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Joint Meeting City of Tucson & Pima County

# Safe City Initiative Update

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# Safe City Task Force: Policy Guidance and Community Insight

- Cross-sector representation
- Reviewing proposed and current policies related to Safe City
- Identifying system gaps and improvement opportunities
- Providing feedback on the Safe City Action Plan draft



## Safe City Taskforce Meeting Agenda

December 12, 2025

1. Recap of Meetings (Council and Joint Meeting) – Liz Morales
2. Proposed Policy Discussion and Feedback:
  - a. Drug Loitering Ordinance– City Attorney Roi Lusk
  - b. Transit Safety and Security Action Plan – DTM/TPD Director Sam Credio and Chief Chad Kasmar
3. Work Session: Mission/Vision for Safe City Initiative Action Plan – Liz Morales
4. Next Meeting- January 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:30PM, Fire Central



# Coordinated Deployments: Enforcement + Pathways to Treatment

- Deployments are not just enforcement operations
- Each contact is evaluated for the best pathway.
- Intervene earlier when possible
- Use enforcement strategically when necessary

## **Deflections:**

- **95 pre-Safe City**
- **188 post-launch**

*Incarceration is not the goal.*

*Stabilization and treatment are.*

# STAR VILLAGE



- Fills gap – low barrier shelter options
- Stabilization model
- Service-based approach without direct police intervention

## Outcomes Focused

- Residents are stabilizing and engaged with Services
- Strong nonprofit partnership
- Engagement with neighbors
- Reduction in surrounding crime



**Total police-related incidents in the area decreased from 1,010 pre-opening to 633 post-opening, a reduction of 34.36%.**



# Strengthening Pathways to Treatment: City-County Alignment

- Initial draft ordinance explored for open-air drug use
- Strategic pivot: strengthen existing legal tools
- Improved charging documentation
- Clearer post-arrest treatment pathways
- Cross-agency coordination – Developing high utilizer strategy



# Safe City Action Plan: Formalizing Framework

Building a system designed for long-term impact

- Draft Action Plan completed
- Defined strategies and measurable metrics
- Safe City Task Force review underway
- Public engagement process launching
- Commitment to transparent reporting





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Questions?