



The Department of Public Safety is comprised of the operations of the Support Services Division, the Divisions of Police and Fire, and the Safety Director's Office, which is responsible for the overall coordination of the department. Columbus is one of few large cities in the U.S. to earn international accreditation for both the Divisions of Police and Fire.

The **Division of Support Services** is responsible for a variety of critical functions within the city including the oversight of over 40 types of license programs, the provision of marketplace equity through Weights and Measures enforcement, and 24/7 support of the communications technology that supports first responders. In 2021, the city's 911 Emergency Communications Center (ECC) operations transitioned from the Division of Police into Support Services where operations will continue in 2022. Serving as the primary public safety dispatch center for the city, the ECC receives and processes over 1.3 million calls for service each year.

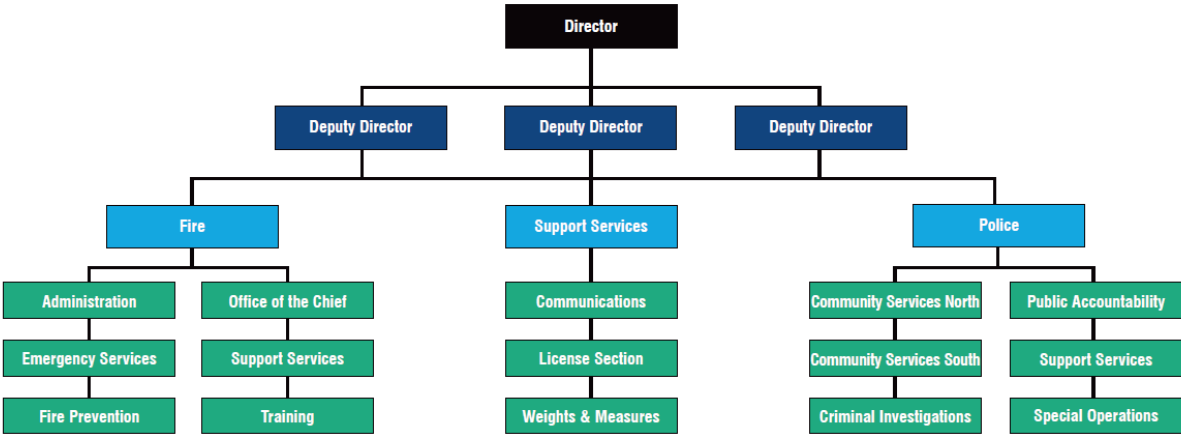
Department Mission

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

The **Columbus Division of Police** has over 1,900 officers and 200 civilian employees making it one of the top 25 largest departments in the country. The division is organized into six subdivisions and covers 20 precincts across the greater Columbus metropolitan area, while serving over 905,000 residents. The Columbus Division of Police strives to be a trustworthy, diverse, progressive, and community-minded organization devoted to providing excellent public service.

The **Division of Fire's** mission is to serve and protect the community by preventing emergencies through education and inspection, minimizing injury, death, and property destruction from fire, natural disaster, and other catastrophes, and providing timely and effective emergency medical services. Working in the Fire Division are over 1,600 full-time employees spread out over five bureaus: Administration, Support Services, Emergency Services (EMS), Fire Prevention, and Training. In addition, the division employs a full-time Medical Director.

Budget Summary				
Fund	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Budget	2022 Proposed
General Fund	630,728,806	599,317,731	635,458,521	662,496,483
E-911 Fund	1,282,465	1,959,155	1,566,227	1,566,227
Department Total	\$ 632,011,271	\$ 601,276,886	\$ 637,024,748	\$ 664,062,710



2022 BUDGET NOTES

Public Safety continues to be a top priority. The 2022 budget includes over \$11.6 million across multiple city departments to support the Comprehensive Neighborhood Safety Strategy. Building upon the success of the alternative response pilot launched in 2021, this budget also provides \$5.2 million in funding between Public Safety and the Health Department to expand and support the Right Response program for a full year.

SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

Support to the Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Program is budgeted at \$846,026, 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, public education, and exercises. In addition:

- A total of \$375,000 is budgeted for the Community Crime Patrol, which patrols Hilltop, Franklinton, the Merion Village area, the University district including south Clintonville, the Northland/North Linden area, the Near East Side, the East Main Special Improvement District, 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, such as code violations, burned out street and traffic lights, water leaks, and downed utility and power lines to appropriate city agencies.
- Minority recruiting efforts will continue in 2022, with \$65,000 allocated for related activities. Additional funding for division-specific minority recruiting efforts are budgeted within Police and Fire.
- Jail contract expenses are budgeted at \$3,000,000 in 2022. The per-diem cost is scheduled to increase in 2022 from \$92 to \$96.
- A total of \$33,000 is budgeted for Crime Stoppers, and \$225,000 is included for the Capital Area Humane Society for animal cruelty investigations.

SUPPORT SERVICES

A total of \$300,000 is budgeted for the maintenance of the neighborhood safety cameras. In addition:

- A total of \$1,097,000 is budgeted for the continued maintenance of the city's Public Safety radio system, while \$571,000 is included for annual maintenance of the computer aided dispatching system.
 - Approximately \$1.6 million in funds received by the city from E-911 fund revenue will be used to offset the salaries and benefits of ECC staff.
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POLICE

The Division of Police's 2022 budget includes funding for a wide array of initiatives aimed to further the Comprehensive Neighborhood Safety Strategy, strengthen diversity, and continue developing a model of 21st century community policing for Columbus:

- Despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, Safe Streets officers interacted with nearly 6,400 members of the community in 2020, adapting bike patrol operations to facilitate safe neighborhood engagement and attending numerous virtual community events as well. A total of \$2.9 million is included for overtime, replacement bicycles, and equipment to continue supporting this initiative in 2022.
- The 2022 budget includes \$206,804 for the Police Cadet program to continue building a pipeline of qualified, diverse candidates for the division.
- ShotSpotter was strategically deployed across nine square miles of the city during the first quarter of 2019, and was expanded in 2021 to cover an additional three square miles in the Near East Side. The 2022 budget includes \$825,000 for this technology, which continues to prove effective in identifying and reducing response times to gunfire.
- A total of \$2.5 million is budgeted to support the body worn camera program.
- Funding is provided for a beginning year strength of 1,936 police officers. It is anticipated that during 2022, there will be a total of 170 separations. Officers lost through these separations will be replaced with three budgeted classes totaling 170 recruits and subsequent internal promotions.



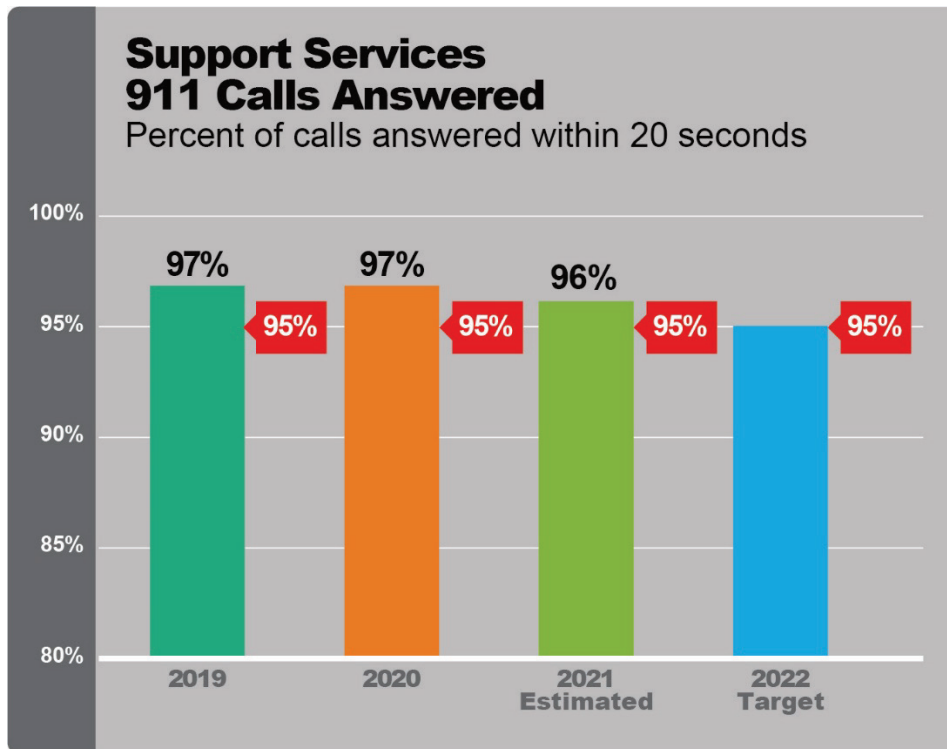
FIRE

The Division of Fire's 2022 budget supports directives designed to preserve life, property, and safety in Columbus through a focused approach toward building workforce diversity and pioneering innovation in Fire and EMS service delivery.

