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9.1 – WHAT WE KNOW

Providence City’s intent is to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of its present and future inhabitants. Public safety and emergency management services are important elements of fulfilling that intent. The City currently contracts with outside agencies for the following services:

- Law Enforcement – Cache County Sheriff’s Office
- Animal Control and Impound – Cache County Sheriff’s Office
- Animal Shelter – Cache Humane Society
- Building permit review, plan check, and associated inspections – Cache County
- Fire Services, including but not limited to: suppression, prevention, and public education – Logan City
- Emergency Medical Service and Transportation – Logan City

The City has a Cooperative Agreement with the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands to cooperatively discharge our joint responsibilities for protecting non-federal land from wildland fire.

The Administrative Land Use Authority is the designated Floodplain Manager. It is the responsibility of the Floodplain Manager to administer and implement the provisions of Providence City Code Title 10 Chapter 16, and ensure that the City Records Officer maintains and holds open for public inspection a record of all records pertaining to the provisions of Title 10 Chapter 16; review permit applications to determine whether proposed building sites, including the placement of manufactured homes, will be reasonably safe from flooding; and review, approve or deny all applications for development permits required by Title 10 Chapter 16.

9.2 – HOW DOES THIS HELP US PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

As Providence City continues to grow and evolve, rules and regulations must change to account for anticipated needs. The demands on public safety and emergency management must also be evaluated and adapted to meet the anticipated needs of the City as it grows and evolves.

Working with outside agencies has allowed the City to control costs by utilizing economies of scale, while also providing a quality level of service. Knowing past and projected call volume and incident locations, and understanding educational and certification requirements provides insight for planning for future demand.

9.3 – OVERALL GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

The following goal, objectives, and action strategies provide a framework for addressing the concerns and opportunities for public safety and emergency management. The overall goal provides the vision, and the objectives represent what Providence City would like to achieve. The strategies are action items that direct how the overall goal and objectives will be achieved.

OVERALL GOAL FOR THE CHAPTER – THE GUIDING VISION & INTENT

Providence will provide for the health, safety, and welfare of its present and future inhabitants.

OBJECTIVES – WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACHIEVE?	STRATEGIES – HOW DO WE MAKE IT HAPPEN?	1-5 Years	5-15 Years
The following objectives represent what Providence City would like to achieve over the next 15 to 20 years for its Public Safety and Emergency Management Services. The means for how Providence will work toward	The following action-based strategies will help Providence achieve the overall goal and objectives for Public Safety and Emergency Management Services. Strategies are		

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these objectives is captured in the Action Plan Strategies.	categorized as short-term (1-5 years) or long-term (5 – 15 years).		
1. Provide law enforcement services that protect individuals and businesses in Providence City.	a. Evaluate outsourcing vs. in-house revenue/expenses and efficiency for law enforcement services. This evaluation shall be completed no later than 1 year prior to the end of the existing contract.	X	
2. Provide emergency medical services and transportation with a reasonable response time for all areas within Providence City boundaries.	a. Evaluate emergency medical services and transportation every 5 years to see if options have changed.	X	
3. Cooperate with the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands (FFSL) to protect non-federal land from wildland fire.	a. Adopt and update a Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan (CWPP).	X	
	b. Ensure that the City’s fire service provider meets minimum standards for wildland fire training, certification, and equipment based on nationally accepted standards as specified by FFSL in Utah Admin. Code R652-122-1400 (2017).		X
	c. Annually review and approve the Annual Participation Commitment Statement before the start of each fiscal year.	X	
	d. Implement prevention, preparedness, and mitigation actions which are identified in the CWPP and lead to the reduction of wildfire risk, in accordance with the Annual Participation Commitment Statement.		X
	e. Annually review the fireworks policy and restrictions.	X	
4. Plan for emergency management.	a. Adopt county plan informing citizens how they should respond in the event of an emergency.	X	
	b. Develop and encourage resident participation in a city-wide notification system.		X
	c. Investigate and evaluation options for resilient structures.	X	
	d. Evaluate city staff positions and necessary training for emergency management.	X	
5. Floodplain and storm water management and mitigation.	a. Maintain flood plain maps.		X
	b. Master plan of waterways: Logan River, Spring Creek, irrigation canal and ditches, storm drain pipes, catch basins, detention basins and private systems.		X
6. Create an evacuation plan and route.	a. Vehicle route, foot path, traffic control, Refuge centers/Incident Operations Center.		X