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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

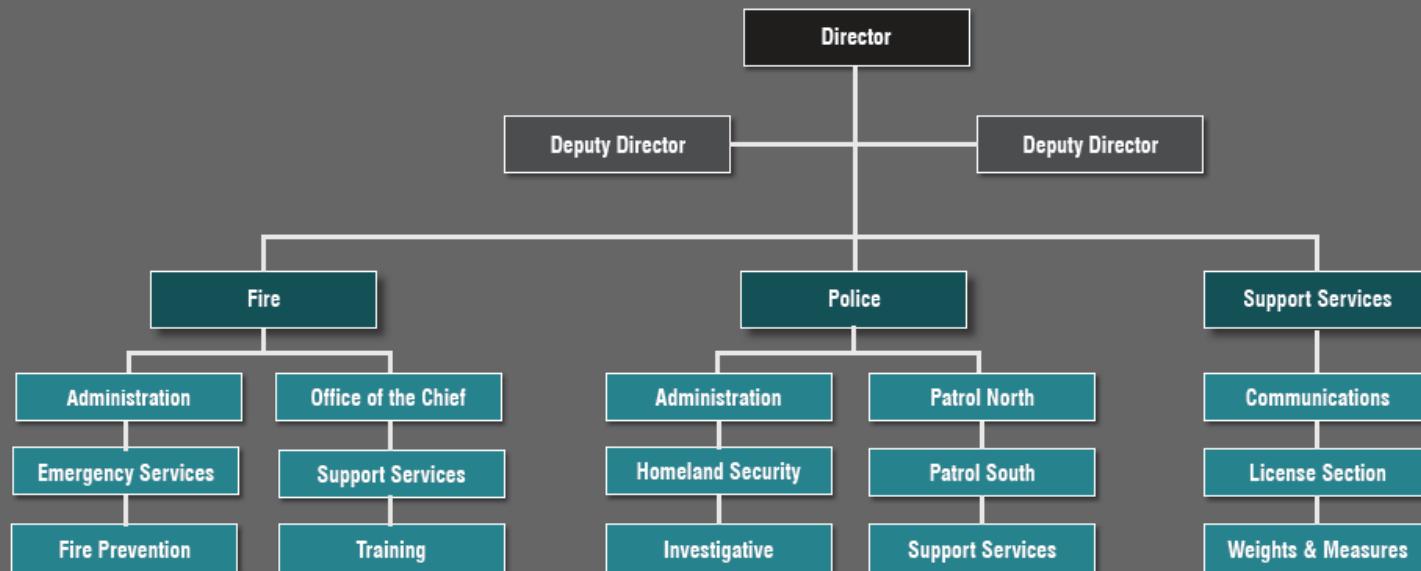
Department Description

The Department of Public Safety is comprised of the operations of the Divisions of Fire, Police, Support Services, and the Safety Director's Office for the City of Columbus.

Department Mission

To build and maintain safe neighborhoods by working cooperatively with citizens to minimize injury, death, and property destruction.

Public Safety



Strategic Priorities for 2017

Neighborhoods

Improve neighborhood safety, community participation, and Police and Fire Divisions' responsiveness by working with other government agencies, community members, and federal, state, and local agencies to leverage additional resources.

Implement strategies related to the reduction of gun violence and gang activity.

Promote safety throughout the city's neighborhoods through the free distribution of smoke detectors.

Continue the Neighborhood Safety Camera Program and review crime statistics in neighborhoods.

In partnership with the Community Crime Patrol, continue to provide support in patrol areas identified by the city.

Continue to use the Police Community Response Teams (CRT) to engage localized crime patterns, provide crowd control, and foster community partnerships to address quality of life issues.

Early Childhood Development and Education

Work with the public to facilitate educational activities such as the Neighborhood Safety Academy, Columbus Citizen Police Academy, Columbus Police Explorers Program, Juvenile Fire Setter Program, Fifty Plus Program, and other safety educational classes.

Provide training opportunities to citizens with access to the use of the Fire Safety Houses, and trainings offered on the proper use of First Aid, CPR, and AED.