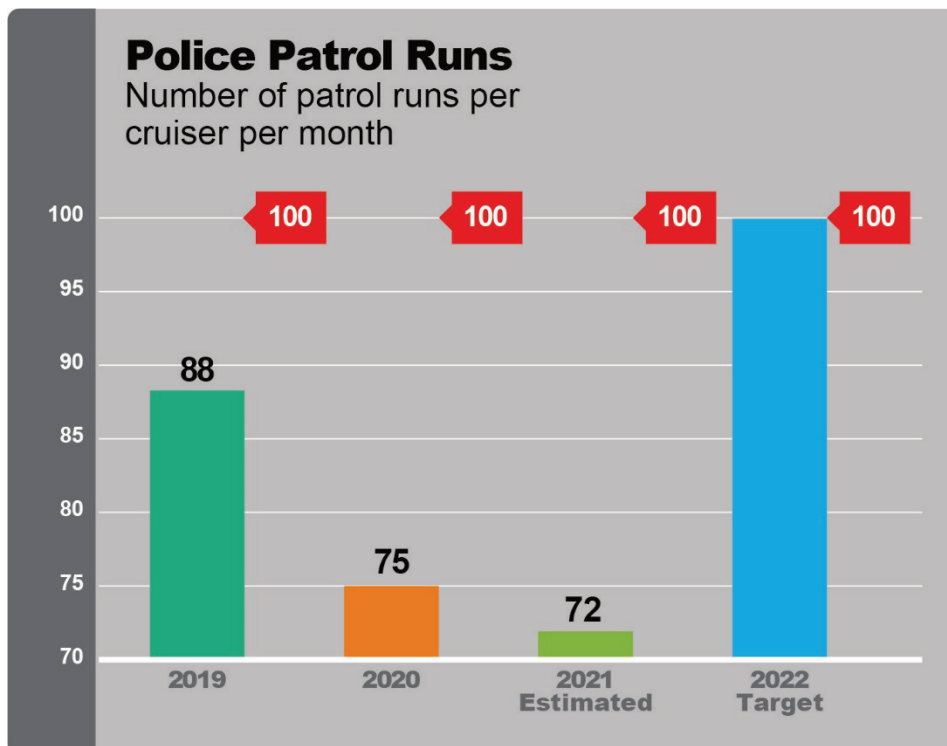
- The 2022 budget includes \$209,941 for the Fire Cadet program to continue building a pipeline of qualified, diverse candidates for the division.
- The EMS third-party reimbursement program that began in January 2003 is expected to generate approximately \$17.8 million in 2022. A total of \$1.5 million is budgeted to fund the division's cost for EMS related billing services.
- Funding is provided for a beginning year strength of 1,582 firefighters. It is anticipated that during 2022, there will be a total of 70 separations. Firefighters lost through these separations will be replaced with three budgeted classes totaling 125 recruits and subsequent internal promotions.
- Approximately \$118,000 is budgeted to facilitate Basic and Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support training and certifications utilizing an innovative technology-based curriculum proven to improve skill retention over time.



