

Text message
7/26/2026 8:18:05 PM

We have a statement prepared. I'd like to get it up on our blog by 8:30. I sent a link to both of you in Chat. It doesn't share details. Confirming that is OK.

Caedmon Cahill

• You reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 8:18:58 PM

Caedmon Cahill

Thank you.

Caedmon Cahill

Alison Holcomb

Agreed, looks great. Looks like you just saw my note about possibly adding a shout-out to Harborview.

• You reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 8:21:50 PM

Thanks for the quick turnaround

Alison Holcomb

Thank *you*!

Text message
7/27/2026 11:03:26 AM

Caedmon Cahill

The hearing is at Patricia Clark family and justice center, correct?

Caedmon Cahill

And is that reflected in mayor's talking points?

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

It is at that facility yes. Not sure it's in the TP's but I will be there in a few minutes and I'll take a look.

Caedmon Cahill

They were just printed for the mayor so need to confirm asap

Text message
7/27/2026 9:34:59 AM

Hey dawn can I give you a call at 10

Yes

7/27/2026 10:50:07 AM

KCSO

- KCSO responded to Seattle Center through 3 Metro Units and 3 Sound units, 1 K9 bomb dog and 3 unmanned ariel systems, drones.

- Drones were for the search of a felony suspect.

DAJD

- suspect was booked at 215am at KC youth facility

ROGVP

- no updates yet, gathering info

• You reacted with 👍 on 7/27/2026 10:50:18 AM

Info I've gathered if helpful

Where in city hall is presser ?

7/27/2026 5:23:55 PM

Seattle center told me she's not going? But yall said she is so just checking

7/27/2026 6:29:45 PM

Yes. Communication cross wires. She is going

• Karissa County reacted with 👍 on 7/27/2026 7:45:47 PM

Text message
7/26/2026 9:42:41 PM

Another change. MKW on her way!

• Matt McIntosh reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 9:43:55 PM

Just spoke with EPU, I'll advance her.

• You reacted with !! on 7/26/2026 9:50:00 PM

Thank you!

Thank you! Feel free to call with any late breaking info and I can relay to her.

• You reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 9:51:53 PM

She'll probably get asked about cameras. Any way to find out if Seattle center has them?

Copy, they do have "limited cameras" and SPD is trying to pull them.

• You reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 10:08:54 PM

7/26/2026 10:36:29 PM

Hi Mayor. Making sure you saw we drafted song TP and possible Q&A for you at the bottom of the Statement doc. Link is in chat.

• Mayor Wilson reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 10:36:49 PM

7/26/2026 6:26:10 PM

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

Getting multiple reports of a shooting at the bite of seattle

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

Early report is multiple victims with two suspects in custody

Alison Holcomb

Very preliminary information from Chief Barnes, who just called me. Potentially six victims; four is the threshold for "mass shooting."

Alison Holcomb

A/C Tyrone Davis will provide on-the-ground intel soon.

Alison Holcomb

No information yet re: injuries.

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

Reportedly two still *not* in custody

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

Per fire: 2 deceased, 2 red, 2 yellow

Mayor Wilson

Awful. I am available tonight as needed. Who is the 427 number?

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

Jonah

• Mayor Wilson reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 6:31:43 PM

Mayor, Jonah mentioned when scene is stable it would be good for you to be there.

• Mayor Wilson reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 6:33:12 PM

Alison how do you feel about this?

Alison Holcomb

I wouldn't send Mayor 'til we know more.

Matt just called me and is ready to mobilize. DM and Alex, can you consult with the CR team and figure out who should be on the ground? Maybe Dominique, too?

Alison Holcomb

Chief doesn't know who runs Bite of Seattle, that person and Randy Engstrom should get calls ASAP. DM, is that you!

Alison Holcomb

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Brian Surratt

I'll call Randy.

Alison Holcomb

Chief reports one person deceased, a six-year-old child received a through-and-through bullet and is expected to live. The other victims have been rushed to hospital.

Brian Surratt

Just talked to Randy. He says there is a conference call taking place in a few minutes. SPD, Seattle center staff.

Alison, are you on that call? Sounds like SPD is organizing that call.

If Jonah and I could be included we'd appreciate it

Brian Surratt

I asked Randy to forward the conference call details to Dawn, Jonah, and Alison.

I plan on heading out there.

Hopefully we'll be there in about 35 minutes.

