

City of Sunbury Early Intervention Program Police and Fire



Overview of Department

- Department Serves 10,000 Residents and Has About 725 Part 1 Offenses Per Year.
- Department Has 11 Full-Time Officers
- Police Budget Accounts for about 50% of the General Fund Spending.
- Personnel Costs are over 90% of Budget.

Departmental Comparisons

Year	City	Population	Offenses	Rate per 100,000	Solved	Percent Solved	Percent of County
2007	Berwick	10,246	769	7.49% ¹	160	18.30%	23.80%
2007	Danville	4,530	506	11.170.0	143	28.30%	58.49%
2007	Lewisburg	5,572	304	5.455.8	172	36.60%	25.50%
2007	Nanticoke	10,261	1,059	10.330.6	374	35.90%	5.90%
2007	Princeton	7,600	328	4.315.8	40	12.20%	1.70%
2007	Puttville	14,623	1,132	7.734.5	880	77.70%	18.20%
2007	Salisbury	5,339	617	11.556.5	320	51.90%	33.90%
2007	Shamokin	7,396	295	3.447.8	179	70.20%	6.60%
2007	Sunbury	9,855	734	7.448.0	352	48.00%	19.10%

Year	City	Population	Offenses	Rate per 100,000	Solved	Percent Solved	Percent of County
2008	Berwick	10,246	811	7.884.6	74	9.10%	26.20%
2008	Danville	4,530	330	7.284.6	102	30.90%	51.60%
2008	Lewisburg	5,572	281	4.684.1	154	59.00%	22.20%
2008	Nanticoke	10,261	1,008	9.823.6	369	38.60%	5.80%
2008	Princeton	7,600	327	4.302.6	24	28.70%	1.90%
2008	Puttville	14,623	960	6.610.2	728	75.80%	14.90%
2008	Salisbury	5,339	682	12.773.5	327	47.90%	36.50%
2008	Shamokin	7,396	132	1.784.7	1	0.80%	3.60%
2008	Sunbury	9,855	715	7.255.2	263	36.80%	19.30%

	City Initiatives
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ City Has Taken Steps to Address Departmental Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Elimination of SWAT Team – Improvement of Civil Service Commission Process – Improved Coordination with Other Agencies – Use of PA State Police

	Staffing Recommendations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Additional Staffing is a Priority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ideally 14 Patrol Officers – Subject to City's Financial Condition – Greater Use of Part-time Police Officers – Contract Changes That Would Increase Actual Work Time – Federal Funding

	Staffing Recommendations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Upgrade Supervisory Officer Responsibilities and Training ■ Increase Training for Officers in a Structured Manner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Entry Level – Supervisory – Leadership

	City Strategies
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Improve Focus on City Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Problem Oriented or Community Oriented Policing Strategies – Drugs and Gangs – Force Multipliers

	Facility Improvements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Facility is Structurally Inefficient and Doesn't Meet Standards ■ Security and Usability Problems ■ City Should Seek a New Facility That Meets Needs and Requirements ■ Federal/State Funding

	Records Management
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Difficulties with Records Management and Information Systems ■ Current Records Software is Very Inefficient to Use and Cannot Meet Current and Future Needs ■ No Remote Access or Integration Into Other Information Systems

	Records Management
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ City Should Replace Entire System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Improved Query and Analysis – Remote Access and Mobile Terminals – Integration with J-NET, PennDOT, CLEAN and Other Information Systems – Mapping Capability ■ Funding Available From State/Feds

	Other Items
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Revise and Enact Standard Operating Procedures ■ Benchmarking With Similar Departments ■ Other Capital Items ■ Departmental Certification

	Fire Department Overview
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ City Served by 6 Volunteer Fire Companies and 1 Fire Police Unit ■ EMS Provided by Americus Hose Co. ■ Significant Cost Savings to Taxpayers ■ Average of 450 Calls and 92 Fire Calls Each Year ■ About \$1 Million in Fire Losses Annually

Types of Calls

Incidents	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Average
Fire	74	95	102	105	83	92
Rescue and EMS	80	121	162	163	119	129
Hazardous Conditions	91	47	35	30	34	47
Service Call	55	55	99	99	36	69
Good Intent Cal	16	20	13	10	6	13
False Alarm	54	38	33	35	38	40
Severe Weather/Natural Disaster	4	0	7	4	3	4
Special Incident	4	45	57	34	139	56
Overpressure or Explosion	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	378	421	509	480	455	449
Fire Loss	\$ 1,918,400	\$ 949,850	\$ 639,500	\$ 817,500	\$ 605,200	\$ 986,090

Finances

- City Provides Minimal Funding or Operational Assistance to Fire Companies
- Funding Comes from Fundraising and Social Club Earnings (Except Americus)
- Total Cash Assets Exceeds City Funds

Finances

	Sunbury Steam Fire	Rescue Hose Company	Americus Hose Co.	Goodwill Hose Co.	East Sunbury	Friendship Hose Co.	Sunbury Fire Police
Corporation Type	501c3	501c4	501c4	501c4	501c4	501c4	None
Filing Year	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	None	None
Total Revenues	\$ 122,731	\$ 210,798	\$ 884,644	\$ 208,597	\$ 135,636	N/A	N/A
Total Expenses	\$ 65,641	\$ 214,727	\$ 738,619	\$ 180,229	\$ 119,656	N/A	N/A
12/31 Net Assets	\$ 297,894	\$ 321,854	\$ 2,001,344	\$ 373,998	\$ 202,644	N/A	N/A
Total Functional Expenses	\$ 65,641	\$ 214,727	\$ 738,470	\$ 180,229	\$ 130,550	N/A	N/A
Program Service Expenses	\$ 65,641	\$ 188,974	\$ 742,311	\$ -	\$ 119,656	N/A	N/A
12/31 Total Assets	\$ 453,998	\$ 328,049	\$ 2,058,923	\$ 384,892	\$ 303,658	N/A	N/A
12/31 Total Liabilities	\$ 186,304	\$ 6,195	\$ 57,579	\$ 10,894	\$ 101,014	N/A	N/A
12/31 Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 453,988	\$ 328,049	\$ 2,058,923	\$ 384,892	\$ 303,650	N/A	N/A

	Previous Studies
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ DCED Performed Study in 2007 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Consolidation of Fire Companies – Establish Apparatus Replacement and Maintenance Schedule; Joint Purchasing – Improve Training Requirements and Officer Qualifications – Change to Fundraising and Financial Management

	Recommendations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Recommendations Made in Context of Early Intervention Program, Not Strictly Fire Protection Activities ■ Focus is on Support and Back Office Activities

	Recommendations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Work with Companies in Meeting Federal and State Legal Compliance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Federal Reporting to IRS – State Reporting to Department of State, Revenue and Others – Open Records Act Requirements (Pierce vs. Morris Township VFD)

	Recommendations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Assist in Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer■ Closely Monitor Financial Condition of Fire Companies and Relief Organization■ Integrate Fire Companies into GIS■ Revision of City's Fire Ordinance