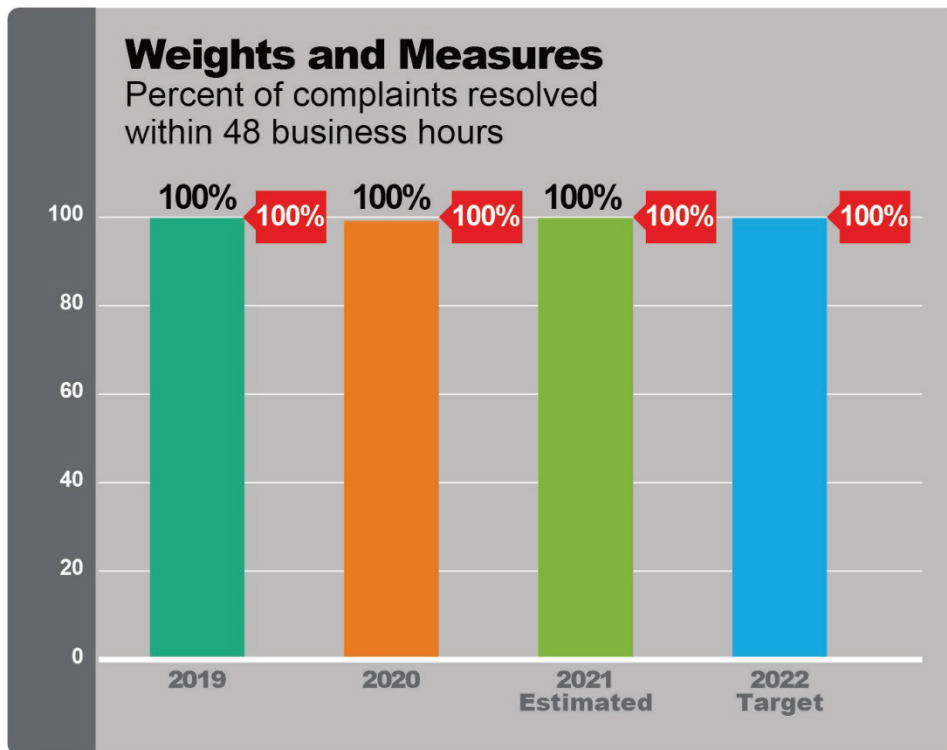
PERFORMANCE MEASURES



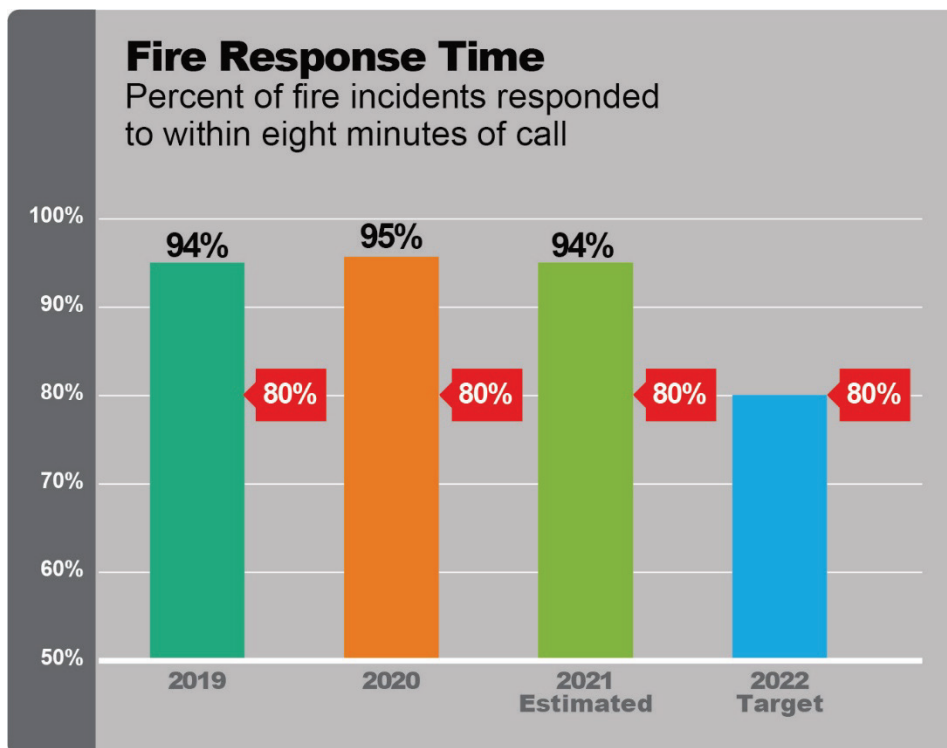
The Emergency Communications Center personnel strive to answer all 911 calls for service in 20 seconds or less. The Police Communications Bureau adopted the 95 percent National Emergency Number Association (NENA) Standard and continually exceeded this standard. This practice will continue under the Support Services Division. In 2022, the target for this measure will meet or exceed 95 percent.



