

# PUBLIC SAFETY



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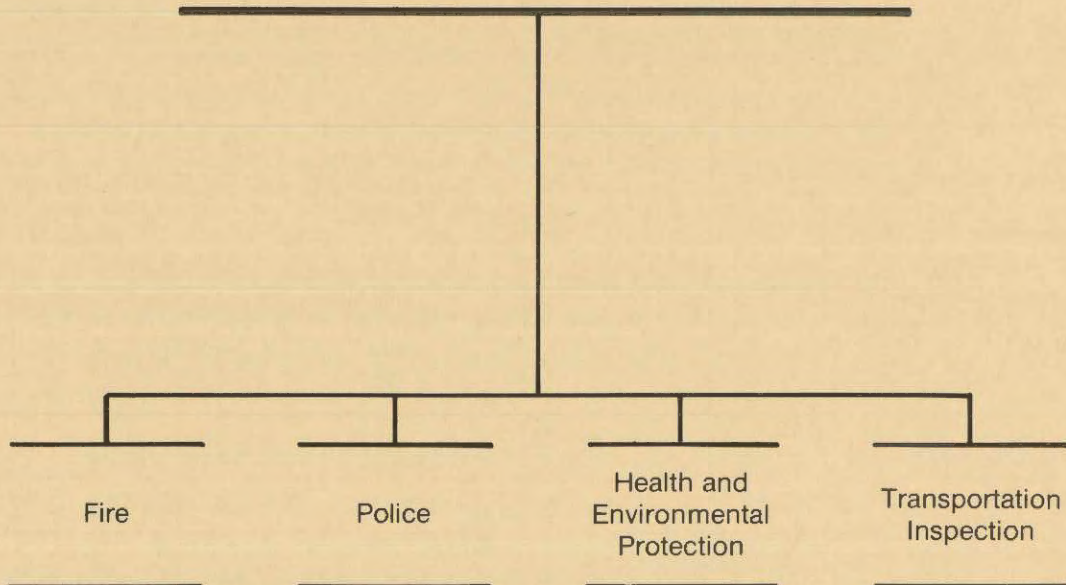


TRANSPORTATION  
INSPECTION

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## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSIONER

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Executive Area

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### Major Program Highlights

- The Police Department will maintain a three minute average response time to emergencies, while responding to an estimated 14% increase in requests for service, through implementation of Computer Aided Dispatch and the second phase of the Take Home Police Car Program expansion. There will be continued emphasis on crime prevention, to reduce the crime rate in Anchorage.
- The Fire Department will improve response times to fire emergencies in summer 1984 when a new station is established in South Anchorage. Emergency medical service will be improved by additional training and support service capabilities. The Fire Administration offices will relocate to the more centrally placed new South Anchorage Fire Station.
- The Health Department will place emphasis on health problem prevention through efforts to eradicate communicable disease and by continuing their work to reduce noise and air pollution.
- A new Animal Shelter will be operational by late 1984, improving the Animal Control Program capabilities.
- Transportation Inspection will enhance enforcement activity of all laws and regulations pertaining to the licensing of chauffeurs, taxicabs, limousines and dispatch companies.

### Major Issues to be Addressed in 1984

- Increasing demand for services will require management innovation to ensure responsiveness without impacting overall effectiveness.
- Drunk driving related accidents are occurring at an alarming rate, necessitating in 1984 a major emphasis in drunk driver apprehension and arrest.
- Cutbacks in state and federal support to health related programs will require intensive review of all programs and benefits to assure that those funded with municipal resources address true public health concerns.
- Eliminate the disruption of and interference with Public Safety emergency radio networks.

### Resources

	1983	1984
Direct Costs	\$ 60,045,560	\$ 65,718,330
Program Revenues	\$ 2,728,710	\$ 3,267,120
Personnel	764 + 6PT	788 + 7PT

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSIONER

The Public Safety Commissioner directs the Departments of Fire, Police, Health and Environmental Protection and the Transportation Inspection Agency in the delivery of public safety services to the residents of Anchorage. The Commissioner assures effective management of resources, establishes and implements policies and broad-ranged goals in the public safety area.

### Resources

	1983	1984
Direct Costs	\$ 341,660	\$ 347,640
Program Revenues	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Personnel	3	3



# HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



## Mission

To prevent or reduce disease and injury among persons in Anchorage through education and sound public health programs.

