

Commissioner activity District 1



2021 Summary

PUBLIC SAFETY - FUNDING INITIATIVES

- **Gun violence prevention:** advocated for \$5 million from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund for gun violence prevention.
- **Auto-Theft Prevention efforts:** advocated for \$568,610 from the Minnesota Department of Commerce towards auto theft investigators and auto theft prevention efforts in the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office.
- **Victim resources:** advocated for \$250,000 towards 4 full time positions added to the Hennepin County Attorney's Office budget for legal services specialists to provide assistance and services to victims of crime.
- **Public defenders:** advocated for \$990,533 towards increased staffing to address COVID related case backlogs at the Hennepin County Public Defenders Office.

\$100,000
for youth
entrepreneurship
contact, RFP
released 2022



Rendering of the North METRO Range expansion.

PUBLIC SAFETY - EXPANDED SERVICES

- **Embedded Social Work program:** expanded the program to include a shared social worker for the cities of New Hope, Crystal, and Robbinsdale.

- **North METRO Range Public Safety Training Facility:** advocated for \$8.2 million towards the expansion of the North Metro Range Public Safety Training Facility, which serves 20 different law enforcement agencies. The additional facilities will be geared towards de-escalation training.
- **911 Mental Health Co-Responder program:** visited Denver to learn about their 911 first responder program and see how it can be used to inform the county's 911 Mental Health Co-Responder program. The goal is to lessen the number of 911 calls for non-emergency purposes, such as lift-assist requests from group homes.

ANTI-HATE INITIATIVE

My office authored a BAR that allocated \$1 million to establish an Anti-Hate Initiative (AHI). This was led by a diverse coalition of community voices committed to ending hate. AHI aims at supporting local community organizations to effectively respond and prevent hate crimes and incidents, while developing and expanding our tracking and reporting systems. **In 2022, a team will come together to collect data and analyze the scope of hate incidents in the county.** This team will then make recommendations to mitigate, reduce and prevent incidents.

\$1 MILLION
in funding