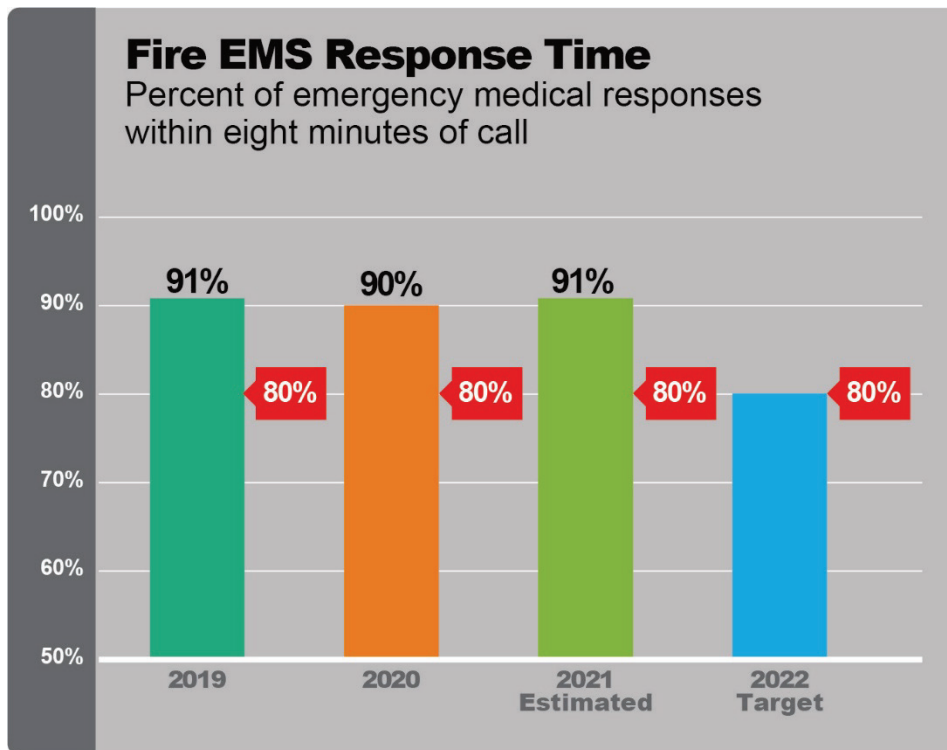
This measure represents the average number of dispatched and self-initiated runs per cruiser per month. The lower the number, the more non-committed time that officers have to engage in community policing activities. The number of cruisers available on a daily basis averages about 340.



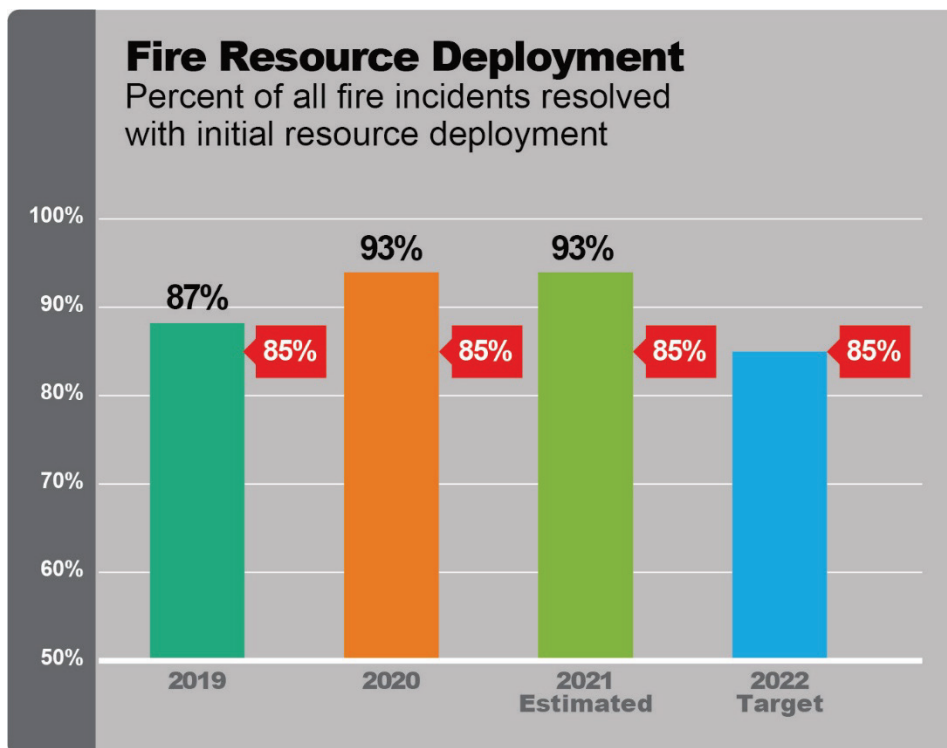
Weights and Measures personnel strive to resolve all consumer complaints within 48 business hours. In doing so, the division helps ensure transparency for buyers and sellers in a variety of commercial transactions. The number of complaints investigated and resolved averages 90 per year. In 2022, the department will continue to resolve consumer complaints within 48 hours 100 percent of the time.



