

Public Safety Advisory Committee Statement of Municipal Interest

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Nova Scotian municipalities support a high standard of public safety by investing in policing services, fire prevention, and emergency response planning. Municipalities should be given the legislative autonomy and necessary support to ensure that the prevention and investigation of crime can be done in a way that is financially viable and responsive to local public safety needs.

Municipalities must be recognized as key actors that contribute to public safety across the province and that are deserving of financial support, access to training, and a role in the development of legislation, regulations, standards, and practices aimed at the goal of public safety and emergency preparedness.

An emergency is a specific moment in which the safety of an individual, group, or entire community is under threat. During an emergency, the mere availability of information can make the difference between a threat and a tragedy. Therefore, clear channels of communication and sources of information need to be made available for constituents and emergency responders in pursuit of emergency preparedness, response, and recovery.