

SDCC Security Committee

Meeting Minutes – 3 March 2026

Location: Zoom

Attendees:

Committee Members:

Sgt. Keith Boyd, SLMPD		Grady Vaughan, Security Committee Chair
Sgt. Michael Gage, WUPD	dr	Arline Webb, Neighborhood Resident
JoAnna Schooler, WU Liaison/SDCC Board Liaison		Melissa Webb, BiState/MetroLink
Samantha Smugala, East Loop CID Director		

Other Attendees: Cpt. JD McCloskey, SLMPD; Amy Perkins, Neighborhood Resident

The meeting began at 5:34 PM.

Note: The draft meeting minutes from this meeting will be distributed to all attending committee members for review and comment, and the final minutes will be distributed to all committee members and uploaded to the website with corrections as requested.

1. SLMPD Report

The SLMPD crime map showing incidents for February in Skinker DeBaliviere and the immediate area was shared on screen with the various reported crime descriptions highlighted. The map showed an uptick in the number of incidents in the neighborhood from last month.

Copy of the crime map and crime stats are included in these minutes. Note that the map covers areas outside the Skinker DeBaliviere area due to scaling issues.

Captain McCloskey and Sgt. Boyd discussed some of the incidents on the map. The homicide on Waterman was discussed at the previous meeting.

Clicking on the links below will result in the latest stats available. Note that CompStat figures are preliminary and are subject to change through the course of further analysis and review.

SLMPD Links:

North Patrol Website: [North Patrol Division - St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department](#)

CompStat Crime Reports: [Crime Statistics - St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department](#)

Weekly Report: (see p. 12 for District 5)

By Neighborhood: (see p. 66 for Skinker-DeBaliviere)

Crime Mapping: <https://www.crimemapping.com/Share/66dfeeb3d9874dc78fdf8be1ad7f0c4c>

2. WUPD Report

Sgt. Gage noted that there are no significant issues to report.

WUPD Phone Number: 314-935-5555 for student issues

3. **Bi-State/MetroLink**

Melissa Webb noted that for the Secure Platforms Project all of the gates are installed in Missouri stations and the majority of fencing is up with only sections that need cooperating weather conditions for installation adjacent to concrete remaining. She also noted that the new Fare Systems that will control the gates is in testing phase and will be rolled out as the testing is completed satisfactorily.

She also noted that some nuisance issues such as smoking continue to crop up at stations and that the MetroLink security staff is working on ways to resolve these issues.

MetroLink Monitoring Center:

Call: 314-289-6873

Text: 314-300-0188

BiState/MetroLink Link: [MetroLink | Metro Transit – Saint Louis](#)

4. **East Loop CID Report**

Samantha Smugala noted that incidents continue to be down in the Loop with only 3 incidents in January and 2 in February. She also noted that the **Understanding 911 Event** took place on February 23 and was well attended. Notes from this event are attached to the end of these minutes.

5. **Neighborhood Stabilization Team Report**

Representative was unable to attend.

Direct Link for Citizens Service Bureau (CSB) reporting:

<https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/public-safety/neighborhood-stabilization-office/citizens-service-bureau/csb-request-submit.cfm>

6. **Skinker DeBaliviere Neighborhood Issues that are being monitored (origination date):**

- a. Neighborhood gunfire safety concerns. SLMPD to engage with neighborhood resident for access to incident site to retrieve slug. (1/6/26)
- b. Damaged silver Hyundai Accent auto on Des Peres has now been ticketed but has not yet been removed. (2/3/26)
- c. Report of commercial vehicles that are parked overnight on residential streets in area of Hamilton School and Lucier Park. Need to determine how to monitor and report. No action to report at this time. (2/3/26)

7. **Parkview Report**

Representative was unable to attend.

8. **AlderLady Report**

Alderlady was unable to attend meeting this month.

Next Meeting:

5:30 PM Tuesday

April 7, 2025

A Zoom invitation will be sent to all Committee members plus others by request. Please send requests to the SDCC Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

