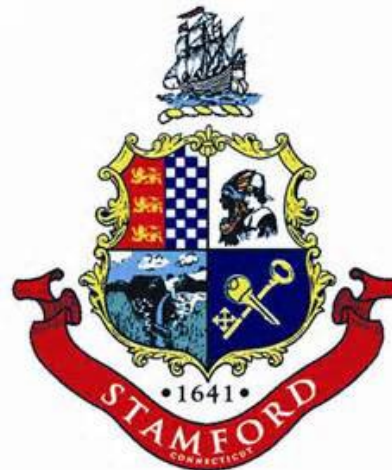


City of Stamford

OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety Administration

FY 2022-23 Budget Presentation



Office of Public Safety

Services Provided & Mission Statement



The Office of Public Safety, Health and Welfare provides for the administration, supervision and performance of all municipal functions related to police, fire, health, social services, rescue, emergency medical service and emergency management and, is responsible for the oversight of all municipal functions related to the abatement and management of environmental contamination (unless otherwise provided by state or federal law).

The mission of the Office of Public Safety, Health and Welfare is to proactively enhance the quality of life, safety, and security for City of Stamford residents and the community with the highest quality of police, health, rescue, medical and emergency management services.



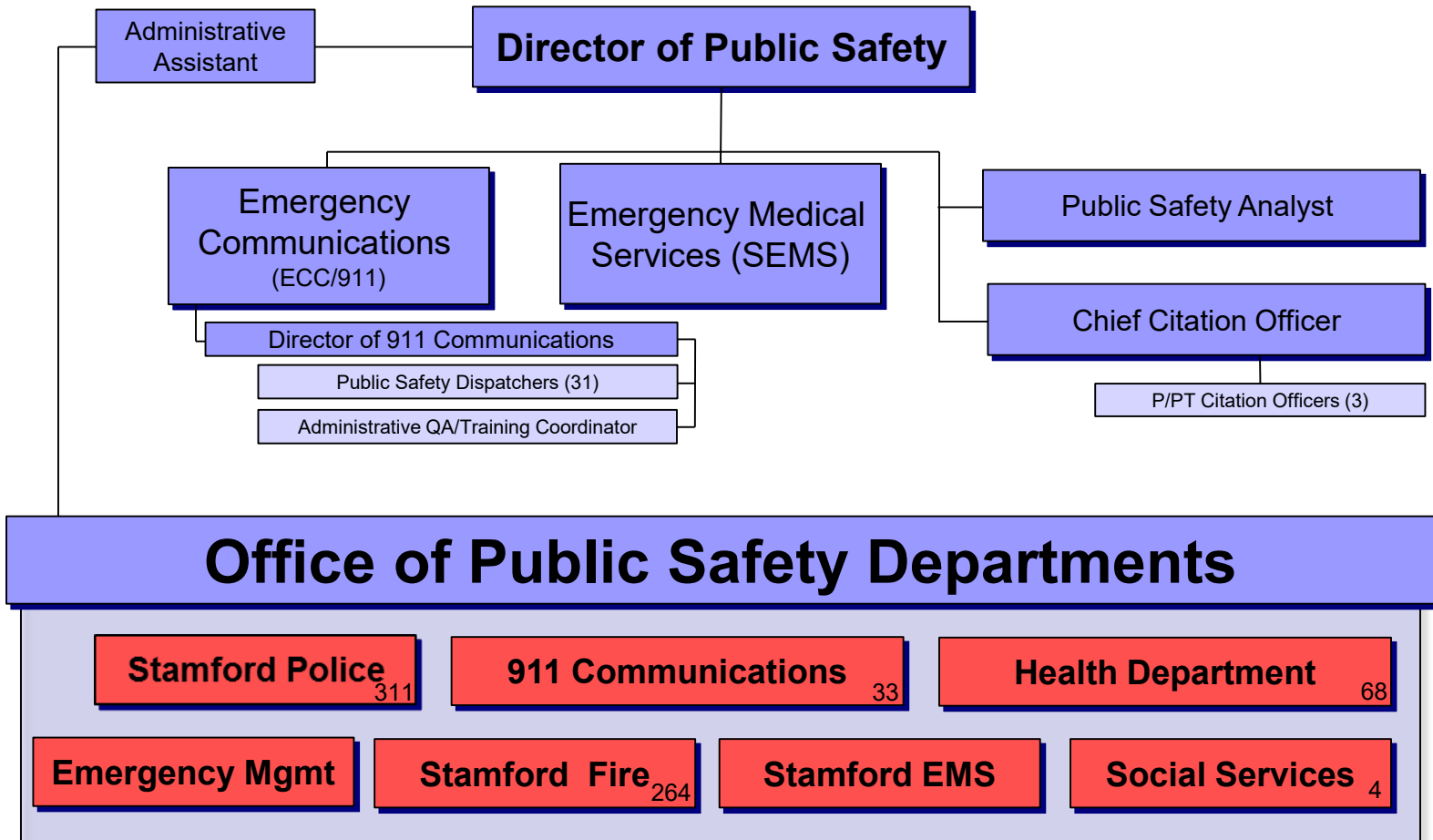
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“Be Prepared Stamford!” 