Columbus residents can expect a prompt, high-quality response when they request emergency services. By City Council Resolution, the Division of Fire must maintain an overall total response time of eight minutes or less in at least 80 percent of fire incidents. The Division is on track to achieve or exceed this level of service in 2021 and 2022.



By City Council Resolution, the Division of Fire must maintain an overall total response time of eight minutes or less in at least 80 percent of EMS incidents. While the overall percentage has remained consistent over the past few years, deployment models are regularly updated to accommodate increasing demand.



The Division of Fire is constantly working to improve its dispatch system, both to reduce call times and to ensure that the right personnel, apparatus, and equipment arrive on scene. The Division has set a goal of deploying the correct resources during the initial dispatch on 85 percent of calls.

Financial Summary by Fund					
Fund	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Projected	2022 Proposed
General Fund					
Administration	\$ 12,076,011	\$ 8,151,062	\$ 12,651,312	\$ 9,175,125	\$ 12,926,671
Support Services	7,065,278	6,789,208	20,476,888	18,582,804	21,913,303
Police	345,915,936	350,060,990	336,846,128	380,761,721	354,194,577
Fire	265,671,581	234,316,471	265,484,193	275,688,274	273,461,932
General Fund Subtotal	630,728,806	599,317,731	635,458,521	684,207,924	662,496,483
E-911 Fund					
Support Services	307,822	510,631	1,566,227	1,566,227	1,566,227
Police	974,643	1,448,524	-	-	-
E-911 Fund Subtotal	1,282,465	1,959,155	1,566,227	1,566,227	1,566,227
Department Total	\$ 632,011,271	\$ 601,276,886	\$ 637,024,748	\$ 685,774,151	\$ 664,062,710



Public Safety

Financial Summary by Area of Expense						
Division		2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Projected	2022 Proposed
Administration						
General Fund						
	Personnel	\$ 1,625,258	\$ 1,654,660	\$ 7,179,990	\$ 6,263,809	\$ 7,520,203
	Materials & Supplies	5,299	4,000	10,367	7,820	10,367
	Services	6,445,454	6,604,322	5,460,855	2,903,396	5,395,951
	Other	4,000,000	(136,920)	100	100	150
	Transfers	-	25,000	-	-	-
	Administration Subtotal	12,076,011	8,151,062	12,651,312	9,175,125	12,926,671
Support Services						
General Fund						
	Personnel	4,453,563	4,310,522	16,497,586	14,594,413	17,649,556
	Materials & Supplies	217,534	197,163	427,175	304,412	489,175
	Services	2,388,973	2,278,497	3,546,327	3,663,347	3,768,772
	Other	5,208	3,026	5,800	20,632	5,800
	General Fund Subtotal	7,065,278	6,789,208	20,476,888	18,582,804	21,913,303
E-911 Fund						
	Personnel	57,822	117,703	1,566,227	1,566,227	1,566,227
	Services	250,000	392,928	-	-	-
	E-911 Fund Subtotal	307,822	510,631	1,566,227	1,566,227	1,566,227
	Support Services Subtotal	7,373,100	7,299,839	22,043,115	20,149,031	23,479,530
Police						
General Fund						
	Personnel	325,799,186	331,269,658	308,214,363	348,742,344	329,018,977
	Materials & Supplies	4,408,560	4,670,898	4,742,414	5,206,248	6,299,082
	Services	14,728,962	13,786,953	14,930,082	13,546,226	18,621,518
	Other	968,407	319,422	255,000	10,255,000	255,000
	Capital	-	-	3,000,000	3,000,000	-
	Transfers	10,820	14,059	5,704,269	11,903	-
	General Fund Subtotal	345,915,936	350,060,990	336,846,128	380,761,721	354,194,577
E-911 Fund						
	Personnel	974,643	1,448,524	-	-	-
	E-911 Fund Subtotal	974,643	1,448,524	-	-	-
	Police Subtotal	346,890,579	351,509,514	336,846,128	380,761,721	354,194,577
Fire						
General Fund						
	Personnel	248,087,414	220,023,277	246,036,400	258,688,949	255,495,216
	Materials & Supplies	4,565,561	4,775,582	4,413,729	5,061,348	5,512,454
	Services	12,860,604	9,393,902	12,446,292	11,805,403	12,329,262
	Other	150,848	29,996	125,000	108,700	125,000
	Capital	-	-	-	7,766	-
	Transfers	7,155	93,715	2,462,772	16,108	-
	Fire Subtotal	265,671,581	234,316,471	265,484,193	275,688,274	273,461,932
	Department Total	\$ 632,011,271	\$ 601,276,886	\$ 637,024,748	\$ 685,774,151	\$ 664,062,710