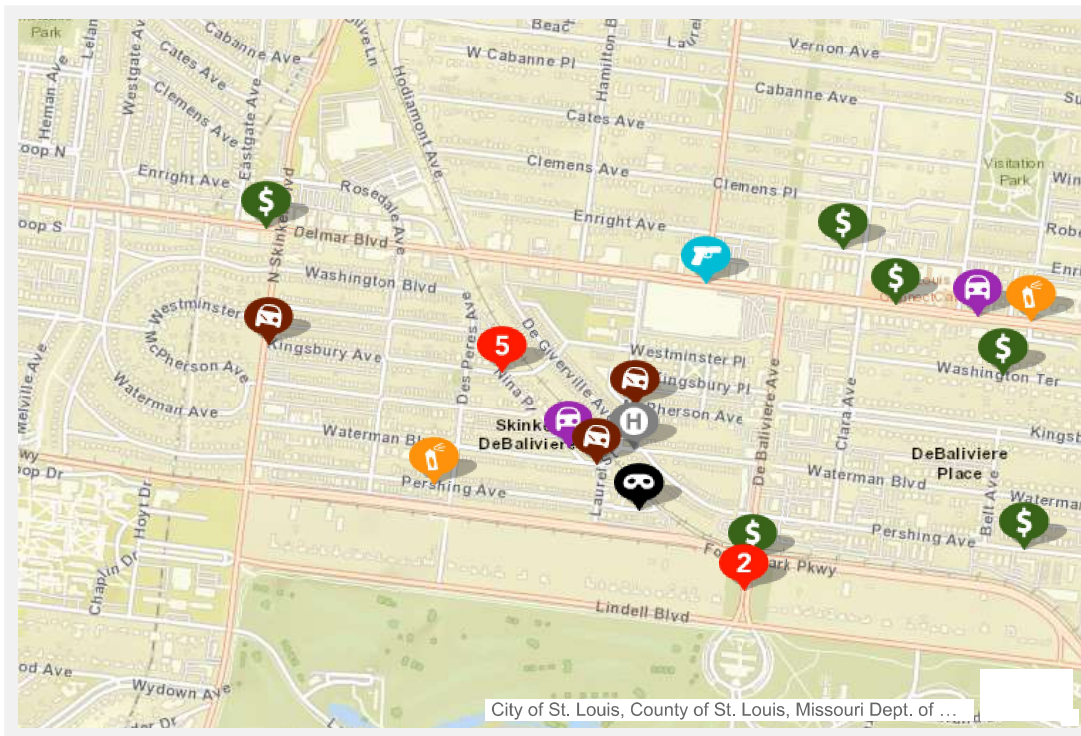
Recorded by Grady Vaughan

CrimeMapping.com Map

Sunday, February 1, 2026 through Monday, March 2, 2026

Showing crime types: Arson, Assault, Burglary, Disturbing the Peace, Drugs / Alcohol Violations, DUI, Fraud, Homicide, Motor Vehicle Theft, Robbery, Sex Crimes, Theft / Larceny, Vandalism, Vehicle Break-In / Theft, Weapons

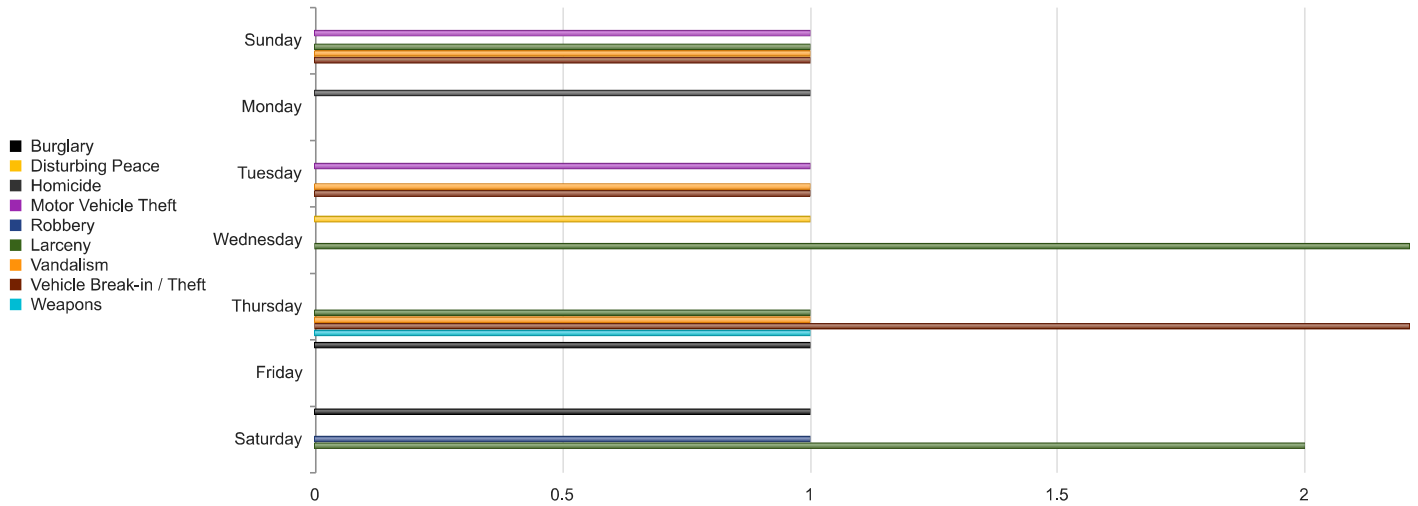
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- Show crime chart