Office of Public Safety, Health and Welfare Organization Chart



Public Safety Budget Requests

■ Improve Community Messaging Services:

- **“Reverse 911”** – build on existing emergency messaging service.
 - Reverse 911 emergency messaging is provided through the State of Connecticut utilizing the Everbridge System.
 - Expanded service request is required to provide **public safety and community non-emergent messaging** – covers pop-up clinics, testing, police messaging, emergency management messaging, expanded messages, etc. This is a resident opt-in service.

■ Improving Services:

- **Citation Officers:** requesting 1 additional position be hired as permanent part-time to address quality of life and nuisance complaints such as illegal dumping, lighting ordinance, snow removal, blocked sidewalks, etc. **City code enforcement focus.**
- **Public Safety Administrative Assistant:** requesting Exec. Secretary position be upgraded to align with emergency operations and other support duties.

Public Safety Highlights 2021-2022

- **COVID-19 Response across all agencies:** Hundreds of thousands of masks distributed, CERT, testing sites, vaccination clinics, public communication, at-risk communities, enforcement. React and redeploy with each new Governor mandate. Staff relying on their emergency training to deal with unanticipated, unprecedented situations. State of CT Dept of Public Health and Stamford Hospital partnerships and coordination. Staffing impacts, balancing staffing challenges due to infected and/or exposed staff. Overtime costs associated with COVID-19 (reimbursed). Keeping staff up-to-date on changing protocols, mandates and instructions from CDC, CT DPH, and local emergency orders and health recommendations. Working on high alert is demanding on staff.
- **Caring for the Stamford Community:** Addressing the health and safety of Stamford residents; mental health collaborative, addressing the needs and improvements to the community; embedding a Social Service Worker at the SPD; Mental Health Adaptive Response; Addressing the nationwide overdose crisis through partnerships, Narcan usage, and Investigations; crime reduction and fire safety. Identifying and responding to shortfalls for the underserved community and neighborhoods. Shoulder to Shoulder community initiative; partnering with local health agencies and local non-profits to reach all residents. Mask give-a-ways, reverse 911 calls, communications and newsletter, and video chat. Health, Police, Fire and social service community relations during COVID19; distributions, etc. Cyber Security exercise and all department Interventions utilizing data and maps to increase health, safety and security.
- **Enhancements to Address Quality of Life through Enforcement :** Chief Enforcement Officer reporting to Public Safety Director (2 part-time citation officers added – address all citation-enforced complaints; COVID-19 mandates; complaints; illegal dumping, lighting ordinance; Law enforcement community engagements; Enhancements to fire and life safety.
- **Utilizing technology to the fullest:** Utilizing technology to improve Public Safety Services - Fixed LPR program, Carbyne program, new RMS systems, field-based reporting in police and fire, Rapid SOS, air monitoring, etc.



Public Safety Challenges

- **Funding for Reorganization Designed for Improved Services:**
- **Appropriate resources** for necessary Public Safety Programs Ensuring funding for required and/or mandated training, staffing (OT), vehicle maintenance and community programs for Police, Fire, Health and Social Service.
- **Improving technology** with data collection for all public safety agencies.

Public Safety Goals 2022-2023

- **Improve Technology and Data Capabilities**
- **Improve Illegal Housing Inspection Program**
- **Reorganization** within Departments for improved efficiency
- **Improve** the quality of life for Stamford Residents through Public Safety, Health and Welfare.
- **Public Safety Security Camera and LPR Program**
- **Enriching** Public Safety Community Relations and Outreach Programs
- **Further Improvements** of the Fire Service for Fire and Life Safety
- **New** Animal Control Center development
- **Increase** pedestrian, driver and bicycle safety
- **Fiscal Responsibility** with the improvement of overarching public safety services