

**STATE STRATEGIC PLAN 2018–2023 (FY2019–FY2023) VISION:** Vermont’s economy is growing faster than the costs of living; our state is measurably more affordable each year for families and businesses; and we are meeting our obligation to protect the most vulnerable.

## Department of Public Safety

### STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY

**MISSION:** To promote the detection and prevention of crime, participate in searches for lost and missing persons, and assist in cases of statewide or local disasters or emergencies.

#### GOAL: Reduce Illegal Opioid Sales

**2018–2020**, annually reduce illegal opioid (e.g., heroin, fentanyl) sales which are causing an increase in overdose deaths and an increase in other crimes.

##### Key Indicators

- ▶ INCREASED INVESTIGATIONS AND ARRESTS of illegal opioid traffickers by 5–10%.
- ▶ INCREASED SEIZURES of illegal opioids.
- ▶ ANNUAL REDUCTION in opioid overdoses, including overdoses resulting in death.
- ▶ CONTINUATION AND EXPANSION OF PARTNERSHIPS AND JOINT INVESTIGATIONS with local and county law enforcement.
- ▶ ANNUALLY INCREASE BY 5% DESTRUCTION OF OPIOIDS legally prescribed but not used through participation and promotion of “drug take back” programs to include easier disposal of opioids for the public. Ultimately, as more used drugs are collected, the amount of drugs collected should decrease.

#### GOAL: Reduce Major Vehicle Crashes

**BY 2022**, reduce major motor vehicle crashes in Vermont.

##### Key Indicators

- ▶ 5% FEWER CRASHES AND DEATHS ON VERMONT’S HIGHWAYS as compared to the previous 5-year average (This is a shared goal with VTrans and will be pursued in coordination with VTrans).
- ▶ INCREASED IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT to include a 10–15% increase in Troopers trained as Drug Recognition Experts (DREs).
- ▶ IMPLEMENTATION OF A RELIABLE ROADSIDE TEST for drugs which is accepted by Vermont’s Courts.

#### GOAL: Commitment to Fair and Impartial Policing

**CONTINUE** commitment to fair and impartial policing to all Vermonters and partner with local and county law enforcement agencies to promote fair and impartial policing practices and strategies statewide.

##### Key Indicators

- ▶ INCREASED DPS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION in initiatives to promote fair and impartial policing.
- ▶ REDUCE STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT DISPARITIES IN TRAFFIC STOP DATA through the continued collection and analysis of such data.
- ▶ BY 2022, INCREASE BY 5% PERCENT the number of DPS employees with diverse backgrounds and experiences (coordination with ACCD and VDOL workforce goals).

#### GOAL: Improve Fire Safety Permitting

**BY 2020**, streamline the permitting processes for all permits under the auspices of the Division of Fire Safety to reduce the time between the submission of the permit application and the issuance or denial of the permit.

##### Key Indicators

- ▶ 95% OF ALL PERMITS will be reviewed and issued within 30 days of the submission of a fully completed application.
- ▶ 50% OF ALL PERMITS will issue within 20 days of the submission of a fully completed application.
- ▶ COORDINATION WITH ANR AND OTHER STATE AGENCIES engaged in permit reform.

#### GOAL: State Emergency Management Plan

**BY FY2021**, successfully implement the revised State Emergency Management Plan, including all mission area plans (Prevention, Protection, Response, Recovery, Mitigation), through education, training, and exercise of internal and external emergency management partners.

##### Key Indicators

- ▶ COMPLETE UPDATED PLAN and gain Governor’s endorsement in FY2019.
- ▶ EVALUATE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION through a statewide catastrophic exercise in FY2020.
- ▶ IMPLEMENT UPDATED STATEWIDE TRAINING AND EXERCISE PLAN in FY2019 to reflect plan updates and preparations for the FY2020 exercise.
- ▶ IN FY2021, ACHIEVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACCREDITATION PROGRAM (EMAP) REACCREDITATION based on the new State Emergency Management Plan.
- ▶ COORDINATION WITH AOT on its goal of updating the AOT project selection and prioritization system in the area of flood resistance.



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