Department Personnel Summary								
Fund	2019 Actual		2020 Actual		2021 Budget		2022 Proposed	
	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT
General Fund								
Administration	10	2	12	2	64	7	68	7
Support Services	39	2	38	2	189	2	193	2
Police, Uniformed	1,969	0	1,947	0	1,969	0	1,936	0
Police, Civilian	354	24	350	24	231	67	252	58
Fire, Uniformed	1,602	0	1,592	0	1,602	0	1,637	0
Fire, Civilian	49	21	50	21	43	64	50	45
Total	4,023	49	3,989	49	4,098	140	4,136	112

Please note: Beginning in 2019, the equivalent of one Fire Division uniformed position above is funded by BZS' development services fund.



Operating Budget by Program					
Program	2021 Budget	2021 FTEs	2022 Proposed	2022 FTEs	
911 Support Group	\$ 20,861,063	216	\$ 23,026,414	219	
Administration	38,781,361	134	38,178,903	132	
Communications	9,693,298	53	8,740,361	48	
Community Programs	19,476,862	167	38,809,903	186	
Drug Enforcement	15,779,783	101	16,113,324	103	
Fire Emergency Services	213,886,977	1,358	214,379,790	1,360	
Fiscal	1,313,607	11	952,803	13	
Human Resources	3,217,348	22	2,216,277	23	
Internal Services	17,463,882	0	18,515,020	0	
Investigative	32,777,117	213	34,200,763	217	
Legal Matters	325,475	0	325,475	0	
License Enforcement	466,205	5	470,960	5	
License Support	515,447	5	354,762	3	
Opiate Initiatives	410,000	0	410,000	0	
Police Patrol	158,026,867	1,084	160,050,930	1,086	
Public Safety Network/CAD	1,561,320	9	3,214,919	10	
Special Operations	27,400,837	160	27,729,314	161	
Support Operations	44,817,309	304	44,808,031	303	
Training	29,695,419	250	30,988,033	261	
Weights and Measures	554,571	6	576,728	6	
Department Total	\$ 637,024,748	4,098	\$ 664,062,710	4,136	

Please note: Unless specified in the budget notes, variances in FTE counts by program are the result of changes to internal payroll coding structures and not indicative of changes in service delivery.



2022 PROGRAM GUIDE

911 SUPPORT GROUP

To provide maintenance and technical support for the critical components that serve the PSAP system, which supports the City of Columbus and seven additional 911 agencies in Franklin County.

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.

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 various neighborhood safety strategies. To provide public services needed for the safety and well-being of the citizens of Columbus.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT

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.

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, and the procurement and payment of services, supplies, and 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.

INTERNAL SERVICES

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

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 felony property crimes, as well as crimes against persons resulting in the loss of human life or serious physical harm. To investigate the origins of suspicious fires including filing charges against suspects.

LEGAL MATTERS

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

LICENSE ENFORCEMENT

To enforce rules and regulations pertaining to licenses and licensing procedures as they affect the public health, safety, and welfare.

LICENSE SUPPORT

To provide service and support to customers throughout all phases of the licensure process.

OPIATE INITIATIVES

To account for the costs associated with the prevention and treatment of opioid abuse.

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.

PUBLIC SAFETY NETWORK/CAD

To maintain and troubleshoot all server and client hardware and software directly related to the CAD system.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

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 freeways. To provide for the mitigation of suspected explosive devices and direct operations of spills containing hazardous materials.

SUPPORT OPERATIONS

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

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.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To provide equity in the marketplace by assuring the weights and measures in commercial service within the city are properly installed and accurate.