SAFETY ELEMENT‡

The safety of a community is critical to quality of life, community health, and economic vitality. Scottsdale is consistently rated as one of the safest communities in the nation, with low crime rates and few natural disasters. As the community continues to evolve, providing superior public safety resources is crucial to Scottsdale's image as a livable community and premier tourist destination. (NEW)

Although Scottsdale is nationally-recognized for safety, it is not immune from disaster. Hazards such as flash flooding, brush fires, power outages, and other major threats can occur at any time with little or no warning. Management of these emergencies involves four phases: prevention and mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. (NEW)

Scottsdale is committed to protecting citizens and visitors from conditions, circumstances, and influences that would threaten, disrupt, or diminish the quality of life. The goals and policies of the Safety Element will ensure that the community is prepared and resilient when faced with disaster, and that our community and habitat are safe and enjoyable for all.

Goals and Policies

GOAL S 1 ‡

Work to prevent hazards and reduce physical risks throughout Scottsdale.

Policies

S 1.1   Educate the public about accident and injury prevention.

S 1.2 ‡   (NEW) Research and maintain information about emerging hazards, such as terrorism threats, geologic hazards, and electrical failures.

S 1.3   (NEW) Identify and replace vulnerable infrastructure and critical service lifelines. *[Cross-reference Public Services & Facilities Element]*

S 1.4   (NEW) Maintain public and private property to minimize fire hazards and risks. *[Cross-reference Neighborhood Preservation & Revitalization Element]*

S 1.5   (NEW) Continue to build a support system for Scottsdale's senior population by providing outreach, education and notification. *[Cross-reference Healthy Community Element]*

GOAL S 2 (NEW)

Prepare for disasters and emergencies.

Policies

S 2.1   (NEW) Provide education, emergency preparedness, and response training at the neighborhood level, and regularly conduct community-wide and regional preparedness drills to build a widespread culture of emergency preparedness.

S 2.2   (NEW) Enhance communication capabilities in preparation for all phases of a disaster. *[Cross-reference Community Involvement and Public Services & Facilities Elements]*

S 2.3   (NEW) Continue fire-safety planning and fire preparedness and prevention programs. *[Cross-reference Housing and Public Services & Facilities Elements]*

S 2.4 ‡   (NEW) Continue to prepare for water-related emergencies and ensure a safe and reliable water supply during an emergency situation. *[Cross-reference Water Resources Element]*

GOAL S 3 (NEW)

Deliver effective and efficient response for emergencies and disasters.

Policies

S 3.1 Provide public safety facilities, information, and training programs to minimize response times and maximize effectiveness in responding to hazards. *[Cross-reference Public Services & Facilities Element]*

S 3.2 (NEW) Train multi-lingual personnel to aid evacuation during emergency response.

S 3.3 (NEW) Coordinate with hotels, resorts, and special event managers to effectively evaluate safety risks and the ability to respond to emergencies involving or affecting visitors. *[Cross-reference Economic Vitality Element]*

S 3.4 ‡ (NEW) Identify emergency evacuation routes and effectively communicate the information to the public. Identify any vulnerable populations, such as the elderly or people with special needs, for first-priority evacuation assistance. *[Cross-reference Community Involvement; Healthy Community; and Circulation Elements]*

S 3.5 (NEW) Encourage an effective "all-hazard" approach to emergency response by assessing the risks of all possible threats during an emergency.

GOAL S 4 (NEW)

Prepare for short- and long-term community recovery after disaster events.

Policies

S 4.1 (NEW) Develop a framework for disaster recovery that identifies priorities for reinstatement of critical infrastructure and other physical assets, services, and functions throughout the community. *[Cross-reference Public Services & Facilities Element]*

S 4.2 (NEW) Prepare City staff for official roles in emergency response and recovery.

S 4.3 (NEW) Work with regional entities, hospitals, faith-based organizations, schools, community groups, and large employers to ensure continuity of operations after a disaster occurs.

S 4.4 (NEW) Engage the community in the reconstruction planning process. *[Cross-reference Community Involvement Element]*

S 4.5 (NEW) When appropriate, expedite neighborhood repair, reconstruction, and rebuilding to aid resident return to their neighborhoods. *[Cross-reference Conservation, Rehabilitation, & Redevelopment and Housing Element]*

Goal S 5 (NEW)

Maintain safe airspace and transportation systems.

Policies

S 5.1 Manage the Scottsdale Airport through safety and security programs that protect airport users, surrounding neighborhoods, and nearby properties. *[Cross-reference Land Use and Circulation Elements]*

S 5.2 ‡ (NEW) Maintain clear zones within the key safety areas around the Scottsdale Airport. *[Cross-reference Land Use Element]*

S 5.3 ‡ Design, develop, and manage Scottsdale's transportation and traffic control systems with a focus on public safety. *[Cross-reference Circulation and Bicycling Elements]*

Goal S 6

Protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public from the impacts of flooding.

