

Annual Internal Review Public Safety Commission

This report covers 7/1/2016 to 6/30/2017

The Commission mission statement (per the City Code) is:

The Commission shall serve as an advisory body to the city council on all budgetary and policy matters concerning public safety, including matters related to the Austin Police Department, the Austin Fire Department, and the Austin/Travis County Emergency Medical Services Department. The Commission shall make recommendations on matters related to long-range planning of public safety departments, departmental budgets, coordination of comprehensive planning initiatives, access to and expenditure of state and federal grant funds, and other related public safety matters.

1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.

The Public Safety Commission of the City of Austin meets the first Monday of each month. The mission of the Commission is to review the needs of the City vis-à-vis public safety through presentations and supportive documents provided by the three public safety departments of the City of Austin: Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services. The Commission heard concerns from citizens and requested presentations from experts. It also made recommendations to City Council and the Public Safety Committee on public safety department budget requests, future planning, and other relevant issues.

2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.

All Public Safety Commission actions were in full compliance with its mission statement.

3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.

Discuss and analyze existing and emerging public safety issues in Austin.

Examine the functioning, long-range planning, budget requests, and needs of the City's public safety departments within an evidence-based context.

Seek the input of citizens and hear presentations from experts.

Respond to requests from City Council and the Public Safety Committee related to public safety matters.