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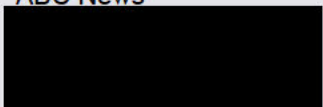
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No media briefing is happening. It's an internal briefing.

• You reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 9:24:56 PM

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

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

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I am here.

Alex Gallo-Brown

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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.

Dawn Schellenberg

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.

Dawn Schellenberg



• Alison Holcomb reacted with 🙏 on 7/26/2026 9:43:07 PM

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

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Esther Handy

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

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Dawn, welcome to my world.

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

Brian Surratt

Yes.

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

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

• Dawn Schellenberg reacted with  on 7/26/2026 9:55:11 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"

• You reacted with  on 7/26/2026 9:57:01 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.

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

Dawn Schellenberg

They were waiting for Jayapal and Gov

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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.

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

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

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

Text message
7/27/2026 8:16:51 AM

I am so very horrified and sad to hear about the Seattle Center shooting. Please let your team know that Redmond is here to help anyway we can.

• You reacted with ❤️ on 7/27/2026 8:25:51 AM

Thank you, Mayor.

Has USCM reached out to you yet?

7/27/2026 2:33:37 PM

I'm not sure, sometimes it takes a bit for external emails to get elevated to my inbox. A number of mayors have reached out directly, though.

• Angela Birney reacted with ❤️ on 7/27/2026 2:55:51 PM

7/26/2026 7:42:21 PM

Ferguson could be there by 9pm

7/26/2026 10:03:41 PM

Are you contacting Kettle and Jayapal and Ferguson?

Yes.

• You reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 10:04:05 PM

Ferguson and Jayapal are now coming

7/27/2026 8:01:13 PM

Just arrived Seattle Center.

I'm heading down momentarily

7/26/2026 7:41:57 PM

Are you getting the info you need from the text threads and/or direct calls from Brian and Alison? Or should we convene a short MO call to coordinate?

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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.

Dawn Schellenberg

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.

Dawn Schellenberg



• Alison Holcomb reacted with  on 7/26/2026 9:43:07 PM

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

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Esther Handy

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

• Dawn Schellenberg reacted with  on 7/26/2026 9:42:15 PM

Alison Holcomb

Dawn, welcome to my world.

• Dawn Schellenberg reacted with  on 7/26/2026 9:43:41 PM

Dawn Schellenberg

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

Brian Surratt

Yes.

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

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

• Dawn Schellenberg reacted with 🗳️ on 7/26/2026 9:55:11 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"

• You reacted with 👍 on 7/26/2026 9:57:01 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.

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

Dawn Schellenberg

They were waiting for Jayapal and Gov

Dawn Schellenberg

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 6:27:10 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/>

7/27/2026 7:36:48 AM

Good Morning. Worst moments for a Mayor. Thank you for your statements and leadership. We are praying for all today.

• You reacted with  on 7/27/2026 7:45:41 AM