In partnership with Columbus City Schools, maintain a presence of safety personnel in the schools who present public safety programs; and firefighters who focus on math and reading tutoring and involvement in the Stop the Violence, Say No to Bullies, and Say Yes to Involvement programs.

Safety

Continue efforts to prevent crime, reduce violence, and remove illegal firearms and drugs from city streets.

Maintain national and international accreditations for both the Police and Fire Divisions, crime lab, and the heliport.
Begin construction on Fire Station 35, located on Waggoner Road.

Continue to serve as model safety forces with nationwide best practices in Police and Fire.
Design and begin construction of a new far north police substation.

Strategic Priorities for 2017 (cont.)

Operational Efficiencies

Continue to review the Fire Division's service coverage areas, conduct needs assessments, and assess emergency medical services runs (EMS) in conjunction with the use of peak demand medics.

Continue the EMS billing program to increase enhanced features for patient care and reporting.

Continue to work with Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security to maintain the outdoor emergency siren and mass notification system.

Upgrade the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) and work with participating local agencies to expand a shared service agreement.

Upgrade the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system to enhance the city's ability to carry out emergency response and calls for service.

Provide support and effectively collaborate with the Department of Technology on the continued efforts towards the transition of technology activities from the Police Division to the Department of Technology.

Diversity and Inclusion

Recruit and hire the most qualified applicants for police and fire with a focus on safety forces mirroring the community they serve, and continue to engage the community with outreach programs such as the police and fire expos and the public safety exploration boot camp.

Continue to support the Police Explorers program which is designed to introduce youth within the community to the field of law enforcement. This program educates and involves youth in police operations and helps these young men and women decide whether or not a career in law enforcement is for them.

Continue the efforts of the Police Recruiting Unit which strives to recruit qualified diverse men and women to test for the entry-level position of Police Officer. The unit conducts Police Applicant Study Sessions to prepare applicants for the written testing process. It also conducts Get Fit and Informed sessions to help applicants prepare for the physical fitness portion of the testing process.

2017 BUDGET NOTES

SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

Support to the Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Program is budgeted at \$815,564, which represents the city's proportionate share of the maintenance and administrative support of the area's emergency siren and mass notification systems. Additional program activities include planning for disaster recovery and public education and exercises. In addition:

- Jail contract expenses are budgeted at \$4,000,000 in 2017. The per-diem cost was increased in May of 2011 from \$70 to \$79.
- A total of \$375,000 is budgeted for the Community Crime Patrol, which patrols Hilltop, Franklinton, Merion Village area, the University district including south Clintonville and Weinland Park, the Downtown Park district, the Northland/North Linden area, and any other patrol area as directed by the city. The Community Crime Patrol assists the Division of Police in identifying suspicious activities indicative of criminal behavior and includes reporting quality of life issues to appropriate city agencies, such as code violations, burned out street and traffic lights, water leaks, and downed utility and power lines.
- To promote neighborhood safety initiatives, \$33,000 is budgeted for Crime Stoppers.
- In the general fund, the truancy program is budgeted at \$75,000 in 2017.
- Minority recruiting efforts will continue in 2017, with \$65,000 allocated to this effort.
- A total of \$225,000 is included for the Capital Area Humane Society for animal cruelty investigations.

SUPPORT SERVICES

A total of \$180,000 is budgeted for the maintenance of the neighborhood safety cameras. In addition:

- In 2011, an expanded and upgraded computer aided dispatching system was implemented. Funding for maintenance of this system is included in this budget in the amount of \$561,500.
- Approximately \$109,590 in funds received by the city from E-911 revenue will be used to offset the salaries and benefits of a new communication system specialist.

POLICE

The Division of Police's 2017 budget provides funding for beginning year strength of 1,904 police officers. It is anticipated that during 2017, there will be a total of 70 separations. Officers lost through these separations will be replaced with 2 budgeted classes totaling 70 recruits and subsequent internal promotions. In addition:

- Major non-personnel budget items include \$9.0 million in internal charges for fleet (including fuel), \$1.49 million for uniforms, \$1.71 million for the towing contract, \$640,500 for helicopter maintenance, \$545,250 for prisoner medical expenses, \$215,000 for tasers, \$363,000 for helicopter fuel, and over \$346,007 for ammunition.
 - A total of \$750,000 is included for the Community Safety Initiative.
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Public Safety

- Approximately \$1.49 million in funds received by the city from E-911 revenue will be used to partially fund the salaries and benefits of communications technicians.
- Three additional civilian positions have been added to the 2017 proposed budget in support of the body camera program implementation.
- A total of \$150,000 is included in the budget to purchase Naloxone (Narcan), a medication used to block the effects of opioid overdoses.

