



City of Roswell Community Response Team

Public Safety Committee Meeting
February 18 2025

Introduction

- Purpose: Advocate for the formation of a Community Response Team(CRT) in Roswell.
- Key Benefits: Improved emergency response, reduced law enforcement burden, fiscal benefit and enhanced public safety.

Hybrid Model Program

- Combination of professional first responders and civilian crisis intervention specialists.
- Includes law enforcement, mental health professionals, EMTs, and Peer Support. Under management of Fire & Finance Department.
- Proven success in other municipalities (e.g., Colorado Springs, CO and CORE in San Antonio, TX).

Roswell's Current Need

- Rising mental health and substance abuse incidents.
- This team has the potential to handle 3,332 a year. (9 calls a day)
- Increased strain on police and emergency medical services.
- Growing homelessness and public safety concerns.
- Need for a non-police response to certain crises.

Program Protocol & Operations

- Response team handling non-violent crises, such as 988.
- Dispatch through 911 and non-emergency lines.
- Collaboration with RPD and RFD when necessary.
- Immediate support and follow-up services to prevent recurring incidents.

Program Funding

- **Opioid Settlement Funds:** Addressing substance abuse crises.
- **Public Safety Tax Revenue:** Supporting non-police emergency response.
- **State Legislative Funding & Grants:** Allocating resources for crisis intervention.
- **Cannabis Funds:** Reinvestment into public health and safety.

Program Setup- City Administration

- Placement within the Roswell Fire Department.
- Hiring and training of CRT personnel.
- Crisis Intervention Training of Dispatch and Public Safety staff.
- Development of operational protocols and oversight mechanisms.

Conclusion & Action

- CRT will enhance public safety and emergency response efficiency.
- Funding sources are available to sustain the program.
- Request for committee endorsement and resolution to move forward to the Finance Committee.

Resolution

Questions & Discussion

- CRT Committee members' input.
- Councilmember Input
- Questions or Concerns?
- Next steps for implementation