



Dear Neighbor,

Thank you again for coming to the Northeast 2020 issue forum on Public Safety. This was one of the key issues that inspired Northeast 2020.

This is the third in our four-part series to put together a community-driven action plan to make the Northeast a better, safer and more prosperous place by 2020. I am, in many ways, putting my agenda in your hands.

These forums are going to produce much of what I'll be working on for the next few years – and it may take a few years for our ideas to bear results. But you have my word that we'll consider every idea submitted.

Enclosed is a briefing packet on public safety in the Northeast, which gives an overview of the services we rely on, recent budget information and crime statistics. This should serve as a guide for today's forum – but feel free to contribute your ideas, too.

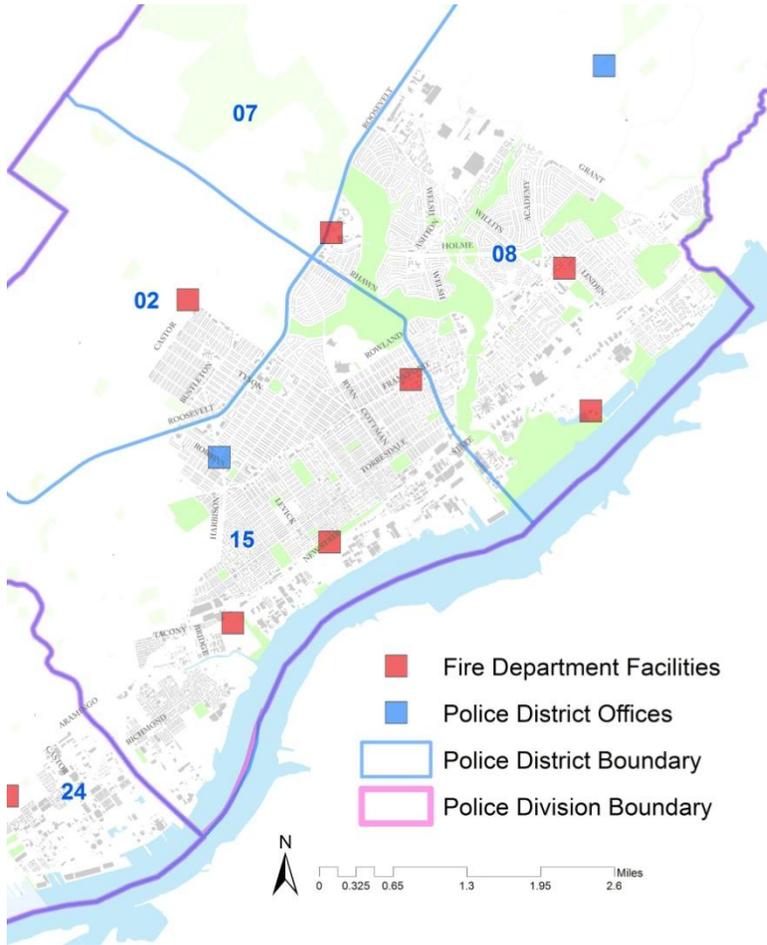
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Bobby Henon
Councilman – 6th District

Public Safety in the Sixth Council District

Public Safety includes the Philadelphia Police and Fire Departments, as well as community-driven public safety organizations and efforts, from town watches and block captains to school crossing guards. The 6th Council District lies in the **North East Police Division** and all or parts of the **24th, 15th, 2nd, and 8th Police Districts**. The Fire Department maintains eight facilities within the 6th Council District.



Proposed Fire Department Budget for Fiscal Year 2016: **\$237,057,853**

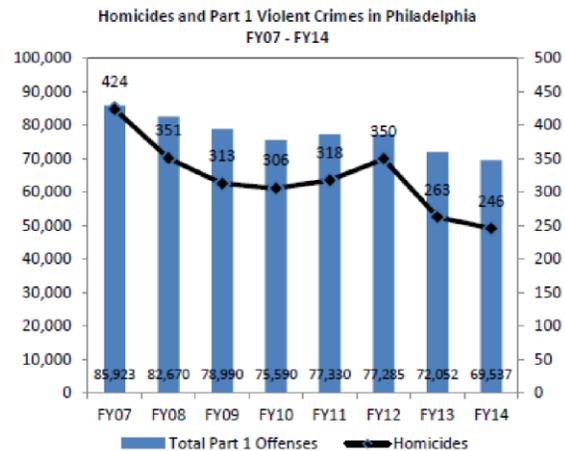
Change from 2015: **-2.2%**

PFD Full-Time Staff (2014): **2,215**

Proposed Police Department Budget for Fiscal Year 2016: **\$685,450,484**

Change from 2015: **+7%**

PPD Full-Time Staff (2014): **8,070 [6,525 Uniformed Officers]**



Part one offenses include homicides, sexual assault, robbery and aggravated assault.