FIRE

The Fire Division's 2017 budget provides funding for a beginning year contingent of 1,548 firefighters. It is anticipated that during 2017, there will be a total of 40 separations. Firefighters lost through these separations will be replaced with 2 budgeted classes totaling 80 recruits and subsequent internal promotions. In addition:

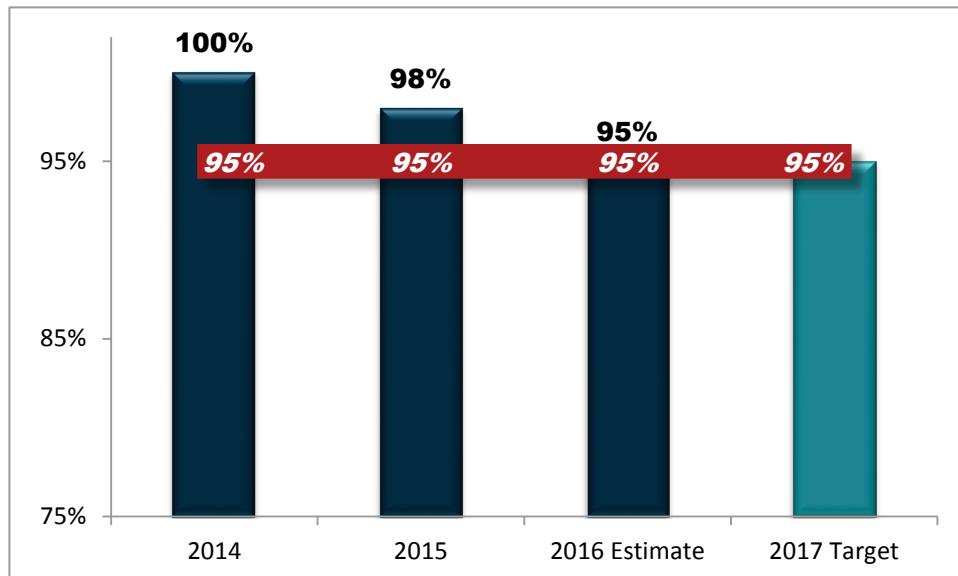
- The division currently provides fire suppression and EMS service with 34 paramedic engine companies, 15 ladder companies, and 5 heavy rescue units. Thirty-two EMS transport units, one for each station, have been attached to engine companies to create two-piece companies capable of responding to either fire or medical emergencies.
- Major non-personnel budget items include \$8.3 million in internal charges for fleet (including fuel), \$703,040 for uniform parts, \$1.45 million for medical supplies, and over \$648,000 for turnout gear.
- A total of \$200,000 is budgeted for the replacement of EMS transport computers in Medics.
- The EMS third-party reimbursement program that began in January 2003 is expected to generate \$15.8 million in 2017. The Division's cost for EMS related billing services is an estimated \$1.8 million.



PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Police 911 Calls Answered

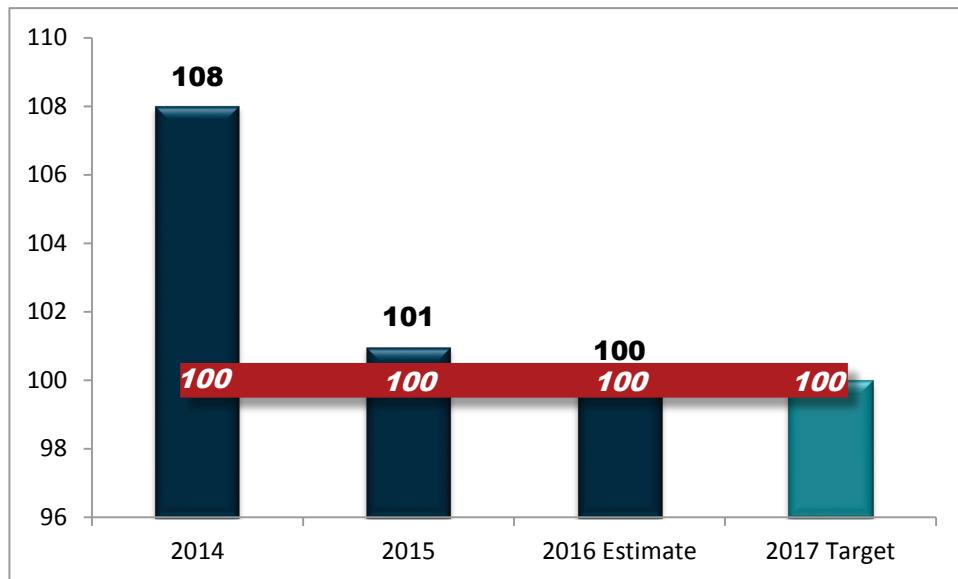
Percent of 911 calls answered within 20 seconds



911 calls should be answered within 20 seconds from when a citizen dials 911. In 2017, the target for this measure remains at 95 percent of 911 calls answered within 20 seconds.

Police Patrol Runs

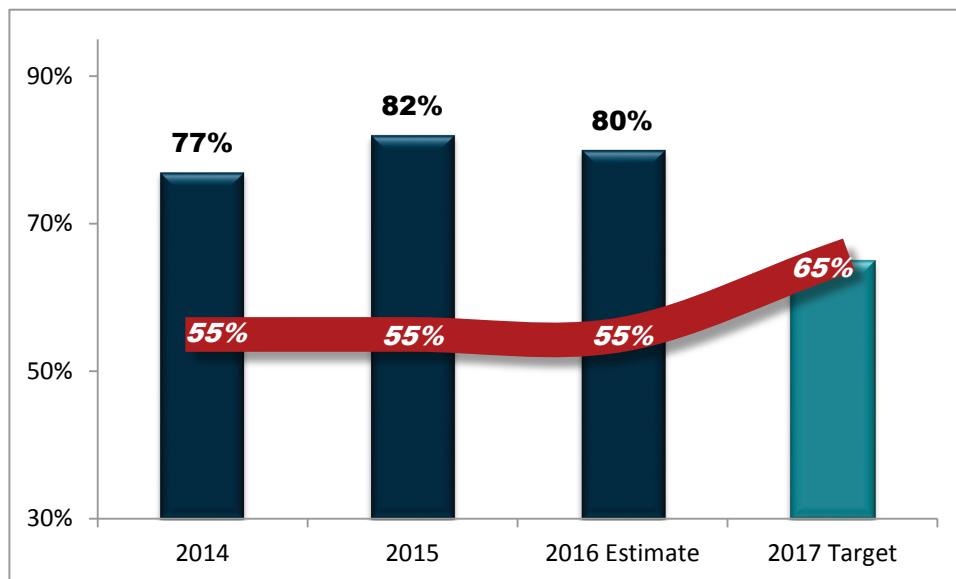
Number of patrol runs per cruiser per month



This measure represents dispatched and officer initiated runs. Officers also patrol neighborhoods engaging with the community and looking for suspicious activity, however, these activities would not be counted as a run. In 2017, the target for this measure remains at 100 patrol runs per cruiser per month.

