

Public Safety

Public safety concerns are issues that the City of Minneapolis takes seriously. Providing public safety to residents is one of the highest responsibilities of government.

Priority Issues for Minneapolis are:

- Sustaining the City’s authority to [use administrative fines for local regulatory ordinances such as building codes, zoning codes, health codes and public nuisance ordinances; also for the use of fines for matters that are not duplicative of misdemeanor or higher levels state traffic and criminal offenses.](#)
- Restore funding for the CriMNet statewide information system, [including components related to public access to criminal justice information.](#)
- Restoring funding [and expand representation](#) ~~and expand representation~~ for the State Gang Strike Force [without jeopardizing current criminal justice resources to ensure a state-wide coordinated plan for addressing gang activity.](#)
- Making possession of any amount of marijuana with intent to sell a misdemeanor.

Minneapolis Supports:

- Including “palm” and “writer’s edge of hand” prints to be taken of juveniles in custody.
- Chronic Offenders/Enhancement of Crimes:
 - Changes to the criminal code to address chronic offenders in the areas of indecent exposure and interference with privacy.
 - Adding murder in the first, second and third degree along with manslaughter in the first and second degree to the list of qualified domestic violence related offenses.
 - Streamlining of the statutes used to more effectively prosecute prostitution-related offenses.
 - Legislation that makes it a crime to drive while under the influence of any drug that makes a person an unsafe driver.
 - Legislation that includes metabolites and derivatives in Minnesota’s “per se” controlled substance law.
- Increasing the 911-surcharge to provide adequate funding to all public safety answering points in Minnesota.
- Amendments to the data practices act to [enable sharing of private and confidential mental health data among health and human service agencies, law enforcement, corrections departments and court systems when the different agencies are providing services for the same person.](#) ~~allow for more sharing of mental health data.~~
- **Local authority for** the use of “photo cops” to monitor and cite red light traffic offenses.
- Legislation requiring certain multi-line phone systems and operators to provide more precise caller information to 911 centers.
- **Repeal of the** Personal Protection Act **or at the least**, amendments to allow municipalities to post signs prohibiting handguns in the same manner businesses are currently allowed.