

SECTION 16 PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH

The quality and quantity of community services pertaining to health and safety impact the perceived quality of life. This section discusses these services including disaster preparedness, criminal justice, fire protection, and health care.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Evansville and Vanderburgh County have always had a commitment to disaster preparedness. This commitment is evident in that, over the years, local planning and mitigation efforts have steadily improved. The more sophisticated local planning resulted in recognition by national entities such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Institute of Business and Home Safety. In 1997, these agencies asked for and funded the City and County's participation in the Disaster Resistant Community and Showcase Community Programs. Due to the commitment and leadership of the Building Commission and the local Emergency Management Agency, local elected officials decided to pursue participation and a steering committee was formed to help guide this effort. The steering committee has incorporated as the Southwest Indiana Disaster Resistant Community Corporation, (SWIRDCC) which has been expanded to include regional representatives. Along with local government and service agencies such as the Red Cross, the private sector was also included for the first time as a partner in the community-wide disaster planning and mitigation efforts. A group of business leaders, including representatives from the insurance industry and Vectren, formed an organization known as the Disaster Recovery Business Alliance.

Not only have the players in local planning changed to involve more groups and individuals in this community-wide effort, but also the focus of activities has changed. Taking its lead from FEMA, local disaster planning now concentrates on hazard mitigation strategies and preventative actions to reduce losses and accelerate recovery of the community. Examples include retrofitting of buildings to reduce property damage; and buying out property owners of structures that have been repeatedly damaged by floods.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

When a major emergency overwhelms the available resources, response delays of hours or even days may occur. In these circumstances, someone with "basic skills training" should be able to immediately assist those in distress. Through CERT training residents enhance their ability to prepare for, respond to, recover from and mitigate against a major emergency or disaster situation. CERT is vital to a well-prepared community. They are organized under the City and County Emergency Management Agency with instruction provided by the Evansville Fire Department and support from SWIDRCC. Trained Neighborhood CERT Teams in Evansville currently have been established in the following neighborhoods: Willemette Village, Lorraine Park, Oak Hill, Mt. Auburn, North Country Club, Western Terrace, and Oak Hill II.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

EVANSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The mission of the Evansville Police Department is, in partnership with the community, to improve the quality of life by reducing the fear and incidence of crime, to recognize and resolve problems, and to fulfill the law enforcement needs of the citizens of Evansville.

The Department employs 285 sworn police officers, 39 civilian support employees and 53 school crossing guards. The Department is composed of five divisions: Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Personnel and Training, Administrative and Records. The Evansville Police Department is accredited by the National Commission for the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies.

The main offices of the Police Department are located in the Civic Center. Additionally, the Department has offsite offices in each of the City's three patrol sectors. These sector offices provide convenient areas for officers to meet individually with the citizens of their respective sectors including citizen support groups and neighborhood associations.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department has served the Vanderburgh County community and its residents since 1818. The legal jurisdiction includes all of Vanderburgh County, with its primary enforcement area being the unincorporated portion of Vanderburgh County and the Town of Darmstadt.

The Sheriff's Department operates from three separate facilities. The Command Post, located at 5607 U.S. Highway 41 North, houses the road patrol, criminal investigations, narcotics, personnel and other sections. The Civic Center and Vanderburgh County Courts building house the administration, detention, court security, warrants, civil process, crime prevention and public affairs sections. The Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Training Center houses the training unit, reserve offices and physical fitness center.

The road patrol section patrols all State and County roads in Vanderburgh County. They handle all initial calls for service from the public, investigate crimes and other incidents, and, investigate traffic collisions and enforce traffic regulations. In terms of civil law, the Sheriff's Department serves all subpoenas and papers generated by the courts in both the City and County. The civil process section serves in excess of 30,000 court documents and subpoenas annually.

Currently, the Sheriff's Department employs 99 full-time sworn Deputy Sheriffs who primarily perform enforcement and supervisory functions, 40 correction officers who operate the detention center and 20 civilians who perform secretarial, administrative duties, fiscal control and maintenance functions. In addition, the Sheriff's Department has a reserve force of 20 volunteers that supplement the Department's many operations.

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COURT SYSTEM

Vanderburgh County has both a Circuit Court and Superior Court. Circuit Courts are mandated by the State Constitution, while Superior Courts are created by the State Legislature. The courts have identical jurisdiction. In Vanderburgh County, the Circuit Court has one judge and one magistrate. The Superior Court has seven judges, six of whom rotate between civil, criminal, small claims and domestic relations cases. The seventh judge and a referee cover probate and juvenile courts. In addition, there is a court referee who covers misdemeanors and traffic violations. Vanderburgh County also has a senior judge. This position, created by the State Legislature, handles the overflow of cases from the Superior and Circuit Courts.