Police Narcotics Bureau Arrests

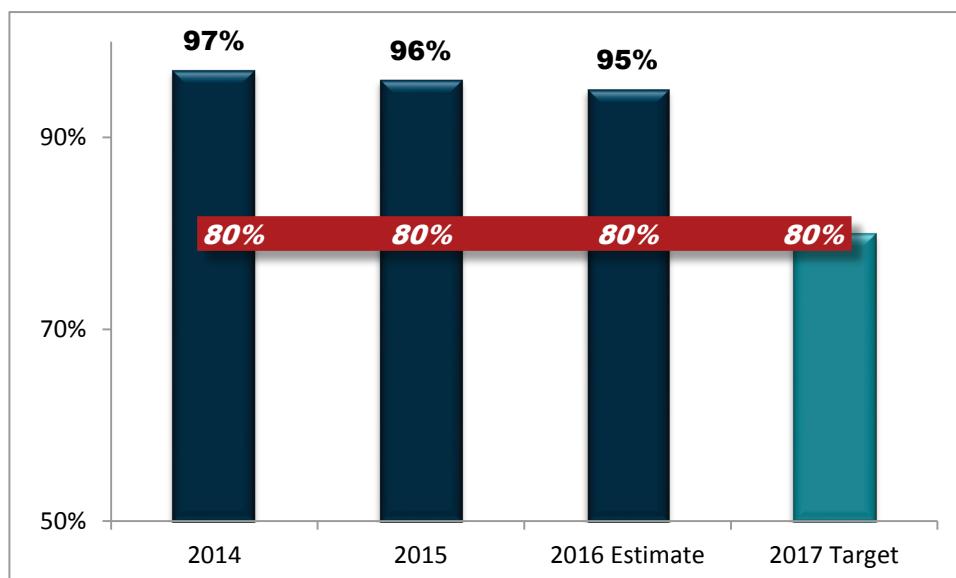
Percent of arrests to narcotics bureau open cases per month



This measure represents the number of cases being investigated by the Narcotics Bureau and the percentage of those cleared by arrests, including the arrests by the Vice Section. In 2017, the target for this measure remains at 55 percent of arrests to narcotics bureau cases open per month.

Fire Response Time

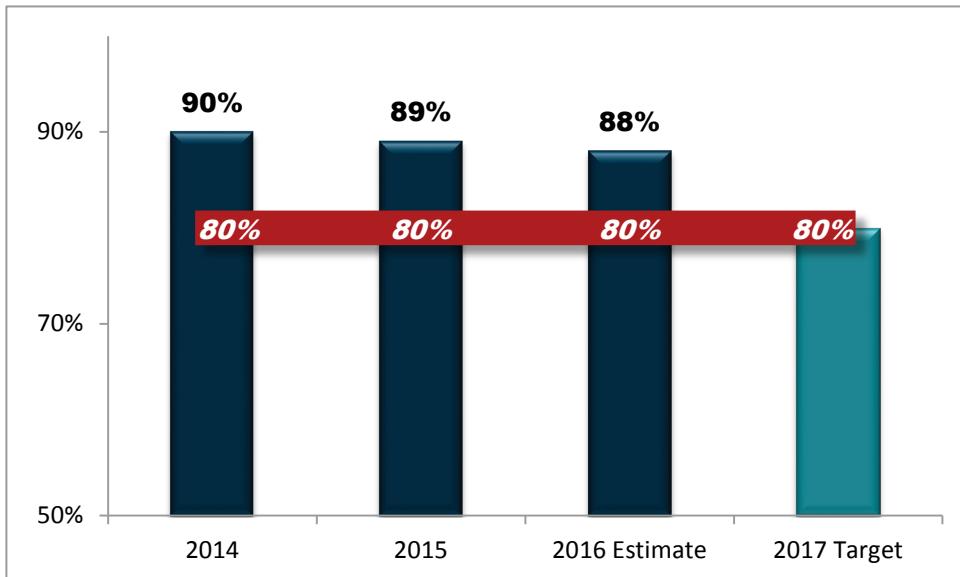
Percent of incidents responded to within eight minutes of call



