CITY OF SEATAC ADDS PERSPECTIVE TO RECENT CRIME REPORT

City of SeaTac, Wash., (September 17, 2014) – The City of SeaTac is offering perspective on the recently released report from LawStreetMedia.com which ranked the city as the 7th most dangerous city in Washington State.

The report bases its rankings on a city's resident population and calculates the crime rate score using a statistic known as "population grouping statistics". In fact, the report itself offers the following cautionary statement about the validity of this very basic ranking tool:

"*Although the information is very important by itself, it is important to consider the context. There are several different factors that contribute to a city's total number of violent crimes, including but not limited to economic conditions, population density, climate, and education levels, as well as a number of issues with the uniform crime report itself."*

For the City of SeaTac this statement is relevant, because, unlike most cities of less than 30,000 residents, the City is home to the Sea-Tac International Airport which serves nearly 100,000 people daily. The City has an employment base of over 40,000 jobs and is home to over 5,500 hotel rooms which provide 1.6 million room nights annually.

"We are more similar to a City with a population of 75,000 than we are to a city of comparable size without all of the other attributes that present issues unique to our community", said City Manager Todd Cutts. "Our 27,000 resident population doesn't reflect the daily boost generated by our International Airport, 69 hotels, mass transit and other businesses. As a City, we work to continually improve upon the services we provide. Having said that, we are proud of our crime prevention efforts and believe they have led to a safe community. The fact that over 3 million people on an annual basis continually choose to stay here for business and leisure travel is evidence of that fact."

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About the City of SeaTac:
Incorporated in February 1990, the City of SeaTac is located approximately midway between the cities of Seattle and Tacoma. The City of SeaTac is 10 square miles in area and has a population of 27,940. The City of SeaTac is a vibrant community, economically strong, environmentally sensitive, and people-oriented. The City boundaries surround the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, (approximately 3 square miles in area) which is owned and operated by the Port of Seattle.