• Alison Holcomb reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 6:56:48 PM

Alison Holcomb

The folks organizing the conference call Randy mentioned are likely Armory security and off-duty SPD. SPD leadership was not aware of it. If Randy is on it and can get me on it, too, that would be helpful. Otherwise, SPD leadership will keep us engaged.

FBI SAIC Mike Herrington has offered the agency's assistance.

Seven victims, two deceased. The child is not one of the deceased.

Caedmon Cahill

Are all of the victims at Harborview? Is there any support happening there?

Brian Surratt

I'm almost to Seattle Center.

I think the Mayor should start making her way here as well.

Alison, Dawn, Jonah: can we prepare for a call with electeds with SPD?

I spoke to a few electeds and they are asking.

Also, we need to have a statement ready for the Mayor.

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

Update on victim conditions from SFD:

40-year-old female with minor injuries. Declined transport to a hospital.

39-year-old female in stable condition. Transported to Harborview via AMR.

2-year-old male in stable condition. Paramedics transported him to Harborview.

23-year-old male in stable condition

56-year-old female in serious condition. Paramedics transported her to Harborview.

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

Have a draft statement going

Mayor Wilson

It would be good to get clarity soon whether we're planning a public conference tonight v. tomorrow morning, so we can communicate that to other elected officials.

Mayor Wilson

(Just talked with Ferguson and Jayapal. Ferguson is in Olympia but can head this way shortly.)

Alison Holcomb

Just talked to DM and am going to make a conference call with electeds happen. Pause on sending Mayor anywhere until we have the call.

• Esther Handy reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 7:28:08 PM

Esther Handy

Hi team, I'm online and available to assist - Alison or Comms, let me know where you need extra hands.

Per Caedmon's note, is SPD coordinating with HSD on any victim support at Harborview? If not, I can call Tanya and see what's possible.

Caedmon Cahill

I spoke with Alison about harbor view. Probably premature to do anything with that.

- Esther Handy reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 7:28:42 PM

Alison Holcomb

Chief Barnes is convening a conference call with FBI and all leaders on investigation for all electeds to be briefed. Once he has the conference call information, I will share that here for DM to share with appropriate electeds and us to decide who all from MO should be on the call.

Mayor Wilson

Are we in touch with KC exec and CM for that district?

Mayor Wilson

Anna Edgerton from Bloomberg texted. Refer to Dawn, or Jonah?

Yes, please have Anna and others move requests through both of us.

Kris the Exec's Comms Director is tracking through KCSO and they are putting out statement soon.

Alison Holcomb

Update while SPD setting up conference call: this looks like a group violence incident between people who knew each other. I just spoke with Tanya Kim, and she is calling Dominique Davis to ask him to call me directly with updates on violence interruption and hospital-based intervention efforts.

- Caedmon Cahill reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 7:46:40 PM

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

I can take any media inquiries

- Brian Surratt reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 8:23:17 PM

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

What's the headline

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

Wrong thread!

I think Statement on Seattle Center Shootings, or something direct like that, right?

Brian Surratt

Yes, we need a statement.

I just spoke with Ferguson, Jayapal and Zhahily office. They all asked about a statement that they could point to.

They along with Kettle, Hollingsworth will be on the call at 9.

• You reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 8:28:08 PM

We could put Mayors name in it but she hasn't reviewed. I'll give to her it quickly as FYI

Mayor Wilson

I'm here ready to review

• You reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 8:29:01 PM

Alison Holcomb

Dawn drafted a great statement for Mayor, Caedmon and I have both reviewed. I let Sarah Smith know that DM was telling folks A/C Davis would be answering questions.

It's in tour chat mayor.

*your

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

Also want to flag whether we want to hold for SPD to make an investigative post/ statement before we go forth with anything. They haven't posted anything in two hours...

Alison Holcomb

The Mayor's statement is general and focused on family and community impacts. It's good for her to take the lead in acknowledging those impacts and letting everyone know we'll share more as we learn it.

• Brian Surratt reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 8:36:01 PM

Caedmon Cahill

I spoke with SPD. They are ok with us going first and will try to get something up on Twitter soon.

• Mayor Wilson reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 8:38:17 PM

Brian Surratt

Please share the statement when finalized.

Mayor Wilson

The statement looks good to me, but it is very general so it won't satisfy anyone looking for actual information.