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Fire EMS Response Time

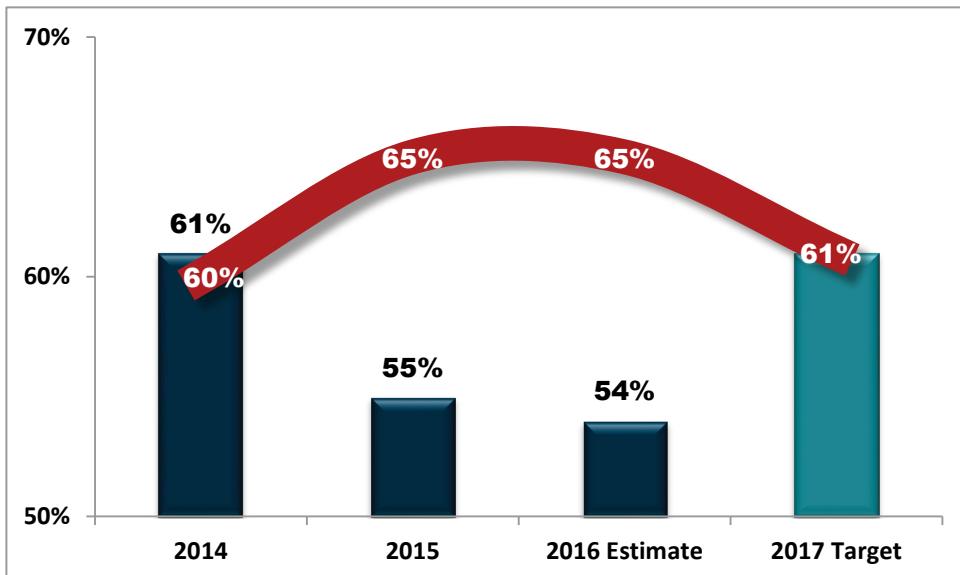
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Fire Containment

Percent of structure fires contained to room of origin



This measure represents the percentage of reported structure fires that were confined to the room of origin. In 2017, the target for this measure is 61 percent of all structure fires contained to the room of origin.

Public Safety

Department Financial Summary by Area of Expense								
Fund	2014 Actual		2015 Actual		2016 Budget	2016 Projected		2017 Proposed
General Fund								
Administration								
Personnel	\$ 1,315,557	\$ 1,168,160	\$ 1,304,839	\$ 1,303,025	\$ 1,520,206			
Materials & Supplies	5,178	3,735	10,367	7,122	10,367			
Services	6,323,457	6,196,223	5,507,177	5,419,614	5,725,540			
Administration Subtotal	7,644,192	7,368,118	6,822,383	6,729,761	7,256,113			
Support Services								
Personnel	4,730,107	4,791,820	4,913,849	4,883,730	5,165,318			
Materials & Supplies	457,999	495,578	567,175	522,641	567,175			
Services	1,344,072	1,417,826	1,066,680	1,099,227	1,499,011			
Other	1,210	1,445	1,000	1,000	1,000			
Support Services Subtotal	6,533,388	6,706,670	6,548,704	6,506,599	7,232,504			
Police								
Personnel	271,029,654	282,802,479	291,636,264	291,268,950	297,616,196			
Materials & Supplies	3,129,981	3,239,820	3,594,049	3,824,541	3,638,946			
Services	14,013,252	12,694,904	13,638,366	12,386,944	14,455,804			
Other	360,370	457,378	225,000	472,577	225,000			
Capital	42,000	15,000	45,000	45,000	-			
Transfers	-	-	2,616,008	17,670	2,685,525			
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E-911 Fund								
Support Services								
Personnel	-	-	-	-	-	109,590		
Services	-	-	-	-	391,581	-		
Support Services Subtotal	-	-	-	-	391,581	109,590		
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Services	45,700	12,000	-	-	-	-		
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General Fund					
Administration	FT	9	9	10	10
	PT	1	1	1	2
Support Services*	FT	48	49	49	51
	PT	4	6	6	6
Police					
Uniformed	FT	1,913	1,904	1,908	1,904
Civilian	FT	351	351	409	412
	PT	9	8	10	10
Fire					
Uniformed	FT	1,539	1,538	1,534	1,588
Civilian	FT	41	45	51	51
	PT	3	2	4	4
	Total	3,918	3,913	3,982	4,038

*2017 Budgeted includes a full-time communication systems specialist which will be funded by the E-911 fund.

