

## **4.0 Long-Term Advocacy Positions - Public Safety**

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### **4.1 Law Enforcement**

- (1) Support legislation that imposes stricter guidelines for the sale and/or purchase of weapons, and limits the availability of highcapacity weapons and ammunition and encourage stricter sentences for conviction involving firearms. Support adequate safeguards prior to purchases. [*DPS Staff 2007, 2009 DPS staff modification*] (Moved to Long Term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPS**
- (2) Oppose the legalization and or decriminalization of all controlled substances, as defined by Title 21 of the US Code. [*\*/2001 clarification/amended 2008*] (Moved to Long Term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPS**
- (3) Support a strong intergovernmental partnership for municipalities in their role in national defense, and collaboration in preventing and responding to disasters. [*2003/2006 NLC Resolution*] (Moved to Long Term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPS**
- (4) Support legislation that provides supplemental funding to cities for local law enforcement programs (i.e. Supplemental Law Enforcement Services, SLES) [*2003 Public Safety Staff Recommendation*] (Moved to Long Term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPS**
- (5) Support efforts to provide resources to assist local law enforcement agencies with the deployment of state-of-the art non-lethal technologies such as electronic control devices in an effort to promote public safety. [*2007 NLC Resolution; 2009 DPS staff modification*] (Moved to Long Term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPS**
- (6) Support legislation that improves education, training, and enforcement efforts aimed at combatting human trafficking. (RTC 14-0726, August 12, 2014; Adopted w/ modification, RTC 15-0008, January 6, 2015) **Lead Dept. DPS**
- (7) Support legislation that improves education, training and enforcement efforts aimed at combatting hate crimes. (RTC 22-0061, January 25, 2022) **Lead Dept. DPS**
- (8) Support efforts to strengthen legislation pertaining to gun violence restraining orders (GVROs), including increasing the duration of GVROs and enhancing the ability of law enforcement agencies to remove firearms from those who may be a danger to themselves or others. (Adopted, RTC 21-0025, January 12, 2021) **Lead Dept. DPS**
- (9) Support legislation that provides funding and access to programs to enhance wellness, address mental health concerns, and provide crisis intervention for police and fire personnel. (Adopted, RTC 24-0102, January 30, 2024) **Lead Dept. DPS**

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- (10) Support legislation that provides local law enforcement agencies the ability to implement technology that would enhance public safety. (Adopted, RTC 24-0456, March 26, 2024) **Lead Dept. DPS**

### 4.2 Fire Services

- (1) Support consolidation of regulatory programs at the local level and limit actions on local government liability in implementing mandates in regard to toxics control. [*\*/2001 Clarification*] (Moved to Long Term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPS**

### 4.3 Support Services

- (1) Continue to support interoperability initiatives as they relate to public and private industry. Interoperability is the ability of diverse agencies (police, fire, EMS, and local government) to communicate directly with each other by using radio and data. [*DPS Staff 2007, 2009 DPS staff modification*] (Moved to Long Term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPS**
- (2) Support efforts to ensure protection of sufficient radio spectrum to meet public safety's current and future needs. Public safety needs should have priority over private or for-profit communication systems and provide adequate funding as necessary. Also protect the current amateur radio bandwidth to ensure amateur radio support during emergencies. [*1998 NLC Resolution, 2009 DPS staff modification*] (Moved to Long Term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPS**
- (3) Support legislation that requires developers to fund the costs of radio communications infrastructure upgrades to allow emergency communications within new buildings or structures. [*1998-December-staff suggestion*] (Moved to Long Term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPS**
- (4) Support prompt reimbursement of approved disaster recovery expenses to cities determined to be part of a declared disaster area, or other emergencies such as pandemic. [*2002 NLC Resolution, 2009 DPS staff modification*] (Moved to Long Term Council Policy, RTC 12-09, February 7, 2012) **Lead Dept. DPS**
- (5) Support federal and state funding to assist with the ongoing operations, expansion or upgrade of the 9-8-8 system as an emergency response, information, and referral system for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. **Lead Dept. DPS**

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(January 24, 2023); Revised RTC 24-0102 (January 30, 2024); Revised RTC 24-0456 (March 26, 2024))

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