



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Item Number:** 2

**Agenda Date:** November 16, 2021

**In Control:** Public Safety Committee Meeting

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**DEPARTMENT:** San Antonio Police Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** William P. McManus

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** City Wide

**SUBJECT:** Update on Implementation of Initiatives related to the Police Services Review Project

**SUMMARY:**

The Public Safety Committee will receive a briefing on the implementation Police Services Review Project initiatives approved within the FY 2022 Adopted Budget.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

A framework for a review of Police Services was presented by the City Manager to the Mayor and City Council as part of the FY 2021 Budget process. This framework centered around addressing foundational issues, community expectations of the police department, community input and service alternatives. This process began in December 2020 and concluded in August 2021.

The Public Safety Committee was charged with overseeing the progress of the review, and city staff briefed the committee at five separate occasions in the December 2020, January 2021, April 2021, June 2021, and August 2021. The Mayor and City Council were briefed on May 5<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup>. As part of the FY 2022 Proposed Budget Process, the Mayor and Council were presented with the review recommendations on August 17, 2021. The initiatives included in the FY 2022 Proposed Budget include:

### **Alternatives to respond to certain 911 Calls**

- Implementing a Pilot Program for a Multidisciplinary Team to address mental health calls.
- Strengthening the City's Response to Domestic Violence Calls by increasing the Civilian Crisis Response Team in Metro Health to provide 24/7 services at the South, East, and West Police Substations.
- Partnership with Animal Care Services to address certain animal related calls.
- Partnership with Code Enforcement to address noise calls.
- Partnership with San Antonio Fire Department to address firework calls during New Year's Eve and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holidays.
- Introducing a centralized process to collect Found Property

### **Community and Police Relationships**

- Augmenting the San Antonio Fear Free Environment Program (SAFFE) by adding 12 new police officers across the City. Two officers will be assigned to each of the six Substations.
- Continuing the Crime Prevention Program introduced in FY 2020 and funded from the Confiscated Property Fund to partner with non-profit organizations.

### **Police Data and Transparency**

- Improving the information provided to the Community through the City's website.
- Studying a Police Staffing Model for the San Antonio Police Department.
- Partnership with Metro Health to analyze impact of City Programs on Crime.

### **Streetlights**

- Development of a streetlight index and funding for the installation of new streetlights led by the Development Services Department.

### **ISSUE:**

The Public Safety Committee will receive an update on the implementation of initiatives included in the FY 2022 Budget as part of the Police Services Review Project. The presentation will include status and implementation timelines for the initiatives.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

This is a briefing item only.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

This is a briefing item only.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This is a briefing item only.