

Saint Paul Community-First Public Safety Commission



Common ground. Common good.



**SAINT PAUL
MINNESOTA**

COMMUNITY FIRST PUBLIC SAFETY VIRTUAL TOWN HALL EVENT

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14
7:00pm - 9:00pm**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 17
2:00pm - 4:00pm**

The City of Saint Paul Community First Public Safety Commission is working to re-envision emergency response in Saint Paul.

Join the conversation at these virtual town hall meetings.

RSVP now at
www.citizensleague.org/saint-paul-town-hall

Our Commission's charge:

- Recommending alternative first response options to priority 4 and priority 5 calls for service.
- Outlining approaches for ongoing community involvement in the City's community-first public safety framework.
- The consideration of the creation of a city staffed office to drive and integrate community-first public safety initiatives and strategies i.e. office of violence prevention.

Commission Co-Chairs

- Acooa Ellis, Greater Twin Cities United Way
- John Marshall, Xcel Energy

Project Leads

- Kate Cimino, Executive Director, Citizens League
- Amanda Koonjbeharry, Director of Public Policy, Citizens League

Commissioners

- 48 members with deep connections to Saint Paul communities and organizations
- Representing wide variety of perspectives and roles
- Selected by Mayor's Office

Timeline

- 10 meetings, December 2020 – May 2021
- 3-hour meetings every other week via Zoom

Understanding Priority 4 and 5 Calls

- Account for more than half of all calls.
- Non-urgent (occurred more than 20 minutes ago).
- Non-violent / No immediate threat to life.
- Call priorities **can change** as telecommunicators get more information from callers.
- Priorities for call types can differ depending on the specifics of a situation.

Examples of Priority 4 and 5 Calls

- Neighbor dispute
- Welfare check
- Disorderly conduct
- Young person (juvenile) concern, e.g. curfew violation
- Intoxicated person
- Abandoned vehicle
- Noise complaint
- General assistance
- Theft from automobile
- Police proactive visit or foot patrol

Our Work So Far

- Understanding Priority 4-5 situations and current emergency response systems
- Hearing lived experiences of Commission members
- Exploring ideas for city office of neighborhood safety
- Ideating alternative response models and community safety models
- Exploring emerging recommendations

Commissioned Identified Focus Areas within P4-5

Areas of greatest interest and focus for the Commission:

- Young Person/Juvenile
- Person in Crisis
- Welfare Check
- Vehicles and Parking
- Disorderly Conduct
- General Assistance
- Child Abuse
- Civil Problem
- Systems, Data, and Dispatch issues

Emerging Recommendations

Examples of some of the ideas being considered:

- Culturally relevant ambassador program in neighborhoods responding to truancy and curfew violations.
- Mobile mental health team/other resources available 24/7.
- New or paired responder models: peer-responder, mental health intervention specialist, and situational awareness expert on the phone – for things like welfare checks, disorderly conduct, child abuse, etc.
- Decrease/minimize police response to vehicles and parking situations.
- Increased access to virtual/video consultation.
- De-escalation training, tools and mindset.

Public Town Halls

- April 14 from 7 to 9pm and April 17 from 2 to 4pm via Zoom
- **Your voice matters!**
- Public input will be directly incorporated into the Commission's work and recommendations

Community-First Public Safety: A City-Wide Vision

How the Commission's work fits in, and what will come next

Comments from Mayor Carter's office

Questions?

Stay engaged!

- Visit the project landing page at citizensleague.org/saint-paul-public-safety
- Submit input on the comment form: citizensleague.org/saint-paul-input
- Email us at SaintPaulPublicSafety@citizensleague.org
- Leave a voicemail at **(651) 252-4415**