## Goals/Objectives

- Redirect programs into prevention rather than treatment of disease.
- Continue efforts to eradicate measles, german measles, whooping cough, tuberculosis, and sexually transmitted disease.
- Safeguard water and food supplies.
- Work toward cleaning the air.
- Measure effectiveness of alcoholism, drug, and mental health programs.
- Collect more abandoned vehicles.
- Reduce population of unwanted dogs and cats by more spaying and neutering.
- Build a new animal control shelter.
- Collect better health data (vital statistics).
- Establish fair charges for services.

## Major Program Changes

- Strengthen capability of investigating outbreaks of infection and poisoning.
- Inspect and counsel more day care centers on cleanliness and disease prevention.
- Plan mandatory vehicle-emissions inspection program, to begin in 1985.
- Acquire a Municipal site for disposing of junk cars, "white goods" (stoves, refrigerators, etc.) and paper.
- Determine level of contribution local taxpayers should make to state-funded alcoholism, drug, mental health, and other health programs.

## Resources

	1983	1984
Direct Costs	\$ 5,740,800	\$ 7,354,160
Program Revenues	\$ 545,860	\$ 794,400
Personnel	78 + 6PT	75 + 6PT



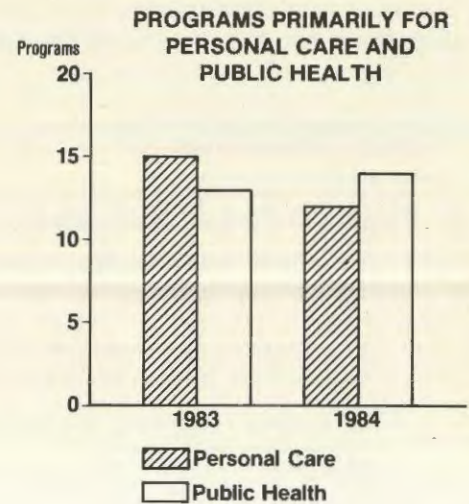
# PERFORMANCE/PRODUCTIVITY

## Issue:

Funding programs which primarily benefit individuals rather than addressing true public health concerns is an inefficient use of municipal resources.

## Goal:

Review all health service delivery components for redesign into public health mode.

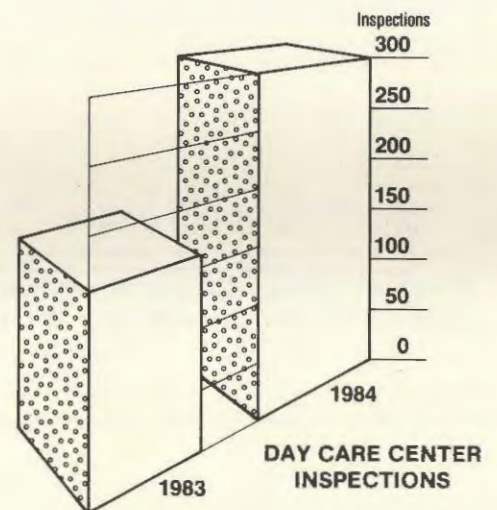


## Issue:

Day care centers are a major source of infections in a community.

## Goal:

Increase cleanliness of day-care centers through inspections and instruction.

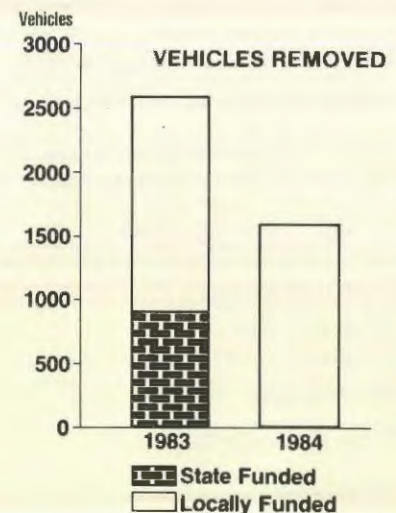


## Issue:

Junk cars and trash clutter streets and property in Anchorage.

## Goal:

With public support, remove all junk cars and abandoned vehicles from rights-of-way and from both public and private property.



# TRANSPORTATION INSPECTION



## Mission

Under Title 11 of the Municipal Code, provide effective management and administrative enforcement of all laws and regulations pertaining to the licensing of chauffeurs, taxicabs, limousines, airport limousines, and dispatch companies to ensure the safety and protection of the user public.

