PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (Optional)

Purpose:

The purpose of the Public Safety Committee is to promote and ensure public safety through the Police and Fire &Ambulance Departments.

Membership:

The Public Safety Committee consists of two council members (one of the council members is the chairperson), the Public Safety Director, and two citizen members.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Delegate operational procedures and practices to the Police, and Fire & Ambulance Departments
- Recommend to the Council policies related to the public safety residents
- Review new public safety programs and associated budget requirements.
- Facilitate discussion of safety issues and concerns encouraging public involvement and communications with the public.
- Serve as the initial contact point for individual and/or organizations who wish to have a voice about the public’s safety
POLICE DEPARTMENT

The purpose of the Anytown Police Department is to enhance the quality of life of the residents of the city by working cooperatively with the community and residents to enforce the law, preserve the peace, reduce the fear of crime and provide for a safe environment.

The objectives of the Anytown Police Department are to:

- Reduce opportunities for preventable crimes.
- Identify criminal activity and apprehend offenders.
- Resolve conflicts, preserve order, and maintain a community feeling of security.
- Protect constitutional guarantees.
- Facilitate the safe movement of people and vehicles.
- Provide assistance and emergency service to citizens.

In order to meet these objectives, the Anytown Police Department is organized into several service departments:

- Patrol Services - responding to calls for service
- Investigative Services – investigating serious crimes or criminal activity
- Records Management – maintaining various police records, including those of criminal activity
- Administrative Services – the Police Chief and staff necessary to run the Police Department

Some of the activities that Police Officers are engaged in are: traffic management, crime prevention, safety patrol, emergency and disaster response, canine programs, special events (such as fairs, parades), enforcement of state statutes and city ordinances, the protection of citizen health and safety, maintaining public peace and order, and assisting other emergency personnel as needed.
FIRE & AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

The purpose of the Anytown Fire Department is to protect the lives and property of the residents and businesses of the city by providing fire prevention services, fire suppression and advanced life support emergency medical services.

The objectives of the Anytown Fire Department are to:

- Efficiently respond to fire, medical and hazardous material emergencies and natural disasters.
- Provide programs that will prevent fire, medical and hazardous material emergencies.
- Ensure department services are provided in a responsive and cost effective manner.

In order to meet these objectives, the Anytown Fire Department is organized in the following way:

- Five Fire Stations – are strategically located around the city to respond quickly and effectively.
- Paramedics/Ambulances – each Fire Station will have their own ambulance.
- Seven days a week and 24 hours per day coverage – a firefighter/paramedic will always be available to answer a call.
- Shift Commanders – to communicate between all the stations and ensure coverage in the city.

Some of the activities of the Anytown Fire Department include fire extinguisher refill program, fire inspections for businesses, safety, and accident prevention talks with schoolchildren and at businesses, fire suppression, emergency ambulance responses, emergency medical services, rescue services (vehicle in the lake/river, ice rescue, etc), hazardous materials response, public education, and the smoke detector program.