

Good morning, Chairman and members of the City Council, my name is Frank Lindbloom, Acting Executive Director of the Office of Public Safety Administration. I am pleased to be here today to discuss our 2025 budget. Please allow me to introduce my staff.

- Sitting next to me is **Sarontay Smith**, the Deputy Director of Finance
- Next is **Natalie Gutierrez**, Managing Deputy Director of Finance and Administration
- Next to her is **Dan Casey**, Managing Deputy Director of Public Safety IT
- **Tenaya Williams**, Managing Deputy of HR
- **Joy Brown**, Director of HR
- **Leon Leak**, Deputy Director of Video and Analytic Systems & Cybersecurity
- **Adam Pondexter**, Director of Information Technology
- **Kevin Pater**, Contracts Administrator
- **Tomas Maulawin**, Director of Grants
- **John Arvetis**, Deputy Director of Public Safety Payroll
- **Klara Sanchez**, Medical Administrator

The Office of Public Safety Administration (known as PSA) was established in 2020 to manage and streamline the administrative and back-office responsibilities of CPD, CFD and OEMC . PSA manages administrative matters for these departments including finance, budgeting, grants, contracts, and payroll, as well as supporting HR, fleet and facilities, and public safety technology. We also supervise and manage the daily operations of the new Joint Public Safety Training Center, located at 701 North Kilbourn Street.

PSA's combined experience and expertise in administrative, technological and fiscal management not only allows us to leverage best practices and learning, it also allows our public safety departments to focus on their core missions.

PSA is responsible for managing the budgets of CPD, CFD, and OEMC, which collectively represent over 45 percent of the City's corporate budget . PSA's responsibilities include:

- Administering over \$3 billion in public safety finances, including over \$334 million in grant funding
- Overseeing more than 100 contracts
- Processing human resources transactions for 23,000 public safety employees – including executing payroll for those employees - and filling over 2,000 vacancies.
- Managing public safety technology
- Managing public safety vehicles and facilities.

PSA is also tasked with setting goals for civilianization cost reduction, finding efficiencies, and improving administrative and technology functions for public safety.

The value gained from consolidating functions at PSA, which previously operated independently across public safety departments, has resulted in fiscal benefits, employee retention, and other efficiencies through new initiatives. For example, PSA has returned officers to CPD, modernized timekeeping, streamlined the finance payables process, created a transparent customer service portal for tracking employee payroll

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inquires, and invested in technology modernization for radios, body worn cameras, records management and law enforcement software. Subject matters experts who previously worked in silos in separate departments, now collaborate daily and leverage one another's expertise. Other City departments and partners have also found value in the ability to consult with PSA on matters that would have previously required separate, redundant conversations with multiple departments.

Over the next few days, you will see some of the PSA staff here today returning to support CPD, CFD and OEMC at their budget hearings, prepared to answer any additional questions related to the work that PSA supports for each of their core missions.

As Acting Executive Director, it is my mission to continue to make efficient use of all resources and build on the progress we've already made.

I, along with my staff, am prepared to answer your questions at this time. Thank you.