## Goals/Objectives

- Provide to the user public a safe, clean alternative system of transportation.
  - Continue an increased on-street vehicle safety enforcement program that will improve the quality of all "for hire" vehicles.
  - Implement a civil administrative judicial process to provide more efficient legal due process for all violators of Title 11 sections pertaining to taxicabs, limousines, chauffeurs and dispatch services.
  - Strengthen licensing requirements of all chauffeurs relating to criminal or traffic records in order to protect the user public.

## Major Program Changes

Emphasis will be on increased enforcement to insure higher standards are maintained for those organizations offering "for hire" transportation services.

## Resources

	1983	1984
Direct Costs	\$ 147,010	\$ 163,360
Program Revenues	\$ 58,750	\$ 66,750
Personnel	3	3



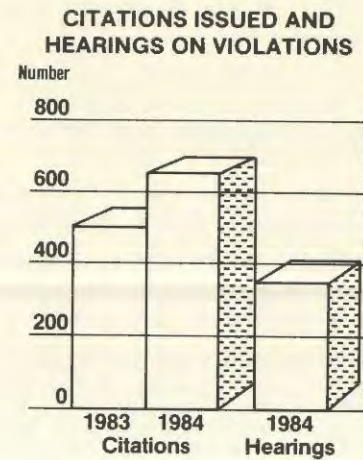
# PERFORMANCE/PRODUCTIVITY

## Issue:

With increased enforcement programs, the number of citations and warnings issued for violations under Title 11 will increase substantially, creating a need for an alternative judicial process.

## Goal:

Revise Title 11 so that a civil administrative judicial process can be established to expedite hearings for violations, thus dealing with violators in a manner that allows for quicker and more efficient legal due process.

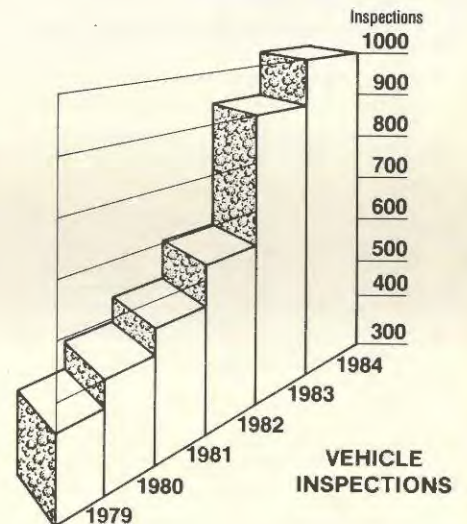


## Issue:

Title 11 enforcement program was inadequate until third quarter of 1983 when a new Transportation Investigator was hired to assist in enforcement of a more stringent program of vehicle safety.

## Goal:

To continue more stringent enforcement to taxicab safety, by increasing the number of on-street cab inspections.

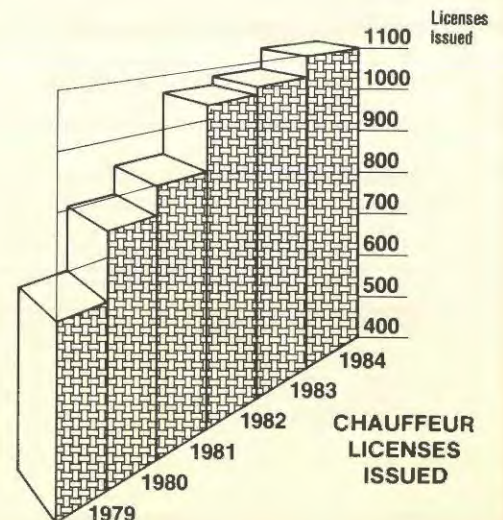


## Issue:

Chauffeur licensing requirements will be tightened under Title 11 revisions. This will be coupled with a more extensive background investigation and monitoring program of all licenses.

## Goal:

To more effectively screen out all chauffeur applicants that fail to meet testing requirements or have not met Municipal legal conditions on their applications relating to criminal or driving records.





# FIRE



## Mission

To manage, direct and provide the fire, rescue, emergency medical and management services portion of the Municipal Public Safety Program.

