

Welcome!
Statewide Safety Council
January 23, 2026, Kickoff Meeting

Meeting goals



To understand the Council's charge and begin to understand some of the data available to inform its work.



To become familiar with what other members bring to this work and to feel you have provided some initial input on the approach to completing the Council's charge.

Meeting agenda

- 9:30 Welcome and Council Charge
- 9:45 Introductions and reflections
- 10:20 Violence Prevention Project Research Center Data overview
- 11:00 Group Reflection
- 11:10 Logistics
- 11:25 Closing

No scheduled breaks so please take care of your needs as necessary.

Message to observing public



Refrain from behavior that disrupts the orderly conduct of the Council's work.



Leave your signage at home.



If you wish to engage members in conversation before or after meetings or during meeting breaks, offer the courtesy of first asking if they have the time. Their conversations with other members must always take precedence at these times.

On December 16, 2025, Governor Walz issued Executive Order 2025-13 establishing the Governor's Statewide Safety Council. This initiative responds to a series of tragic events in Minnesota in recent years and reflects a commitment to convene leaders from state government, academic institutions, and non-profit organizations to develop actionable recommendations that will inform policy and strengthen the existing legal framework to enhance public safety statewide.

These final recommendations are to be submitted to the legislature by January 6, 2027.

A preliminary report, likely focused on outlining our process, is due April 6, 2026.

Member introduction prompts

Share your name and organization and/or the perspective you represent

What resources and personal experiences do you have access to that might be useful to this effort?

What is your biggest hope and biggest concern about this initiative?

“I define connection as the energy that exists between people when they feel seen, heard, and valued; when they can give and receive without judgment; and when they derive sustenance and strength from the relationship.” – Brene’ Brown

MAD (Management Analysis and Development) - Kris Van Amber & Stacy Sjogren

- Meeting planning
- Facilitation assistance
- Meeting documentation
- Member assistance (information access, etc.)
- SharePoint site hosts

Violence Prevention Center - James Densley & Jillian Peterson

- Interim and final report writers
- Source of copious data
- Resident experts to Council during deliberations

DPS

- Commissioner Bob Jacobson – Council chairperson
- DPS Chief of Staff Jordan Haltaufderheid & DC Cassandra O’Hern – sharing planning assistance at DPS
- Julie Forbord – Meeting invitations

Group Reflection



What did you hear
in that presentation
that surprised or
resonated with
you?

What do you want
to learn more
about?

What we know

- A SharePoint site has been approved for all members to access. This is where meeting materials, etc. will be stored and accessible
- MAD will work with all non-state employees to assure they can access and navigate the site.

What we don't yet know

- **Our meeting dates.** X will send out a poll to determine what date works for the most people. Goal is to have it a set date/time every month (exp. 3rd Thursday at 10:00).
- **How decisions will be made and *what* decisions**

Question:

What have we missed?