

**La Marque Safe City Initiative**  
**(Final Goals—Effective February 3, 2022)**  
**Status of 1<sup>st</sup> Year Goals Effective 3-13-2023**

- **Goal #1:** (Consists of items A through E.)

**A. Reinroduce *Community Oriented Policing.***

- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Goal (2022): Introduce three (3) Community Watch Areas with an assigned Community Policing Officer (CPO) for each area. **Five (5) Community Watch areas, with an assigned Community Policing Officer (CPO) for each area, have been implemented during CY 2022.**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Goal (As of December 31, 2024): A total of nine (9) Community Watch Areas will be instituted with an assigned Community Policing Officer (CPO) for each area.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Year Goal (As of December 31, 2026): A total of 15 Community Watch Areas will be instituted with an assigned Community Policing Officer (CPO) for each area.

**B. Reinroduce *CompStat* program.**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Goal (2022): CompStat program fully instituted and active. **Eight (8) CompStat Briefings have been conducted.**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Goal (As of December 31, 2024): CompStat operation evolves into inviting Mayor and Council Members attending the monthly meetings if so desired.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Year Goal: (As of December 31, 2026): Assessment of program and modification, as necessary.

**C. Establish a fully trained “Gang” Unit.**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Goal (2022): Two (2) of three (3) Officers are fully trained in gang operations to include: maintaining a working relationship with schools, social services agencies, community-based organizations, and other criminal justice organizations in a systematic approach to the prevention, intervention, and suppression of criminal gang activity. relating to identification, operations, and finally interdiction. At year end, Gang Unit conducts survey to determine gangs in operation to establish a “base-line” of gang membership and activities. **Two (2) Officers are now fully trained Gang Unit Officers. A survey has been conducted and a baseline has been established.**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Goal (As of December 31, 2024): All three (3) Officers are trained in gang operations. Survey conducted by Gang Unit with a goal of discerning a 15% reduction in gang membership and activities from year #1 initial survey.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Year Goal (As of December 31, 2026): Acquire one (1) Gang Unit Officer in a full-time status working with two (2) Gang Unit Officers that serve on a part time basis. Survey conducted by Gang Unit with a goal of discerning a 20% reduction in gang membership and activities from year #1 initial survey.

**D. Hire a contractor to assist to perform “crime analyst” functions.**

1<sup>st</sup> Year Goal (2022): This contractor will assist in formulating & delivering crime statistics for CompStat

meetings. **This was performed and initiated during May 2022.**

3<sup>rd</sup> Year Goal (As of December 31, 2024): Contractor will become a part-time employee.

5<sup>th</sup> Year Goal: (As of December 31, 2026): Contractor will become a full-time employee.

**E. Matriculate into the Texas Recognition Program.**

(The *Law Enforcement Recognition Program* is a voluntary process where police agencies in Texas prove their compliance with 170 Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices).

1<sup>st</sup> Year Goal (2022): LMPD will initiate developing policies and procedures that align with the 170 standards. **This has been initiated and policies are being reviewed for full implementation NLT June 1, 2023.**

3<sup>rd</sup> Year Goal (As of December 31, 2024): LMPD will officially matriculate into the program and complete the requirements for “recognition.”

5<sup>th</sup> Year Goal: (As of December 31, 2026): LMPD will have completed the recognition program and be working on its next assessment (after successfully completing recognition status an assessment is due every four [4] years.

- **Goal #2:**

Employ the department’s Special Response Team (SRT) as often as practicable to conduct “Directive Patrol Actions” (DPA’s) in drug & crime hot spots. **During CY 2022, 17 SRT operations have been conducted.**

➤ 1st, 3rd, and 5th Year Goals are all standardized relating to conducting DPA’s as often as practicable.

- **Goal #3.**

A. Apply for a grant to fund Officers to form three (3) Officer teams that will have a dual role for the Officers to serve as SRT members **and** Community Policing Officers (when not conducting SRT missions), **Grant submitted & acquired.**

B. Should grants not be available, budget for FY 2022/2023 to fund a minimum of one-three (3) Officer Team to operate full-time as per “Goal #3 A.” above.

➤ 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Year Goals are all standardized relating to working toward acquiring a grant and operations. Should a grant not be awarded by FY 2022/2023, perform staff actions to seek funding for this 3-Officer Team via the city’s operating budget.

