



Public Safety



Whether educating the community on fire prevention or establishing a youth curfew for the Five Points hospitality district, the City of Columbia took its commitment to ensuring the public's safety to a whole new level this year.

Thanks to the strong leadership demonstrated by our Fire Chief Aubrey Jenkins and Police Chief Randy Scott, this year has seen a record number of firefighter promotions and a police department that is fully staffed for the first time in 15 years.

Today we are moving forward into a brighter and safer future and public safety is leading the way.

Violent Crime

↓1.41%

Larceny

↓4.45%

Assault

↓23.36%

Homicide

↓45.5%

2011: A Landmark Year

- 1/19/11** Randy Scott named permanent Police Chief.
- 3/29/11** Texting while driving banned in the City of Columbia.
- 3/11/11** Fire Department receives a \$396,080 FEMA SAFER Grant in order to hire a Volunteer Firefighter Recruiting & Retention Coordinator.
- 6/21/11** City Council increases Public Safety budgets by over \$3.7 Million including funding for 39 new police vehicles and 1 new fire truck.
- 6/28/11** Emergency Ordinance passes creating a juvenile curfew for the Five Points Area.
- 7/15/11** Aubrey Jenkins named permanent Fire Chief.
- 8/16/11** City establishes matching fund program to help install security cameras throughout Columbia's Hospitality Districts.
- 9/27/11** City bans Bath Salts and synthetic marijuana.