

**Municipality of Anchorage
Public Safety Advisory Commission
Information Sheet**

About the Public Safety Advisory Commission (PSAC):

The PSAC was established by Municipal Code 4.60.270. The Commission consists of nine members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Assembly.

What is the purpose of the PSAC?

Anchorage Municipal Code 4.60.270. B. states; "The Commission shall identify broad public safety issues of concern to the citizens of the municipality and advise the Mayor and Assembly on these issues."

How does the PSAC accomplish this purpose?

The PSAC solicits input from the citizens of Anchorage regarding policy level public safety issues. The PSAC works closely with the Anchorage Police Department (APD), Anchorage Fire Department (AFD), and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to identify trends and problems which may arise in the future. Commissioners also attend Community Council meetings, work with Community Patrols, do ride-alongs with APD, attend the APD Citizen's Police Academy, and participate in volunteer Search and Rescue operations. Assembly Members attend meetings, as do representatives of APD, AFD, and OEM.

What are some examples of issues the Commission might consider?

Some of the past and current issues are:

- Methamphetamines
- Discharge of fireworks
- Use of cell phone while driving
- Youth violence
- Safety of Trail Watch volunteers
- Overcrowding of the Court system
- Fire and EMT response times within the Municipality

How can I present an issue to the PSAC?

The PSAC meets the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00PM in the Mayor's conference room on the 8th floor of City Hall. The public is encouraged to attend. The PSAC Web site (www.muni.org/psac) provides links to the upcoming meeting agenda and summaries of previous meetings. To be placed on the agenda contact Catherine Curtis at 343-7120, who will forward requests to the Commission chair.