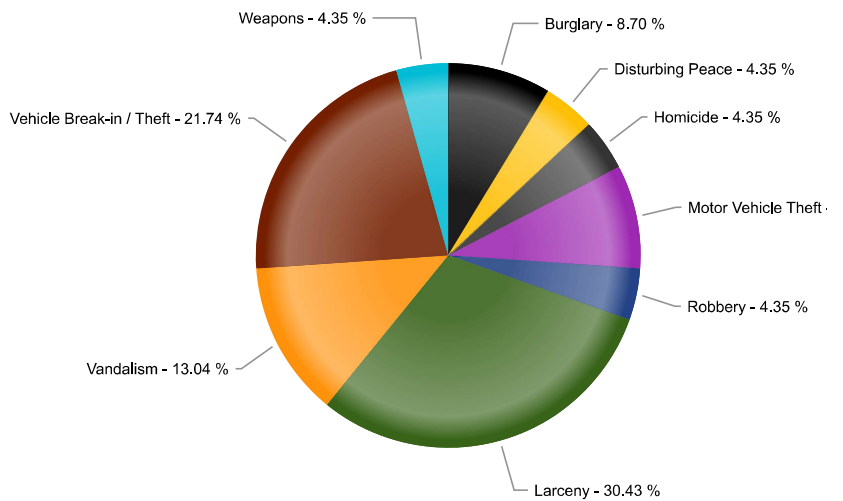
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Day of Week Summary



Crime Summary



Crime Report

Type	Description	Incident #	Location	Agency	Date
	PROPERTY DAMAGE 1ST DEGREE	26007569	5300 DELMAR BLVD	St Louis Police	3/1/2026 10:30 PM
	ROBBERY - 1ST DEGREE	26007436	500 DEBALIVIERE AVE	St Louis Police	2/28/2026 8:19 PM
	STEALING	26007413	5500 DELMAR BLVD	St Louis Police	2/28/2026 12:00 AM
	BURGLARY - 2ND DEGREE	26007369	5700 PERSHING AVE	St Louis Police	2/27/2026 4:31 PM
	STEALING - \$750 OR MORE	26007676	FOREST PARK AND DEBALIVIERE / DEBALIVIERE	St Louis Police	2/26/2026 8:09 PM
	STEALING	26006988	5300 PERSHING AVE	St Louis Police	2/25/2026 4:25 PM
	STEALING UNDER \$150.00 (PETTY LARCENY)	26006631	6200 DELMAR BLVD	St Louis Police	2/22/2026 9:14 PM
	BURGLARY - 2ND DEGREE	26006477	1000 HAMILTON AVE	St Louis Police	2/21/2026 10:00 AM
	DESTRUCTION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY (CITY CHARGE)	26006325	1000 HAMILTON AVE	St Louis Police	2/19/2026 7:30 AM

Type	Description	Incident #	Location	Agency	Date
	PROPERTY DAMAGE - 2ND DEGREE	26006183	6000 PERSHING AVE	St Louis Police	2/17/2026 5:30 PM
	STEALING UNDER \$150.00 (PETTY LARCENY)	26005438	900 HAMILTON AVE	St Louis Police	2/12/2026 7:22 PM
	STEALING - \$750 OR MORE	26005129	1200 HAMILTON AVE	St Louis Police	2/10/2026 6:45 PM
	STEALING	26004979	5400 DELMAR BLVD	St Louis Police	2/10/2026 12:20 AM
	STEALING - MOTOR VEHICLE/WATERCRAFT/AIRCRAFT	26004909	5800 NINA PL	St Louis Police	2/8/2026 9:00 PM
	STEALING - \$750 OR MORE	26004671	5600 ENRIGHT AVE	St Louis Police	2/7/2026 1:30 PM
	STEALING - ALL OTHER PROPERTY UNDER 570.030.5 (3)	26004586	5900 KINGSBURY AVE	St Louis Police	2/5/2026 11:00 PM
	STEALING UNDER \$150.00 (PETTY LARCENY)	26004543	5700 MCPHERSON AVE	St Louis Police	2/5/2026 9:00 PM
	UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM	26004469	GOODFELLOW BLVD / OXFORD	St Louis Police	2/5/2026 8:17 PM
	STEALING	26004455	45 WASHINGTON TER	St Louis Police	2/4/2026 5:00 PM
	GENERAL PEACE DISTURBANCE	26004330	200 DE BALIVIERE AVE	St Louis Police	2/4/2026 1:00 PM
	STEALING UNDER \$150.00 (PETTY LARCENY)	26004393	1200 HAMILTON AVE	St Louis Police	2/4/2026 3:00 AM
	MURDER 1ST DEGREE	26004133	5700 WATERMAN BLVD	St Louis Police	2/2/2026 8:20 PM
	STEALING - ALL OTHER PROPERTY UNDER 570.030.5 (3)	26004068	5800 WATERMAN BLVD	St Louis Police	2/1/2026 6:30 PM

