

Worksession Agenda Summary

March 8, 2022

Adam Turk, Interim Police Chief, 970-351-5381

Title:

Greeley Public Safety Picture

Background:

For 2021 and 2022, the Greeley Police Department has five goals: Improve traffic safety, pursue violent offenders, continue working with human service organizations to address public safety impacts of homelessness and mental health, provide excellent police service, and recruit and retain qualified public safety servants.

In September 2021, Interim Chief Adam Turk identified four additional priorities for the police department: mental health & homelessness, body-camera program upgrades, enhanced employee mental health, recruitment and retention of police officers, and reducing Part I crimes.

In February 2022, the Greeley Police Department verified and validated data on 2021 Part I Crimes. Part I crimes include murder, rape, aggravated assault, robbery, arson, burglary, theft and auto theft. In 2021, the City of Greeley had a 14.6% increase in Part I Crimes compared to 2020. Aggravated assault and auto theft account for the largest increases. Using best practices the Greeley Police Department is proactively addressing the increase in Part I crimes.

Additionally, to support the identified goals the Greeley Police Department is making the following operational changes:

- Adjusting policies and practices to address employee mental health.
- Executing a new 5-year contract with Axon Enterprise Inc. - our provider for Tasers and body-worn cameras. This contract includes several upgrades including an upgrade from the Taser XP-26 to the Taser 7, Axon Respond (GPS), Signal Vehicle and Signal Sidearm, Redaction Plus, Transcription and Axon Performance. These upgrades aim to increase trust and legitimacy with the community.
- Focusing on recruitment and retention to increase candidate pools of certified and non-certified applicants.

The attached presentation will provide city council and the community with a public safety overview focusing on the 2021 year in review and forecasting some things for 2022.

Strategic Work Program Item or Applicable Council Priority and Goal:

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Decision Options:

Not Applicable

Attachments:

Powerpoint Presentation