

Committee Substitute No. 260076

Creating Department of Community Safety

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- The Department of Community Safety will have several core functions: corrections and rehabilitation, reentry services, and institutionalizing the Multidisciplinary Public Safety Task Force.
- **Purpose of CS No. 270076:** Coordinate and align the City's public safety strategies and provide the infrastructure necessary to unite public safety efforts across departments, ensuring consistent implementation, measurable outcomes, and community centered intervention.

Why Create a New Department?

- On June 1st, the City's detention facility will open. A new department is required to oversee custodial and correctional functions.
- Ordinance 260076 seeks to create a formal structure that integrates a restorative justice approach into a broader accountability framework.
- Long-term safety depends on aligning systems to reduce future correctional demand.

Why Create a New Department?(cont.)

- Public safety is a vast ecosystem that extends beyond policing, prosecution, and incarceration.
- The City provides many services that support public safety, health, and well being.
- Historically, these functions have been spread across multiple departments, resulting in fragmented coordination and alignment.

Public Safety Beyond Policing

- Across the country, cities have created a unified department to organize the breadth of public-safety ecosystem.
- Through improved coordination, cities are seeing sustained reductions in violence over time.
- Positioning custody operations in a broader framework that includes restorative justice, rehabilitation, and reentry supports sustained positive outcomes.

Purpose and Core Functions of the Dept. of Community Safety

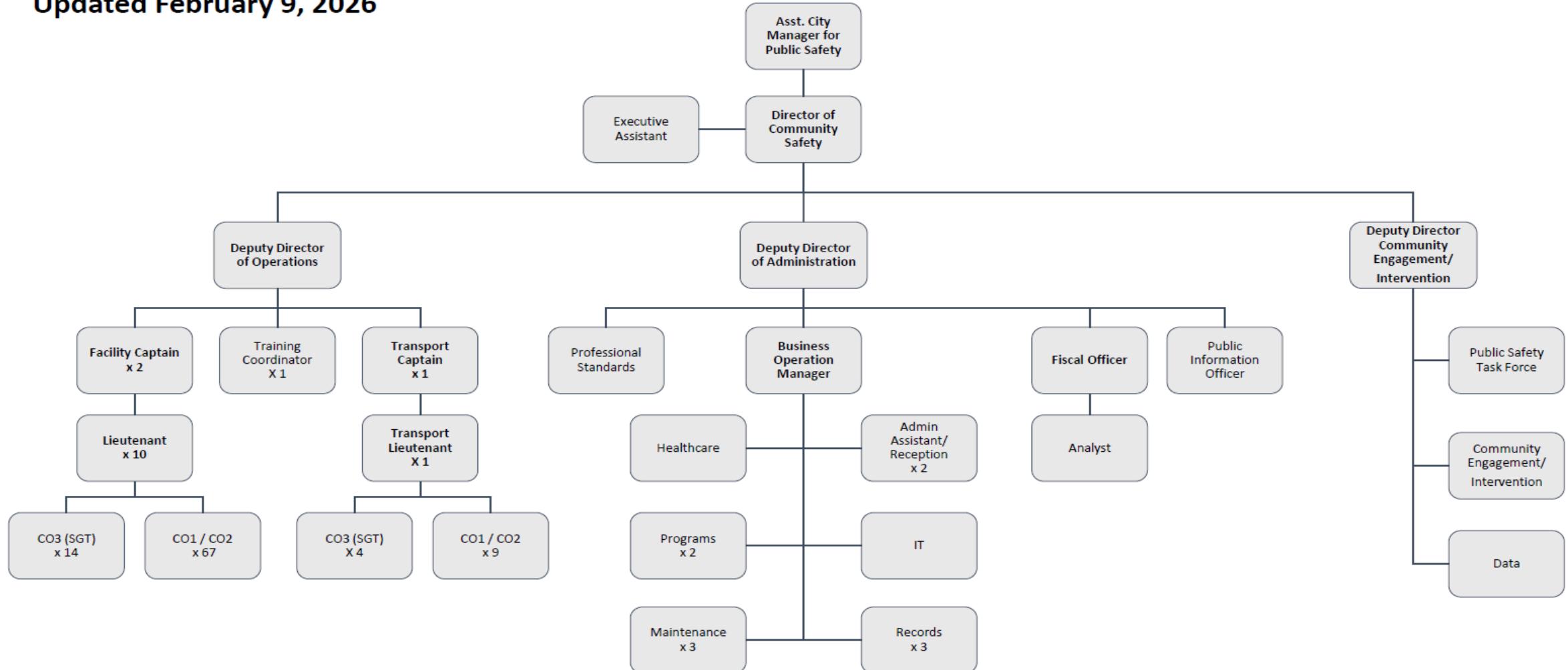
- Advance corrections and rehabilitation efforts
- Co-ordinate internal and external re-entry services to reduce recidivism and improve positive outcomes
- Institutionalize and sustain the Multidisciplinary Public Safety Task Force

What the Dept of Community Safety Will NOT Do

- Expand policing
 - KCPD will still be responsible for patrol, arrests, criminal investigations, enforcement, and emergency response.
- Collapse all public safety-related work into enforcement

Corrections, Rehabilitation & Re-entry

- Provide safe, secure, and human custody conditions
- Reduce recidivism through programming
- Deliver and coordinate rehabilitation and re-entry services
- Establishing a central record for internal and external re-entry services

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Institutionalizing the Multidisciplinary Public Safety Task Force

Multidisciplinary Public Safety Task Force

- Strengthen the existing Taskforce with improved data tracking and report management to ensure long-term sustainability
- Centralize implementation and enforcement coordination authority to ensure follow-up on properties associated with repeated public safety concerns
- Produce centralized data, tracking, and reporting for public safety engagement

Questions?