Understanding 911 Community Meeting

Meeting Notes Summary

About the Dispatch Department

- The Dispatch Department receives approximately **850,000–900,000 calls each year**.
- Dispatch manages **four call types**:
 - Emergency (Police)
 - Non-Emergency
 - Information
 - Alarm Line
- **EMS and Fire are separate agencies** currently operating from a different location. Police call takers transfer calls to EMS or Fire when appropriate.
- The primary objective of dispatch is **keeping both citizens and police officers safe**.

Staffing

- Staffing levels remain below ideal, currently about **16 positions short**, though this is an improvement from being 32 positions short previously. Turnover remains high.
- Calls are **monitored and reviewed**. If protocol is not followed, staff may receive corrective action. Calls are also used for **training purposes**, with staff encouraged to evaluate how situations could be handled differently.
- New dispatchers complete training in **three phases**.
- The Communications Division is actively recruiting dispatch operators. Ideal candidates are:
 - Calm under pressure
 - Strong typists
 - Comfortable in high-stress environments
 - Free of felony convictions*No prior experience is required; training is provided.*

Calling 911: Best Practices

- **Please do not hang up and call back**. Hanging up places you at the back of the call queue.
- Once connected, operators must ask a series of required questions. These questions:
 - Help dispatch relay accurate information to officers
 - Improve safety for everyone involved
 - May be used in court proceedings*Remain calm and answer all questions as clearly as possible.*
- If there are **multiple witnesses**, designate **one person to call**. Multiple calls for the same incident can clog the system and delay response times.

- Hanging up before speaking to an operator is considered an **abandoned call**. An automated system will call you back to ask if assistance is still needed. This is **not intended to discourage reporting**, but to reconnect callers with dispatch.
 - Dispatchers must determine whether a call is a **civil matter or a criminal matter**, which can affect how the call is handled and prioritized.
 - If a situation involves **mental health concerns**, clearly communicate this:
 - **Non-violent situations** → EMS and/or a social worker may be dispatched
 - **Violent situations or presence of a weapon** → Police and EMS/social workers are dispatched
 - Dispatch can identify your location using:
 - **Rapid SOS**
 - **Phone XY coordinates**
 - Officers locating someone at a residence can only access **names and addresses**—not personal details such as age, race, or gender.
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How Calls Are Prioritized

Priority 1 – Life-Threatening Emergencies

- Accidents with injuries
- Shootings
- Stabbings
- Armed robberies / hold-ups

Priority 2 – Safety Risks

- Domestic disputes
- Physical fights

Priority 3 – Non-Emergency Issues

- Theft
 - Stolen items
 - Missing Persons 12 years old and Under with Mental Disabilities
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Non-Emergency Calls & Reporting by Phone

- You **can call 911 to make a report** for events or disturbances occurring at the moment, even if it is not an emergency. You can also call the **non-emergency line at 314-231-1212**
- For non-emergency matters, an operator may collect initial information and have a **Sergeant or Lieutenant call you back** to explain delays in response time.

- Common examples include:
 - Auto theft
 - Stolen property
 - Vandalism
 - Property Damage
 - Missing Persons 13 years old and older (no mental disabilities)
 - This process helps keep officers available for emergencies. In many cases, the incident has already passed and an on-site response would not change the outcome—but **reporting is still important**.
 - The **non-emergency line** uses an automated prompt system. This is a staffing tool, not a deterrent. Someone from the telephone reporting unit will call you back to make a report by phone and give you the report number.
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Texting 911

- The 911 call taker can initiate text to 911 only. **Text 911** if you are unable to speak safely.
 - Response times may be **6–7 minutes**, but a dispatcher will respond via text.
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SLMPD App

- The **SLMPD Police App is outdated and no longer in use**.
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Information for Delmar Loop Businesses

- **Washington University Police Department (WUPD)** also operates in the area.
 - WUPD works collaboratively with SLMPD but **does not have arrest authority**.
 - For **non-emergency or quick-response situations**, businesses may contact WUPD.
 - In any **threatening or emergency situation**, always call **911 for SLMPD first**.
 - **Blue light emergency towers** on and around the WashU campus connect directly to police and WUPD.
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Making Complaints or Raising Concerns

- Complaints can be made by:
 - Calling your local police station and requesting to speak with a **Watch Commander**
 - Contacting **Internal Affairs**