VANDEBURGH COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

The Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department operates and maintains both the Vanderburgh County Detention Center and the Community Correction Complex. The Detention Center is a maximum-security facility housing pre-trial and convicted inmates from federal, state, and local jurisdictions. The Community Correction Complex, also known as the Safe House, is a facility for convicted non-violent inmates.

The current Detention Center is located at the Civic Center Complex in downtown Evansville and was constructed in 1969. The facility has a rated capacity of 268 persons. A new 512-person County Jail located in the old Wansford Railroad Yard near U.S. 41 and Lynch Road is scheduled to open in 2006.

CENTRAL DISPATCH

Central Dispatch is a joint emergency dispatch system that combines the dispatch of City and County emergency response agencies. Personnel from the Sheriff's Department, Evansville Police Department, Evansville Fire Department, and volunteer fire departments throughout the County are dispatched through this system. The dispatch facility is equipped with state-of-the-art equipment including an Enhanced 911 system, 800-megahertz trunked radio system and computer aided dispatch system. To facilitate the E-911 system, the Area Plan Commission in conjunction with the City Engineer assign addresses to new buildable lots.

FIRE PROTECTION

EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Evansville Fire Department (EFD) maintains a force of 274 fire fighters and eight civilians. Three Battalions make up the Fire Suppression Division, working a 24-hour shift. Fourteen fire stations are strategically located throughout the City ensuring 85% response coverage of the City within 5 minutes. The station addresses are listed in Table 16-4, and their locations are shown on Page 16-6. First line equipment consists of 10 engine companies, four engine-ladder combinations (quints), one aerial truck, two heavy rescue squads, one rescue boat and one hazmat response unit.

TABLE 16-4: FIRE STATIONS IN THE CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Station #	Address
1	750 S.E. Eighth Street
2	3601 Maxx Road
3	310 N. Fourth Avenue
4	1200 Oak Hill Road
5	2413 W. Maryland Street
6	6521 Washington Avenue
7	1050 S. Barker
8	2003 N. Kentucky Avenue
9	2020 Keystone Drive
10	120 E. Columbia Street
14	545 S. Willow Road
15	1711 S. Weinbach Avenue
16	2801 Washington Avenue
17	425 W. Mill Road

The Insurance Service Organization (ISO), which rates fire departments nationwide on a scale of one to 10 with one being the best, rates Evansville's Department as a Class Three. All aspects of fire fighting are inspected for this rating program: training, water supply, maintenance of equipment, record keeping, response time, communication systems and safety controls. This rating has a direct impact on insurance rates within the community. A re-inspection of the EFD should occur within the next several years. It is expected that the EFD will receive a rating of Class Two. Currently, there are no Class Two departments in Indiana. The EFD now meets most of the National Fire Protection Association's recommended standards (e.g. response manpower, training, equipment, and maintenance). The Department's goal is to continue meeting these standards.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

There are four volunteer fire departments and one combination fire department in Vanderburgh County that service the residents and businesses in the unincorporated county. These five fire departments are German Township, Knight Township, McCutchanville, Perry Township, and Scott Township. They operate out of stations that are strategically located throughout the unincorporated area and are staffed with approximately 250 men and women who have completed the Indiana State Mandatory Training Requirements. The station addresses are listed in Table 16-5 and their locations are shown on Page 16-6. The equipment in these stations consists of 11 rescue squads, seven brush trucks, 15 Class A pumper/tanker combinations, two rescue boats, two wave runners, three air supply trucks, one 75-foot aerial ladder/pumper combination, two paramedic ambulances, two paramedic non-transport vehicles, one hazardous materials response trailer, and one foam generator.

All five suburban fire departments operate under the integrated incident command system on all emergencies. In addition to the traditional firefighting roll, they all operate early defibrillation

programs within their jurisdictions combined with their emergency medical services response. Specialized teams that are maintained by one or more of the County fire departments include automobile extrication, dive rescue, hazardous materials, and high angle rescue teams.

There are written mutual aid agreements with all surrounding departments in Gibson, Warrick, and Posey Counties, as well as the City of Evansville. The suburban fire departments meet or exceed the requirements for fire protection of the areas outside the City limits as shown by their Class Six insurance rating given by the ISO. The fact that there have been no fire related deaths in the unincorporated areas of the County within the last five years and the response reliability of seven minutes, 95 percent of the time, supports the contention that the County is receiving rapid, quality fire and emergency medical response.