Alison Holcomb

Us going first serves an important purpose of acknowledging traumatic events as multifaceted and involving multiple city and community partners. It's important to uplift SPD's critical contributions and also important not to place all the burden of grappling with these events on our police.

Alison Holcomb

Actual information will come as soon as we can verify it.

• You reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 8:42:06 PM

Alison Holcomb

It's a criminal investigation, so we need to help people be patient and let the work that needs to happen happen.

Brian Surratt

Also, Ferguson and Jayapal are asking if we are doing a press conference tomorrow morning.

We should stand up one.

I agree.

Alison Holcomb

Let's talk after the 9pm about what a press conference should be about.

Alison Holcomb

People are angry. Saying, "This is not acceptable," and "the perpetrators will be brought to justice," doesn't do anyone any good.

Alison Holcomb

We need to be thoughtful about next steps.

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

Post is live

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

<https://wilson.seattle.gov/2026/07/27/mayor-wilsons-statement-on-seattle-center-shootings/>

Alison Holcomb

Such a good statement. Thank you, Dawn, and everyone who contributed. Thank you, Mayor.

• You reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 8:49:16 PM

Jonah launched it and the team dove in.

• Alison Holcomb reacted with ❤️ on 7/26/2026 8:49:41 PM

Mayor Wilson

Thank you all for turning this around so quickly.

• You reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 8:51:18 PM

Esther Handy

Alison, can you confirm who will be on the 9pm call from Mayor's Office? And can you share a link with me, to hear all the facts? Thanks all.

Alison Holcomb

DM, Dawn, Jonah, and I have the appointment. I'll forward to you and Caedmon now.

Esther Handy

Thank you, Alison

Alison Holcomb

Dawn and Jonah, just forwarded you email from this person:

Jack Date
Senior Coordinating Producer
Justice and Homeland Security
ABC News

mailto:jack.v.date@abc.com

Alison Holcomb

I am not responding to him.

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

Forwarded him to SPD Comms as it's an investigative question

• You reacted with  on 7/26/2026 8:59:38 PM

Mayor Wilson

Chris Daniel's is calling me, fyi.

Send him to Jonah and I

Mayor Wilson

Matt says that KOMO is broadcasting that I and city council are expected to be there.

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

I'll call him

Brian Surratt

The statement says 2 suspects in custody.

This is not accurate.

Please revise.

Jonah is working on doing so

Mayor Wilson

We should consider whether I should come down to talk to KOMO, if that expectation has been created. I'm sure they would love to spin an "absent mayor" story.

Brian Surratt

I'm inclined to have you come down.

Dawn? Alison?

Agree.

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

Chris asked if there was a briefing tonight - per SPD they're doing one at 945 at the armory

Mayor Wilson

Ok, should I tell EPU to come pick me up now and rush down, or wait till after this briefing?

FYSA:

<https://bsky.app/profile/ericacbarnett.bsky.social/post/3mrlycozcms2i>

Chief is at the National Org of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) conference and back tomorrow

Alison Holcomb

Wait until you've finished this briefing so you can say you've been briefed and provide accurate information.

• Brian Surratt reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 9:23:17 PM

Alison Holcomb

No media briefing is happening. It's an internal briefing.

• Mayor Wilson reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 9:24:58 PM

Esther Handy

Who is staffing the Mayor if she goes down - Brian, are you still on site at Center to do so?

Mayor Wilson

Ok, good. EPU is at City Hall, I can call them now if we're agreed I should talk to KOMO.

Brian Surratt

I am here.

Alex Gallo- Brown

Matt was also down there

Alex Gallo- Brown

I can also go down if need be

Alison Holcomb

DM, is it worth Mayor coming down? Who's still there?

Brian Surratt

I just talked to AC Davis. His recommendation is no.

Alison Holcomb

Good. The call we were just on made it sound like a suspect might still be on the grounds. If so, we should assume they're armed and it's a volatile situation.

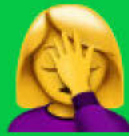
I spoke to Matt who is on site. He is aware Mayor recommended to not go, if possible suspect is still on campus we can't put her in harm. He will stay to see if there is media at 9:45 and listen in b4 heading home.

Alison Holcomb

SPD is doing media at 9:45. I've let them know Mayor needs to be part of it. They're working on it.

Alison Holcomb

Thank you, Mayor, for your patience.



