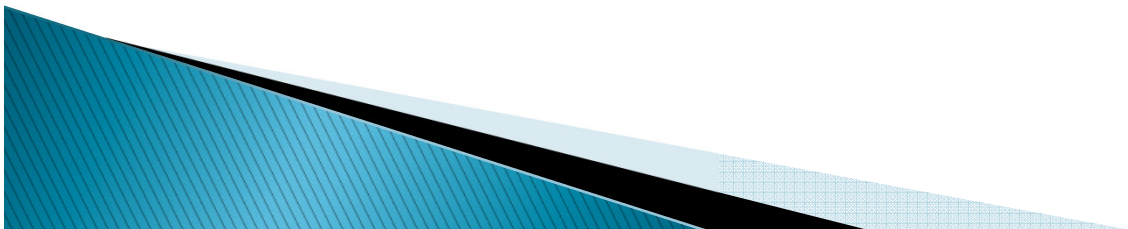




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## **Post Operation**

- All three owners plead guilty to conspiracy to maintain drug involved properties
- One year in federal prison/three years probation
- All interest in the three motels were forfeited
- 6,000 square foot SeaTac home seized and forfeited
- \$255,000.00 profited from criminal activity was seized from their homes and bank accounts
- 2007 Mercedes Benz forfeited





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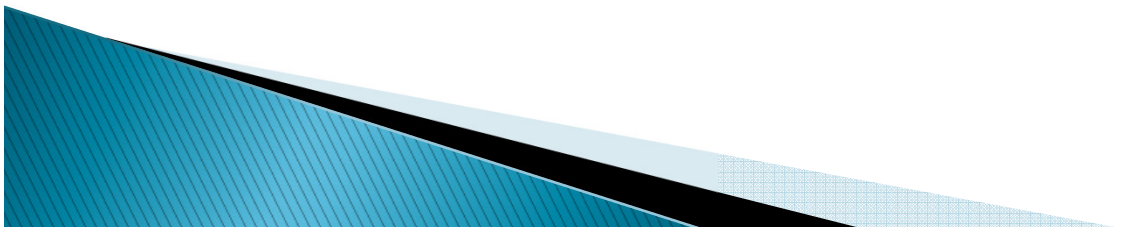
**Travelers Choice Motel**



**Boulevard Motel**



**Great Bear Motel**

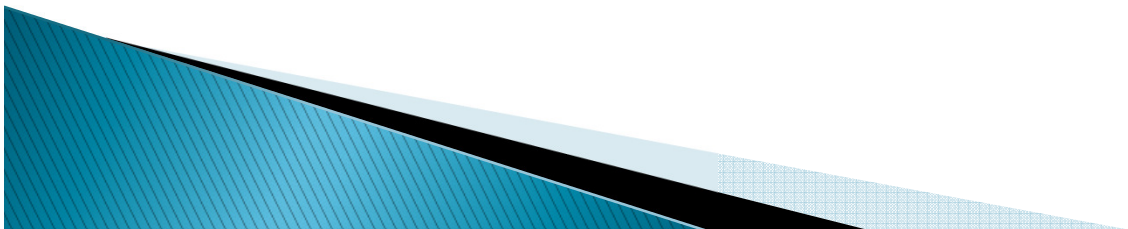




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## Outcomes

- Citizens feel safer
- Change in pedestrian traffic
- Criminal element has gone
- Decrease in narcotics and prostitution activity
- Decrease in street crime
- Citizens would support future city action
- People are still talking about TBOB and saying "THANK YOU!"

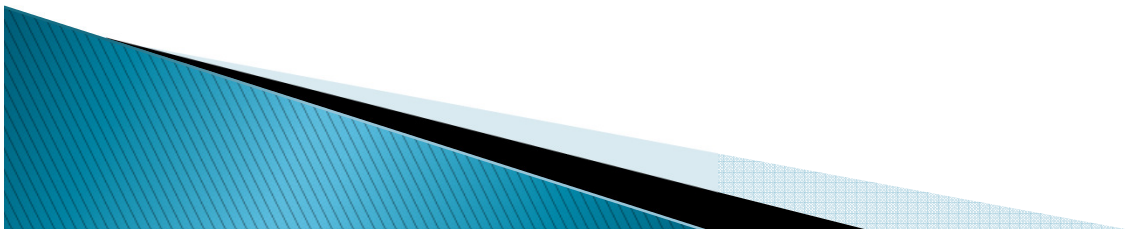




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## Outcomes

City Wide		TIB Corridor	
Calls For Service	↓ 4.3%	Calls For Service	↓ 30%
Cases	↓ 5%	Crime	↓ 30%
Violent Crime	↓ 12%	Violent Crime	↓ 40%



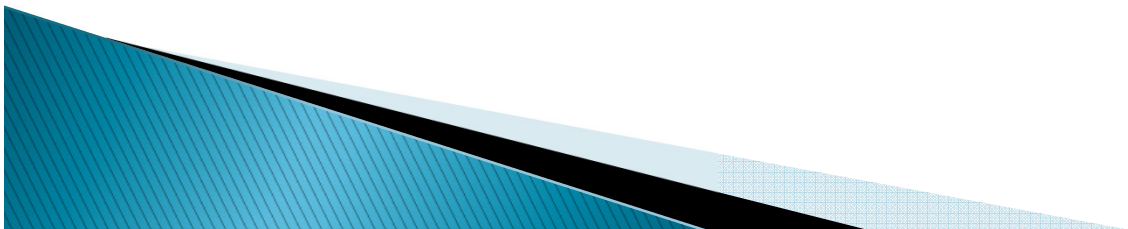




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## **Next Steps**

- Complete purchase of the Spruce Motel
- Demolition
- Sale of properties
- Redevelopment and revitalization





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*“None of us is as smart as all of us”*

*Ken Blanchard*

*The Heart of A Leader*

## **Questions?**

