



City of Missoula, Montana
Item to be Referred to City Council Committee

Committee: Public Safety and Health

Item: Community Justice Department

Date: August 18, 2021

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Ward(s) Affected:

<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Action Required:

Set aside time on the agenda for a presentation by representatives for the Missoula County Community Justice Department to resume quarterly update reports.

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: N/A

Timeline:

Referral to committee:	July 30, 2021
Committee discussion:	August 18, 2021
Council action (or sets hearing):	N/A
Public Hearing:	N/A
Deadline:	N/A

Background and Alternatives Explored:

The Missoula County Community Justice Department is a new department created by the merger of City-County Relationship Violence Services and the Criminal Justice Services Division of the Board of County Commissioners.

The Community Justice Department will attend PSH to provide a presentation on the new department structure, staff, and activities and reestablish quarterly progress updates.

The Community Justice Department promotes the safety of Missoula County citizens, the protection and healing of crime victims, the efficient and just treatment of defendants and offenders, the ongoing improvement and coordination of the justice system's response to crime, and the prevention of crime and the reduction of recidivism. The department collaborates with Missoula City and County Courts, City and County Attorney's Offices, law enforcement agencies, and other criminal justice partners and stakeholders to re-imagine justice, enhance public safety, improve the quality of life of our citizens, and holistically support all people impacted by the justice system.

The following divisions, programs, and key initiatives are managed in the Community Justice Department:

DIRECT SERVICES:

- Crime Victim Advocacy (CVA)

JUSTICE SYSTEM INITIATIVES:

- JUST Response Advisory Board and Programs
- Rural Outreach and Programs
- Vicarious Trauma Response Initiative
- Criminal Justice Coordination Council (CJCC)
- The Safety and Justice Challenge (Pretrial, Diversion, and Reentry Programs)
- Public Safety Assessment Pilot Project

GRANTS, CONTRACTS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- Office on Violence Against Women grant programs
- Office on Victims of Crime/Montana Board of Crime Control grant programs
- MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge

NOTE: Healthy Relationships Project has been moved to Health Department

Financial Implications: N/A

Links to external websites: <https://www.missoulacounty.us/RVS>