• Alison Holcomb reacted with 🙄 on 7/26/2026 9:43:05 PM

Mayor Wilson

Ok so I should call EPU and head down now?

Alison Holcomb

Yes, get EPU and go.

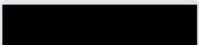
Meet at turn around at the space needle at EMP.

Go to the 5th and Harrison.

Alison Holcomb

EPU should call Brian Pritchard

Alison Holcomb



Esther Handy

Dawn and Jonah, can you update a few talking points for the Mayor at the end of the statement doc?

• You reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 9:42:13 PM

Alison Holcomb

Dawn, welcome to my world.

• You reacted with 😬 on 7/26/2026 9:43:39 PM

Should we mention gun violence more globally. This was third incident in just a few days.

Brian Surratt

Yes.

Mayor Wilson

Do we know the format? Will it be like a press conference?

Mayor Wilson

I should be prepared to be asked about (1) cameras (2) what the city is doing to prevent gun violence

• You reacted with ✅ on 7/26/2026 9:55:04 PM

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

We also initially said two people were arrested and updated the post to say one, so someone may ask about that but the answer is just "that's the information we received during a very dynamic incident, and we've put out an update"

• Mayor Wilson reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 9:57:03 PM

Brian Surratt

It's a media scrum; outside.

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

Jayapal, the Gov, Kettle are there

Brian Surratt

Kettle is not here. Not coming.

Waiting on Gov and Jayapal

Alison Holcomb

Draft gun violence statement:

My administration is committed to breaking the patterns of gun violence being perpetrated on our communities by groups of individuals who use guns to feel powerful and try to dominate others. We're not having it. The people pulling triggers are ruining the lives of young people they convince to do their dirty work, and they're hurting the communities that want different, better lives for them.

In addition to continuing to rebuild the Seattle Police Department's gun violence intervention and investigation expertise, we're incorporating lessons learned in cities like Baltimore to improve our community capacity to stop gun violence before it spreads.

Mayor Wilson

But SPD is not sharing yet that we believe this was group violence, correct?

Alison Holcomb

You can preface with "while we don't yet know what led to tonight's violence, we do know that several recent shootings have been targeted attacks by members of one group against another."

Alex Gallo- Brown

A reporter just wrote me to say the scene is tense and reporters "are getting antsy because being told press conference is being delayed for dignitaries." Anthony I can relay?

Alex Gallo- Brown

KIRO radio

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee

KIRO TV is also complaining live on-air

They were waiting for Jayapal and Gov

It's on king right now

Brian Surratt

Presser over. Mayor, AC Davis, Gov and Jayapal all did well.

We should still do a presser tomorrow.

Ferguson asked if it could be late morning.

• Alex Gallo- Brown reacted with ❤️ on 7/26/2026 11:21:58 PM

Alison Holcomb

In addition to updates on investigation and status of recovering victims, are there questions posed tonight we want to be able to cover in more depth?

Esther Handy

Thanks for being out so late, all.

We can hold late morning, and take stock in the AM on what new info there is to share.

Esther Handy

I'm putting an 8:30 touch point/call on our calendars tomorrow to huddle and make decisions on press conference, and any other next steps.

7/27/2026 6:27:11 PM

Alison Holcomb

Seattle Center shooting may have been gang-related, police say

Alison Holcomb

The names of the victims who died have now been published in The Seattle Times coverage.

Alison Holcomb

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/updates-on-seattle-center-shooting-victims-and-search-for-suspects/>

Text message
7/26/2026 8:22:46 PM

Hi Dawn, Anna Edgerton here, Seattle bureau chief with Bloomberg. Mayor Wilson gave me your contact information. Any statement I should use from City Hall regarding the shooting at Seattle Center?

Hi Anna. We have a statement up here:

<https://wilson.seattle.gov/2026/07/26/mayor-wilsons-statement-on-seattle-center-shootings/>

7/27/2026 9:14:28 AM

Hi Dawn, thanks so much for this last night. Do you have any guidance on additional press conferences today? Trying to plan my coverage

7/26/2026 6:28:12 PM

What are your thoughts on how to approach the Seattle Center shootings.

I think it's a mass shooting so we need the scene to settle, mayor should go down there

But need to confirm with chief that scene is stable

• You reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 6:30:23 PM

We should mention on other thread yes?