TABLE 16-5: FIRE STATIONS IN VANDERBURGH COUNTY

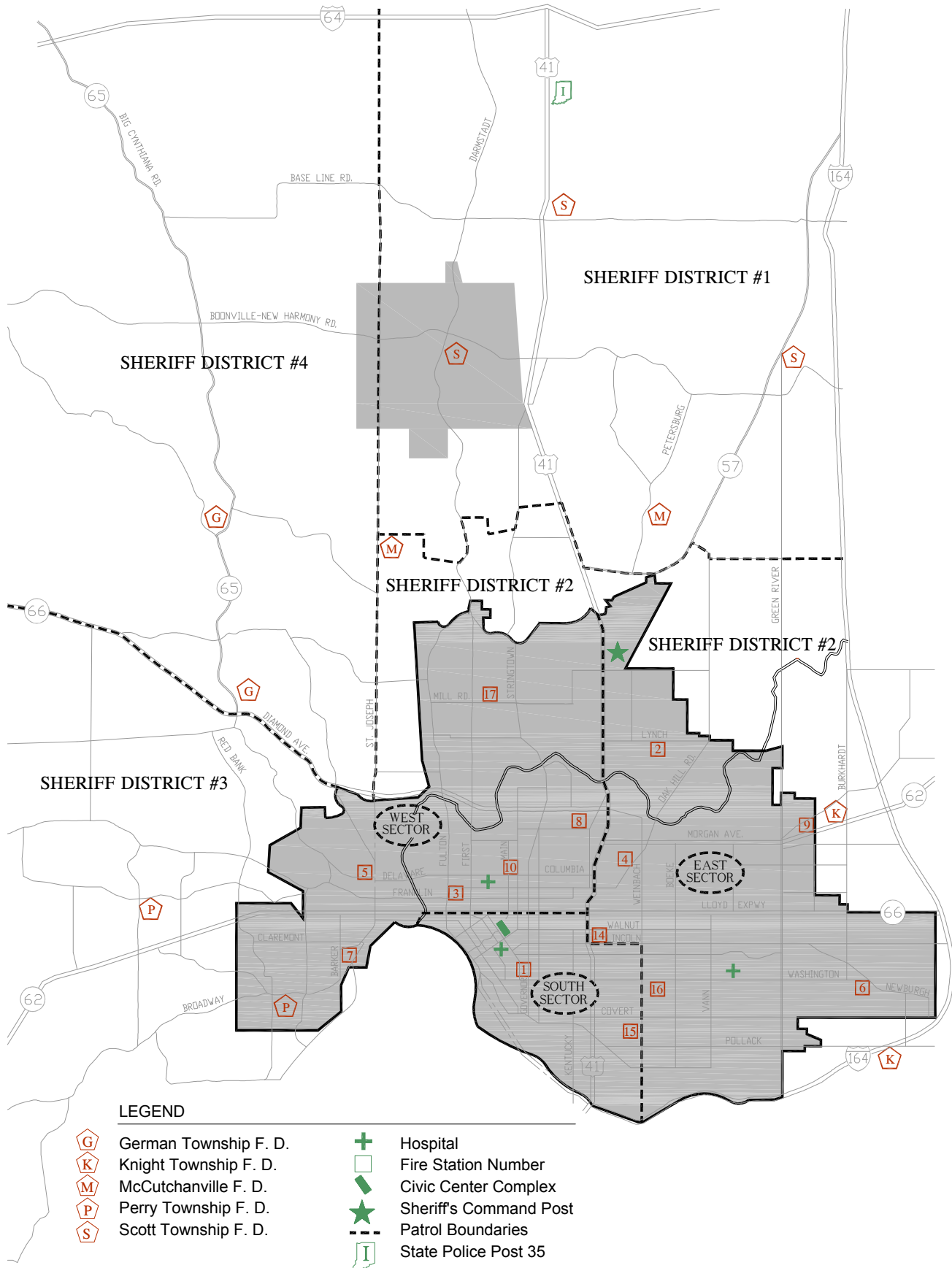
Department	Addresses
German Township	5520 Kasson Drive 8410 St. Wendell Road
Knight Township	6336 E. Morgan Avenue 8026 E. Pollack Avenue
McCutchanville	9219 Petersburg Road 7707 St. Joseph Avenue
Perry Township	1506 Johnson Lane 11 S. Williams Road 1700 King Road (Union Township)
Scott Township	12949 Darmstadt Road 12425 N. Green River Road 1540 Baseline Road

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION












Evansville and Vanderburgh County are served by Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambulances. Paramedic service has been established as the level of care for all 911 emergencies. This is provided exclusively by American Medical Response (AMR). The ALS treatment involves invasive emergency care such as IV medication administration, and cardiac monitoring and defibrillation.