The **Philadelphia Police Department** is governed by **six major goals and strategies, set in 2008**. They include:

- **To prevent crime and criminal victimization by improving police response to crime; improving police, community, and city agencies coordination** in addressing crime and disorder; and **providing crime prevention services to members of the community.**
- **To enhance the sense of safety and security in public spaces by increasing the presence and visibility of sworn officers in neighborhoods.**
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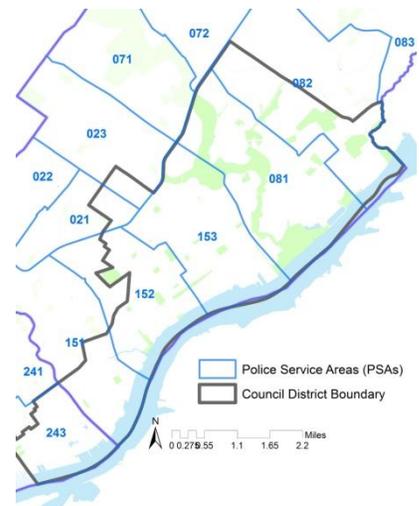
- To increase public confidence in PPD by using authority judiciously, fairly and ethically; and ensuring that police actions are constitutional and within laws and regulations.
- To improve Police and Community Relationships by improving PPD’s outreach to the community; improving the quality of services provided to the public; and increasing the number of positive contacts by police with the public.

The Police Department established a community policing model in 2008 which aims to “promote continuity of officer assignments in neighborhoods, community and police monthly meetings.” The Department structured the existing police districts into Police Service Areas (PSAs) to promote community policing while also adding foot and bike patrols in the neighborhoods.

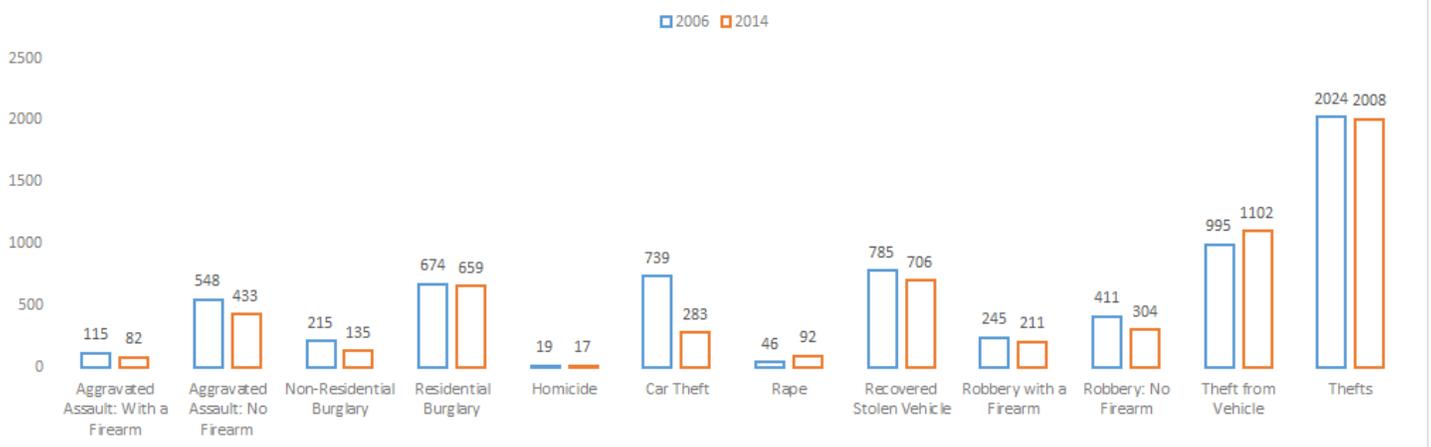
Current Public Safety Initiatives and Programs

Police Diversion Program: The PPD, in collaboration with the Philadelphia School District, the Department of Human Services, District Attorney’s Office, Family Court, and other stakeholders has implemented a Police Diversion Program in Philadelphia District Schools. “By linking youth with community-based services, police are able to divert appropriate low-risk youth from arrest and formal delinquency processing while connecting youth and families with necessary services and support.”

District Advisory Councils: These Councils were formed in the early-1990's to create a liaison between the Police Department and the community. Currently, 21 of 23 Police Districts have PDAC programs in operation, consisting of volunteers from the community and representatives from the District Attorney's Office. Each PDAC holds monthly meetings to discuss issues affecting the quality of life within its district. Each PDAC elects officers who represent the PDAC at periodic meetings with the Police Commissioner and members of the Police Command Staff.



Major crimes in the 6th District: 2006 and 2014





Proposed Initiatives

Many programs and initiatives have been proposed for improving public safety and police/community relations in Philadelphia neighborhoods. Some recent proposals include:

District-based civilian police academies | Community workshops in the police district | Running youth educational programs like DARE and GREAT out of the police districts | Starting Youth and Millennial Advisory Councils

Part of the PPD's community policing efforts have included an expansion of the District's presence on the internet and social media, including Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

<https://www.facebook.com/phillypolice> <https://twitter.com/phillypolice> <https://www.youtube.com/user/PhiladelphiaPolice>

Get involved

Need to find your local town watch, civic or business association or other community effort? Contact Councilman Henon's office at 215-686-3444, or 6730 Torresdale Ave. (Monday-Friday, 9-5).