Yes

So f'd up. This has been a bad weekend

It has

Is she the 2146 number? There are still a few ppl on that thread I don't know the #s of

Yes.

Is SPD Comms on the other thread

No

7/26/2026 8:18:50 PM

I asked Alison and Caedam to look at with the goal of having it on our blog by 8:30

Waiting on Allison

Copy

Alison approved with Harborview contribution to transported victims

Added HMC to the SFD paragraph

So it's good to go?

Yup. Let's do it. Then we can refer media to it.

What's the headline

I put the statement up but then pulled it down since it looks like mayor hasn't seen it yet(!) and also I have concerns about SPD not having anything up

We're a go. MKW comments incorporated

Anna Edgerton from Bloomberg texted me so I sent her link to statement.

Do we need to update our post to say one suspect

I'd hold since they have possible second looking for

But they only arrested on

One

I see what you are saying. Yes let's change

Updated

Chris also wanted to know if there were cameras

I told him to ask spd

• You reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 9:20:39 PM

I SAID THIS! I SAID THERE WAS A 945 THING AND THE MAYOR SHOULD BE THERE!

I know. And then everyone jumped in so I tried to create a legit reason she wouldn't be. In the end she is going and that's what's best.

What are we updating

The statement

No I know I just mean with what, it's not like we have new info

I know. Just structure it to look like TP.

TPs are done

• You reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 9:48:34 PM

I just saw the note about a more global view

I did not put that in

What do you think about accurate data now that we published a blog with 2 suspects vs 1

Not sure what you mean

The TP day sharing clear and accurate information. 🙄

Ah

I mean I'm not really worried about it

Shit happens

We still put out 100 percent more information than spd

Can you try to get from Sarah or Jennifer event ROS

I can almost guarantee you they're not doing one for something like this

It was very unusual for us to ever do ROSs for a breaking barely scripted event

Will ask tho

Yes but they should know if it is just q&a or speakers

And if kettle is speaking

Just talked - I think this is just spd and mayor

• You reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 9:58:11 PM

Will confirm when I get a call back momentarily

Ester added some possible questions at the bottom of the doc.

Currently yelling at Kiro because they keep saying we removed all info about arrests from our statement

Lordy

I've never gone to bite of Seattle!

Same

Talk tomorrow. Thanks for ask your help tonight.

All

Yep probably going to be in late since it looks like we won't (fingers crossed) have cause to do an AM presser

Yes. Kinda glad it happened tonight.

Agreed. Just wish it hadn't taken 5 hours

Ha

7/27/2026 2:34:31 PM

Have *you* started talking points?

Yes. I shared the link in our coms team chat

Ah ok. I've been on the phone chatting with KIRO about some of the inaccuracies in their coverage last night

• You reacted with 👍 on 7/27/2026 2:35:47 PM

They don't actually appear to be linked in the chat

7/27/2026 4:00:13 PM

I'm headed out. Will be listening in

7/26/2026 7:42:12 PM

Kris are you following Seattle Center shooting? I'm online and tracking if needed.

Yep, we're tracking. KCSO is part of the response. Will be putting out a statement shortly.

• You reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 7:43:04 PM

Our statement is out. Shared a copy to your email.

Ours is in process of loading. I'll send to you too

• Kris reacted with ❤️ on 7/26/2026 8:44:39 PM

<https://wilson.seattle.gov/2026/07/26/mayor-wilsons-statement-on-seattle-center-shootings/>

Thanks Dawn. I'm OOO tomorrow. If there's a presser, please coordinate with Karissa. Her number is [REDACTED]

• You reacted with ❤️ on 7/26/2026 9:20:29 PM

7/26/2026 6:15:10 PM

Early reports of a mass shooting at Seattle Center. 6 reported patients.

2 deceased, 2 red, 2 yellow

7/26/2026 7:35:52 PM

MCI in the 200 block of Thomas St. (Seattle Center)

Crews responded to reports of a shooting in the 200 block of Thomas St. they attempted lifesaving efforts for two patients but they were unsuccessful. Both patients were declared deceased at the scene.

In addition, they treated:

- 40-year-old female with minor injuries. Declined transport to a hospital.
- 39-year-old female in stable condition. Transported to Harborview via AMR.
- 2-year-old male in stable condition. Paramedics transported him to Harborview.
- 23-year-old male in stable condition
- 56-year-old female in serious condition. Paramedics transported her to Harborview.