Operating Budget by Program				
Program	2016 Budget	2016 FTEs	2017 Proposed	2017 FTEs
Administration	\$ 22,572,932	95	\$ 24,418,292	106
Internal Services	-	0	17,669,307	0
Communications	22,662,196	222	22,008,505	213
Community Programs	13,346,075	92	10,720,118	73
Fire Emergency Services	191,184,149	1,383	204,028,577	1,441
Fiscal	1,536,882	14	5,134,976	15
Homeland Security	25,455,771	163	23,541,475	145
Human Resources	2,433,233	25	1,577,078	18
Investigative	48,520,216	354	47,814,256	339
Legal Matters	931,323	0	948,723	0
Narcotics	14,072,807	95	14,610,858	98
Police Patrol	144,733,656	1,130	153,728,935	1,171
Safety Force Recruitment	2,300,416	18	1,230,262	10
Safety Regulatory Services	7,109,589	58	8,945,747	79
Support Operations	41,097,188	179	26,262,895	192
Technical Operations	3,575,942	24	2,866,120	25
Training	16,947,179	109	12,969,890	91
Department Total	\$ 558,479,554	3,961	\$ 578,476,014	4,016



2017 PROGRAM GUIDE

ADMINISTRATION

To maintain safe neighborhoods by providing effective management and support to the delivery of public safety services by the divisions of police, fire, and support services. To work cooperatively with citizens to minimize injury, death and destruction of property.

INTERNAL SERVICES

To account for the internal service charges of the department necessary to maintain operations.

COMMUNICATIONS

To acquire and maintain all communication tools and equipment needed by fire, law enforcement, and emergency medical personnel to efficiently and effectively deliver public safety services to the citizens of Columbus. To receive emergency calls from citizens and dispatch the appropriate resources to the emergency.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

To provide financial support to community initiatives such as the Community Crime Patrol, Capital Area Human Society, Truancy, Crime Stoppers, and Community Summer Initiative. To provide public services needed for the safety and well-being of the citizens of Columbus.

FIRE EMERGENCY SERVICES

To minimize injuries, death, and property loss related to fire and medical emergencies.

FISCAL

To support the Department of Public Safety's mission and personnel through budget preparation, fiscal monitoring, procurement and payment of services, and supplies and materials.

HOMELAND SECURITY

To provide the citizens of Central Ohio with a safe environment and a comprehensive emergency management solution to catastrophic events. To promote the safe movement of pedestrian and vehicular traffic on city streets and freeway. To provide for the mitigation of suspected explosive devices and direct operations of spills containing hazardous materials.

HUMAN RESOURCES

To provide professional services in the areas of employee benefits, compensation, labor relations, industrial hygiene, equal employment opportunities, and the hiring of both civilian and sworn personnel.

INVESTIGATIVE

To shield victims of sexual assault, family violence, child abuse, child exploitation and missing persons from further danger through investigations and prosecution. To investigate crimes against person resulting in the loss of human life or serious physical harm. To investigate the origins of suspicious fires including filing charges against suspects. To investigate felony property crimes and to provide expert forensic laboratory services and community education for law enforcement agencies.

LEGAL MATTERS

To provide assistance to the City Attorney's Office and process all claims against Public Safety.

NARCOTICS

To interdict the flow of illegal narcotics into Columbus and specific geographical areas within its boundaries, respond to complaints and concerns of drug related activity, seize drugs and assets, and to educate the public on how to fight drug trafficking. To enforce laws against prostitution, gambling, morality, liquor violations, and related drug offenses.

POLICE PATROL

To provide public service that reflects a genuine desire to care for the safety and well-being of our community and our employees.

SAFETY FORCE RECRUITMENT

To provide agency excellence through exhaustive pre-hire contracts and investigations and to recruit qualified and diverse men and women for the position of Columbus Police Officer or Firefighter.

SAFETY REGULATORY SERVICES

To enforce rules and regulations pertaining to licenses and licensing procedures as they affect the public health, safety, and welfare. To assure the weights and measures in commercial service within the city are properly installed and accurate. To enforce the provisions of the fire prevention code and safeguard life, property, or public welfare from the hazards of fire.

SUPPORT OPERATIONS

To ensure the safety of citizens by providing secure locations for property and impounded vehicles, fingerprint identification, and coordination of criminal prosecutions. To maintain facilities, apparatus, fire supplies, and police record management.

TECHNICAL OPERATIONS

To provide the technical expertise and services needed to maintain public safety's interoperable radios and other communication equipment including the Police Division's computer network and Panasonic arbitrator cruiser video system.

TRAINING

To enhance and improve the quality of law enforcement, firefighting, and emergency medical services by providing the knowledge and skills necessary for personnel to perform their jobs safely and efficiently.

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