## Goals/Objectives

- Provide fire, rescue and emergency management service within the shortest possible response time to the people of Anchorage. Particular attention will be given to the rapidly expanding South Anchorage area by locating a new fire station in the Dimond/Seward Highway area so as to reduce response times to less than 3 minutes from 7 minutes for that area.
- Promote a fire safe environment for the people of Anchorage through a Fire Prevention Program featuring home and commercial fire inspections, public education programs such as "Learn Not to Burn", and the enforcement of new construction standards. Particular attention will be given to the goal of reducing the fire/plan review time to not more than a 10 to 15 day period.
- Provide emergency medical services for the people of Anchorage with emphasis on adequate staffing of the advanced life support units to improve the quality of emergency medical service.
- Provide communications to emergency services required for the people of Anchorage and improve emergency response through radio and communication networks free from outside radio interference and routine manual operations.

## Major Program Changes

- Relocate Fire Administration to South Anchorage in conjunction with the establishment and operation of a new fire station.
- Revise response areas of fire stations in South Anchorage areas for both fire and emergency medical services so as to reduce average response times.
- Computerization and technological upgrading of emergency communications systems to eliminate disruption of and interference with emergency networks.

## Resources

	1983	1984
Direct Costs	\$ 23,758,360	\$ 26,428,710
Program Revenues	\$ 720,310	\$ 1,051,900
Personnel	287	314 + 1PT



# PERFORMANCE/PRODUCTIVITY

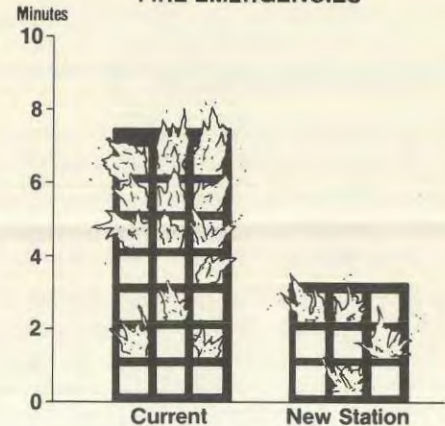
## Issue:

There is a gap in the fire protection coverage in the rapidly developing South Anchorage area centering approximately at Dimond and Seward Highway.

## Goal:

Establish and operate a new fire station in that area which will complete the bowl area fire protection coverage and significantly reduce average response times within a two and one-half mile radius of the station from 7 minutes to less than 3 minutes.

AREA AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME  
FIRE EMERGENCIES

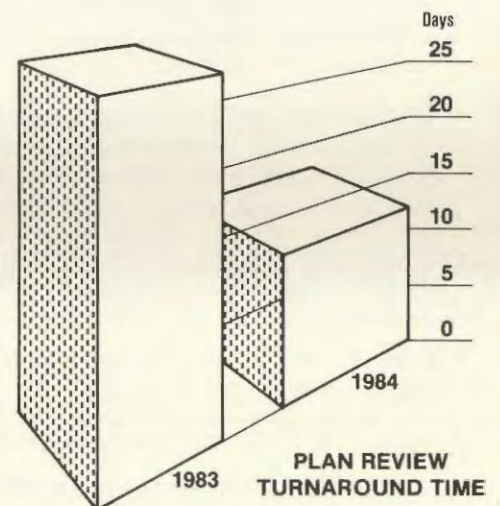


## Issue:

Increased construction activity and complexity of new construction has required greater attention to fire/life safety components of building construction. This has required greater amounts of time to review plans resulting in delays in issuance of construction permits.

## Goal:

Reduce plan review turn around time by reorganizing the code enforcement section and assigning two inspectors for residential/commercial reviews and final occupancy inspections.

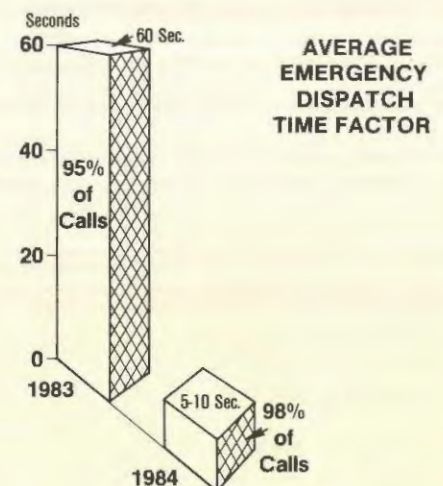


## Issue:

Increasing interference is being encountered on the emergency dispatch radio frequencies due to congested radio bands and all dispatch/coordination work is currently done manually from map books and flip cards and other reference material.

## Goal:

Improve communications efficiency and increase accuracy in dispatch and control of the emergency apparatus while reducing the time lag between notification and dispatch.