Policies

S 6.1 Identify drainage system needs, and make improvements where flood control problems exist. *[Cross-reference Conservation Element]*

S 6.2 Mitigate watercourse obstructions resulting from natural causes, and restrict watercourse obstructions resulting from man-made causes. *[Cross-reference Conservation Element]*

S 6.3 Design and construct watercourse and drainage system street crossings, where possible, to promote traffic safety. *[Cross-reference Conservation and Circulation Elements]*

S 6.4 (NEW) Locate critical facilities outside of the 100-year floodplain. *[Cross-reference Conservation Element]*

Goal S 7 (NEW)

Maintain Scottsdale as a safe community through crime prevention.

Policies

S 7.1 Encourage crime prevention strategies in the design and redevelopment of all areas of the city. *[Cross-reference Character & Design; Neighborhood Preservation & Revitalization; and Conservation, Rehabilitation, & Redevelopment Elements]*

S 7.2 (NEW) Use enhanced crime tracking, trending, and predictive modeling to reduce crime and increase offender apprehension.

S 7.3 (NEW) Continue to embrace new communication platforms, such as social media, to deliver timely crime prevention strategies and increased security awareness. *[Cross-reference Community Involvement Element]*

S 7.4 (NEW) Focus on increased crime prevention associated with visitor safety and security via event planning and management programs. *[Cross-reference Economic Vitality Element]*

S 7.5 (NEW) Create community participation and partnerships to reduce crime and develop safer neighborhoods. *[Cross-reference Neighborhood Preservation & Revitalization Element]*

S 7.6 (NEW) Continue to locate and design police facilities to enhance police functions. *[Cross-reference Public Buildings Element]*

S 7.7 (NEW) Enhance collaboration between public safety providers and the Planning Agency to incorporate best development practices in reducing crime. Considerations include improved lighting, building orientation, neighborhood ingresses and egresses, and Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED). *[Cross-reference Character & Design Element]*

S 7.8 (NEW) Continue efforts to ensure the safety of Scottsdale's schools and school-aged children. *[Cross-reference Circulation and Public Buildings Elements]*

Goal S 8 (NEW)

Promote the safe handling, storage, and disposal of hazardous materials.

Policies

S 8.1   Properly manage hazardous materials and contaminants to minimize their potential harm. *[Cross-reference Conservation Element]*

S 8.2   Minimize the use of toxic and hazardous materials and encourage the use of alternative materials and practices. *[Cross-reference Environmental Planning Element]*

S 8.3   Continue working with appropriate agencies to clean up hazardous waste.

S 8.4   (NEW) Provide training opportunities and educational materials on hazardous waste management. *[Cross-reference Community Involvement Element]*

S 8.5   (NEW) Develop a plan for the transport of hazardous waste.

S.8.6   Continue the household hazardous waste and electronics collection programs to ensure safe disposal practices. *[Cross-reference Environmental Planning and Public Services & Facilities Elements]*

JENNY LIN RD.

CIRCLE MOUNTAIN RD.

HONDA BOW RD.

ROCKAWAY HILLS RD.

DESERT HILLS DR.

JOY RANCH RD.

STAGECOACH PASS

CAREFREE HWY.

DOVE VALLEY RD.

LONE MOUNTAIN RD.

DIXILETA DR.

DYNAMITE BLVD.

JOMAX RD.

HAPPY VALLEY RD.

PINNACLE PEAK RD.

DEER VALLEY RD.

LOOP 101

UNION HILLS DR.

BELL RD./FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT BLVD.

GREENWAY PKWY.

THUNDERBIRD RD.

CACTUS RD.

SHEA BLVD.

DOUBLETREE RANCH RD.

McCORMICK PKWY.

INDIAN BEND RD.
LINCOLN DR.
McDONALD DR.

CHAPARRAL RD./CAMELBACK RD.
CAMELBACK RD.
INDIAN SCHOOL RD.

THOMAS RD.

McDOWELL RD.
LOOP 202
McKELLIPS RD.

BARTLETT DAM RD.

CAVE CREEK RD.

RIO VERDE DR.

TATUM BLVD.

96th ST.
104th ST.
112th ST.
120th ST.
128th ST.
136th ST.
142nd ST.
PALISADES BLVD.
BEELINE HWY. (87)

GALVIN PKWY.

56th ST.
64th ST.
SCOTTSDALE RD.
HAYDEN RD.
PIMA RD.
LOOP 101

Public Safety

✴ Existing Police Stations

🔴 Existing Fire Stations

🟢 Proposed Fire Station

🏛 Scottsdale City Court

🟩 Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve
(See Open Space Element)

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