- **Goal #4:**

Conduct a study/cost analysis to assess our city’s lighting needs and priorities. Goal will be to upgrade COLM streetlights (east & west side of city) with LED lights and install streetlights wherever deemed necessary. **This is a WIP by COLM.**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Goal (2022): Consultant will complete needs assessment of lighting (and estimated cost) for the entire COLM: to include “safety lighting” for Omega Bay. **Consultant has been acquired (Dinh Ho). LMPD Patrol Officers have provided PW locations of inoperative lights throughout the COLM: this is ongoing. City is now funding electricity expense for Omega Bay “safety lights”.**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Goal (2023): Funding for this project will receive City Council action.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Goal (As of January 1, 2024): Should funding be acquired contractors will initiate work.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Year Goal: (As of December 31, 2026): Lighting project will be completed.

- **Goal #5:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Goal (2022):

A. Hire a Social Worker to fill the department’s already budgeted vacant position. **Due to the “property tax roll back” election this goal could not be executed; however, the good news is that during recent Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiations it was solidified that a joint COLM/Union committee would be formulated to hire (as a contractor) a qualified mental health professional that meets this committee’s needs and priorities. The goal is to have this contractor to provide such mental health services to COLM first responders (i.e., police, fire, EMS) on an as-needed basis. This committee is a work in progress according to the LMPD Police Officer’s Association.**

B. Initiate an MOU with the Resource Crisis Center (RCC) that will work in partnership with the Social Worker. The RCC will (to the greatest extent possible) serve as the “hub”/key organizer in acquiring other social service agencies to assist the COLM with activities and socio-economic programs to enhance the quality of life of our residents: with an emphasis on developing youth advocacy programs/efforts for prevention, intervention, and treatment of juveniles—to include after-school curriculums (e.g., sports leagues, entertainment/youth centers, etc.) Supplementing all mentioned within this goal will be development of the following committees with an emphasis on youth advocacy: Community Action Team (CAT), Community Oriented Policing Leadership Committee/Chief’s Diversity Committee (members will serve on both committees), Chief’s Youth Advisory Committee, and finally, rejuvenating the La Marque Ministerial Association. **Currently the RCC has introduced the “Be Strong” program at the La Marque High School and Sara Giles Middle School (in Texas City). This program essentially teaches skills to attendees (female students) to: 1. promote social norms that protect against violence; 2. prevent sexual violence; and finally, 3. provide opportunities to empower and support girls and women. The courses began the second week in September and will run for a period of 12 weeks (or 12 total classes), with the series ending the last week of November. The Middle School program is on Tuesdays and the High School is Wednesday. Each class is one hour in length.**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Goal (As of January 1, 2024): At this juncture, several youth programs (e.g., a “Teen Center) will have been instituted. Continuing assessment and as necessary modification of outreach programs that have been instituted.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Year Goal: (As of December 31, 2026): Continuing assessment and as necessary modification of outreach programs that have been instituted.

**Goals Relating to Crime Rates**

Considering **all** 5 Goals relating to their positive effect on crime rates, it is hoped that the following prediction of preventing and controlling crime (portrayed as crime rates) is produced:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Goal (for entire CY year of 2021): Violent and Property Crime Rates for CY 2021 over 2020 will each be reduced a minimum of 2%. **Effective 12-31-2021, Violent Crime was down 17.9% compared to the same timeframe (i.e., January-December of 2020). Property Crime was down 13.4% over this same period. Effective 12-31-2022, Violent Crime was down 13% compared to the same timeframe (i.e., January-December of 2022). Property Crime was up 2.7% over this same period.**
  
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Goal (As of December 31, 2023): 1. Violent and Property Crime Rates for CY 2021, 2022, and 2023 will each year be reduced a minimum of 2% from the prior CY; 2. During this juncture [i.e., January 2023] a “citizen’s survey” will be conducted by an external agency to measure “citizen’s fear of crime,” crime concerns, and recommendations from citizens.)
  
- 5<sup>th</sup> Year Goal: (As of December 31, 2025): 1. Violent and Property Crime Rates for CY 2024 and 2025 will each year be reduced a minimum of 2% from the prior CY; 2. Violent and Property Crime Rate for CY 2025 will be less than or equal to the Texas Violent and Property crime rates; 3. During this juncture (effective January 2025) a citizen’s survey will be conducted by an external agency to measure “citizen’s fear of crime,” crime concerns, and recommendations from citizens.)

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