Public Safety Mill Levy 2021 Presentation

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Why the Need for Additional Personnel & Resources to Meet Community’s Public Safety Needs?

- Population Growth
- Increased Crime Violent/Drug Related
- Increased # of Citizens w/Substance Use Disorders, Mental Illness & Homelessness
- Capacity Needs in Legal/Courts
- Increased Code Violations affecting Neighborhood Safety

Why? 2021 Public Safety Mill Levy

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Population and Calls For Service

Billings Census Estimate | Police Calls for Service | Fire Calls for Service

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Calls for Service & Population Growth

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Downtown/Midtown

One Month at a Glance
8/1/21 – 9/1/21

Source: Crimemapping.com
High level of trust in Police Dept.
Strong recognition of crime problem

- 102 Police Recommendations
- 34 Fire Recommendations

2020 Comprehensive Analysis of Police and Fire Services
2021 Public Safety Mill Levy

- Police Investments: $2,450,000
- Fire Investments: 1,500,000
- Legal, Court, Code Enforcement Investments: 1,450,000
- Ongoing Public Safety Needs: 1,300,000
- Mental Health & Substance Use: 415,000
- Total Estimated Additional Public Safety Costs: $7,115,000

$8.33 per month
Median House ($217,000)
**Additional Resources**

$7.1M

**Police**
- 28 FTE’s – 14 Sworn officers and 14 civilian staff positions

**Fire**
- Additional Hours for Medical Response Team (MRT) Staffing
- 2 staffed MRTs (10 FTE’s) to cover peak demand days and times

**Legal**
- 3 Attorney's, 2 Paralegal’s, and 2 support staff

**Court**
- Additional full-time judge and staff

**Code Enforcement**
- 3 Code Enforcement Officers

**Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services**
- 2 mills (~$415,000/yr.)
Officer presence and proactive policing = Less crime
Violent Crime is Increasing

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28 FTE’s  14 sworn officers and 14 civilian staff

Violent Crime Reduction  
Improve Downtown Safety  
Improve Traffic Safety  
Support Mental Health Efforts
Quick & Efficient Response to our Community’s Emergency Needs
Increased Calls for Service

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EMS Calls, 46.9%

Fire Calls, 2.4%

All Other Calls, 50.7%
Mobile Response Teams (MRT)

- 10 personnel for MRT’s
- Implement priority call protocol
- Two light weight response vehicles
  - More efficient and responsive for medical calls

Deputy Fire Marshal/Logistics Officer/Fire Protection Engineer

- Complete inspections and business licenses in a timely manner
- Public safety education (schools, nursing homes, hospitals, etc.)
- Conduct risk assessment on all target hazards
- Manage all equipment – including acquisition and “check it” program
Holding Criminals Accountable

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Legal & Courts
Criminal cases opened 2016 - 2021
Caseload per Prosecutor

Caseload by Year:
- **2018** - 4 prosecutors (5062 total opened cases)
  - Target caseload: 400
  - Non-DV cases: 1424
  - DV cases: 790
- **2019** - 4 prosecutors (6466 total opened cases)
  - Target caseload: 400
  - Non-DV cases: 1862
  - DV cases: 878
- **2020** - 5 prosecutors (5430 total opened cases)
  - Target caseload: 400
  - Non-DV cases: 1055
  - DV cases: 1210
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Legal - 3 Attorney’s, 2 Paralegal’s, and 2 support staff

- Reduced caseloads
- Improved victim services
- More offender accountability

Court - Additional full-time judge and staff

- Improved Recidivism Rates
- Alternative Sentences – Treatment Options
Clean and Safe City Improvement Strategy
Code Enforcement = Safer Neighborhoods
Education and Outreach
• Coordinate with neighborhood task forces, other groups
• Connect residents to assistance programs

Proactive compliance effort
• ID strategic areas city wide for early intervention
• Focus/respond to specific issues - graffiti tagging, safe routes for kids/seniors

Successful compliance outcomes
• Additional legal staff assisting CE Team
• Enhanced funding/capacity for neighborhood clean ups
Expected Outcomes

• Improved safety of neighborhoods
• Increased efficiency when responding to emergency calls
• Collaboration with Federal, State and County officials
• Investment in mental health and substance abuse services
• Holding criminals accountable
• Improved traffic safety
• Feel safe to be in any part of our community at any time of day
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