



Improving public safety

For public safety, this budget reflects our commitment to protecting all neighborhoods from crime, particularly violent crime. There's already progress: violent crime is at its lowest level since 1979, and property crime is at its lowest level since 1971.

By investing in our Fire Department, we better protect our residents. We save lives. And we honor every firefighter who puts his or her life in harm's way to serve our City.

What the Mayor's FY19 Budget Supports

Improving fire safety: Increasing emergency responder staff, including new paramedics, to over 2,600 budgeted positions. Staffing investments include paramedics and firefighters, as well as dedicated training staff, health and safety specialists, and a full-time Medical Director. We will also replace our fleet of Fire vehicles with 6 engines, 3 ladders and 11 ambulances.

Fire safety training and logistics hub: The Fire Department Logistics Hub will provide state-of-the-art training facilities, covered reserve apparatus storage, and a health & safety unit, among other functions.

Fighting crime: We'll return our police force to 6,500 officers — a level not reached since the recession of 2009. This will help our neighborhoods become safer, and improve officers' abilities to fight crime.

Modernizing police facilities: The coming year will bring initial construction on the new Police Administration Building at 400 North Broad Street along with new capital investments for the 2nd, 15th, and 22nd Police Districts.

Reduce traffic-related deaths: This budget also advances Vision Zero, the plan to eliminate traffic-related deaths by 2030. This budget includes \$60 million for the Streets Department to focus on reducing traffic fatalities through Vision Zero, and establish a safe, efficient transportation network. This would include re-engineering dangerous locations, traffic calming devices (such as delineators and speed cushions) and bike lanes.

Investing in building safety: The Plan proposes \$2 million more every year in demolition funding for Licenses & Inspections, to enable the Department to demolish up to 650 unsafe properties, focusing on imminently dangerous structures.

Criminal justice reform: Increased funding for programs in line with the grant provided by the MacArthur Foundation is included in the Plan. \$4.5 million is also included for the District Attorney's Office over 5 years, to support reform efforts in regard to staffing and technology systems.