

## **Draft 2005 Public Safety Legislative Agenda**

### **Public Safety**

Keeping Minneapolis residents and visitors safe is a top priority for the City of Minneapolis.

#### **Priority issues for Minneapolis are:**

- Funding for the entire criminal justice system, including such critical functions such as police, fire, prosecutors, public defense, probation and the courts. Providing public safety, a core responsibility of local government, is threatened by insufficient funding.
- Ensuring a statewide coordinated plan for addressing gang activity through funding of the State Gang Strike Force and expanded representation
- Funding for the development and implementation of criminal justice information systems, such as CrimNet and MNCIS, that will allow local agencies to share criminal justice information with jurisdictions statewide

#### **Minneapolis Supports:**

- Amending the trespass statute to increase the length of time that a person trespassing on the property can be barred from the property
- Chronic Offenders/Enhancement of Crimes:
  - Changing the criminal code to address chronic offenders of indecent exposure and interference with privacy laws
  - 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
  - Including interfering with an emergency phone call, false imprisonment, kidnapping, and violating a no contact order as qualified domestic violence related offenses
    - Streamlining statutes in order to more effectively prosecute prostitution-related offenses
  - Legislation making driving under the influence of any drug that makes a person an unsafe driver a crime
  - Increasing penalties for chronic offenders by including theft; receiving stolen property; trespass; disorderly conduct; crimes involving transit; violations of local ordinances prohibiting unlawful aggressive solicitation; consuming alcoholic beverages in public; and loitering or lurking with intent to commit a crime as enhancable offenses
- Increasing the 911-surcharge to provide adequate funding to all public safety answering points in Minnesota
- Expanding the vulnerable adult statutes to prescribe felony level punishment for neglect

- Amending domestic assault provisions of the criminal code to require courts to furnish criminal history information to prosecutors without charge
- Amending the “Ted Foss” law to require a full lane buffer between non-emergency vehicles and emergency vehicles
- Allowing for a gross misdemeanor careless driving offense if driving conduct results in a fatality and increasing penalties for all other driving offenses resulting in fatalities
- Making possession of any amount of marijuana with intent to sell a misdemeanor.

**Minneapolis Opposes:**

- Legislation that re-enacts the Minnesota Personal Protection Act
- Reducing sentences for drug offenders and changing criminal thresholds for selling and possessing controlled substances.