



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 1/1/2012 to 12/31/2012

(This report is due in the first quarter of each calendar year for the previous year.)

Public Safety Commission

(Official Name of Board or Commission)

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

- 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 Commission is 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 makes recommendations on matters related to long-range comprehensive planning initiatives, access to and expenditure of state and federal grant funds, and other related public safety matters. In the past year the Commission has met monthly reviewing budgets, performance and staffing needs for the three departments. It has heard public and expert testimony and made recommendations to the City Council on these findings and deliberations, each month.

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

The Commission's actions fully comply with the mission statement.

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

*To continue to assess need and capability of Police, Fire and EMS.
To continue to review staffing needs for Police coming from the Department's response to the PERF study.*

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To continue to review challenges to Fire from the ongoing drought and wild fire risks.

To continue to assess the efforts and staffing of Emergency Medical Services.

To continue to provide a forum for citizens to address the Commission on issues.

To investigate complex issues such as increases in traffic fatalities, special populations that use Police and EMS services, areas of high demand for all three Public Service Departments and to recommend appropriate actions.