# POLICE



## Mission

To provide effective and efficient police service within the Anchorage Police Service Area; to protect life, property and preserve the public peace; to maintain and expand crime prevention programs within the community.

## Goals/Objectives

- Prompt response and resolution of requests for police service.
  - Respond to 112,900 requests for service
  - Maintain three-minute average response time to emergencies.
  - Implementation of Computer Aided Dispatch on schedule.
- Maintenance and expansion of crime prevention programs.
  - Complete implementation of Safe Home Program in all elementary school districts.
  - Continued support to the Neighborhood Watch and Crime Stoppers Programs.
  - Conduct crime prevention presentations to over 45,000 people.
- Effective followup investigation of reported criminal offenses.
  - Attain 70% clearance rate for crimes against persons assigned for investigation.
  - Attain 65% clearance rate for crimes against property assigned for investigation.
  - Attain 59% clearance rate for all reported hit and run vehicle accident offenses.
- Reduce availability of illegal narcotics and dangerous drugs.
  - Assign at least two additional officers to the Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Unit.
  - Seize illegal narcotics and dangerous drugs valued in excess of two million dollars.
  - File in excess of 500 criminal charges relating to narcotics and dangerous drug offenses.

## Major Program Changes

- Implementation of Computer Aided Dispatch and Law Enforcement Information System will improve accuracy and speed of police service support data needs and management and evaluation capabilities.
- Assignment of Crisis Intervention Response Team to combat emerging crime trends.
- Implement second phase of Home Car Program expansion to increase availability and visibility of police units and to act as a crime deterrent.

## Resources

	1983	1984
Direct Costs	\$ 30,057,730	\$ 31,424,460
Program Revenues	\$ 1,403,790	\$ 1,354,070
Personnel	393	393



# PERFORMANCE/PRODUCTIVITY

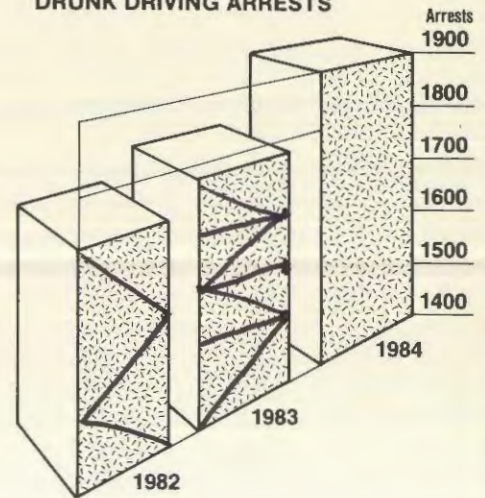
## Issue:

More drunk driving related accidents occurred in 1982 than any previous year and the projection for 1983 indicates the increase will continue.

## Goal:

Increase the number of drunk driver arrests by 7 percent over 1983 to remove more drunk drivers from the roads, thus reducing the number of drunk driving related accidents.

DRUNK DRIVING ARRESTS

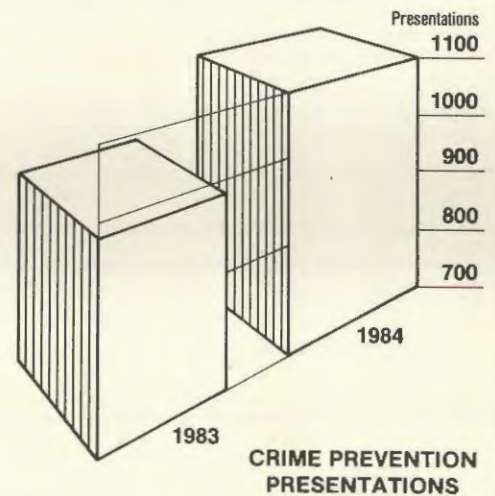


## Issue:

Police presence and service in the community is not sufficient alone to protect life and property and reduce the incidence of crime.

## Goal:

Increase the emphasis on citizen involvement in crime prevention programs through an awareness outreach by personal contact and multi-media presentation.



## Issue:

The crime rate for 1983 is projected to increase 1.3% over 1982 to 7,966. The Part I Crime trend indicates further increase in 1984. (Part I Crimes include Murder, Forcible Rape, Robbery, Larceny and Auto Theft)

## Goal:

Increase the likelihood of criminal offender detection and prosecution to prevent the Crime Rate from rising more than one half of one percent.

