Mayor's Goal 1: “Philadelphia becomes one of the safest cities in America”

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Executive Summary

Public Safety’s role in improving the quality of life in Philadelphia:

- Collaboration
- Data gathering and sharing
- Strategic viewpoint
Who We Are

- Mission
- Structure
- Grants
Public Safety supports the Mayor’s goal of Philadelphia becoming one of the safest cities in America through:

- Policy development and implementation
- Information sharing
- Project management
- Grants administration
In addition to the programs and initiatives above, Public Safety works with Police, Fire, Prisons, OEM and L+I as well as the Criminal Justice system.
The Public Safety group has leveraged over $92m in grant funding over the past seven years.
What We Do

◆ Strategy
Public safety initiatives employ a spectrum of activities from prevention to re-entry support. Many programs have multiple touch points within the spectrum.
Strengths

**Support public safety leadership:** Public safety has direct authority over agencies that manage safety in the City including Police, Fire, Prisons, Office of Emergency Management, and Licenses & Inspections

**Collaborator across agencies:** Public safety works to build trust and cooperation among agencies, programs and initiatives and bring resources to the table

**Fostering community partnerships:** Public safety connects residents, local/state/federal government groups and other organizations to leverage initiatives and rally partners around common goals
Challenges

**Data sharing:** Like many agencies, public safety faces challenges in data sharing regarding the same resident or case across departments. This limits the ability of the office to properly plan interventions and preventative measures.

**Technology infrastructure:** Aging systems make it difficult to extract data and assess the quality of data to make critical decisions. In addition, these legacy systems are labor intensive resulting in less work focused on crime prevention and more time on reporting.

**Recruiting a qualified and diverse workforce:** Public safety has a strong focus on diversifying its staff across all core agencies. Additionally, it is investigating ways to create a more broad and engaged group of citizens, including younger adults.
What’s on the Horizon

◆ Initiatives
Initiatives include:

Safe Corridors – WalkSafePHL

MacArthur Foundation grants
Additional Public Resources

- Town Watch Integrated Services
- Police Advisory Commission
- My Brother's Keeper
- www.twitter.com/mbkphilly
- Youth Violence Prevention Collaborative Strategic Plan
- www.twitter.com/youthsafetyphl