The Scott Township Fire Department has its own ALS ambulances. Due to its location in relation to the hospitals, Scott Township provides its own paramedic ambulance service. With two paramedic ambulances and two paramedic non-transport vehicles, the Scott Township Fire Department enhances the ALS capabilities in the northern part of the County.

Public Health & Safety Services



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|  | German Township F. D. |  | Hospital |
|  | Knight Township F. D. |  | Fire Station Number |
|  | McCutchanville F. D. |  | Civic Center Complex |
|  | Perry Township F. D. |  | Sheriff's Command Post |
|  | Scott Township F. D. |  | Patrol Boundaries |
| | |  | State Police Post 35 |

St. Mary's Hospital Lifeflight will respond to any emergency at the request of appropriate authorities. They provide ALS care to critically ill or injured patients with a medical crew consisting of a flight nurse and a flight paramedic. Transport time via LifeFlight is approximately one-half the conventional time by road.

HEALTH CARE

Evansville serves as the Tri-State regional medical center with two major hospitals and numerous other health care providers. The two hospitals have continued to expand over the years to meet the health care needs of the region. As a result, the hospitals provide improved and increased capabilities and services and are major local employers. Besides health care delivery, there is also medical education and research and development in the community.

DEACONESS HEALTH SYSTEMS

Deaconess Health System is a provider of health care services in a 26-county area of southwestern Indiana, southeastern Illinois, and northwestern Kentucky.

The system includes these major and associated hospitals:

DEACONESS HOSPITAL

Located at the corner of Columbia Street and Mary Street, is a not-for-profit, 400-bed acute/tertiary care facility serving Evansville since 1893. Major services provided are: trauma, heart, cancer, neuro, orthopedic, surgical care and many other related medical, surgical and diagnostic services. Deaconess is a teaching hospital with a residency in family practice and provides the site for clinical education for several ancillary programs.

CROSS POINTE

Located off of Cross Pointe Boulevard at the Lloyd Expressway, is a 60-bed facility providing mental health services including psychiatric care and treatment through both outpatient and inpatient programs.

HEALTH SOUTH TRI-STATE REHABILITATION HOSPITAL

Located at the corner of Professional Boulevard and Covert Avenue is an 80-bed, acute care facility specializing exclusively in comprehensive medical rehabilitation, including physical, occupational, recreational, and speech therapy through both inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services.

THE WOMEN'S HOSPITAL

Located at the southeast corner of Lloyd Expressway and I-164 in Warrick County, is a 58-bed facility specializing in health care needs of women and infants.

Other facilities and services of the Deaconess Health System include:

-- MEC Urgent Care Centers located at Lawndale and Northbrook;

- a 48-bed skilled nursing facility within Deaconess Hospital;
- Deaconess Health Plans, a preferred provider organization, consisting of a network of 700-800 physicians, 16 hospitals, and many specialized medical service providers in the Tri-state region; and numerous specialized medical services including: cancer, wound, cardiovascular, outpatient surgical and occupational health.

ST. MARY'S HEALTH SYSTEM

ST. MARY'S MEDICAL CENTER

Established as Evansville's first hospital in 1872, is a 392-bed tertiary care center. St. Mary's Medical Center is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. This Ascension Health facility (formerly Daughters of Charity National Health System) as a not-for-profit health care provider offers inpatient services and specialties, as well as outpatient and ambulatory care. Some of their specialties include: heart care, women's and maternity services, newborn and pediatric services/intensive care, adult intensive care, laser/advanced surgical services, emergency medical services, cancer care long-term and continuing care. Also located on the St. Mary's Medical Center Campus are the Breast and Cancer Centers, Regina Continuing Care, and Home Health Services. They also offer a Family Practice Residency.

ST. MARY'S RIVERSIDE

St. Mary's purchased this facility located downtown in the old Welborn Baptist Hospital in 1999. Services offered in this location are Senior Health Center, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Inpatient and Outpatient Rehabilitation, Continuing Care Skilled Nursing Unit, and Radiology.

Other facilities and services of the St. Mary's Health System include:

- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Specialty Care Hospital is a 31-bed acute care hospital located in St. Mary's Medical Center. Functioning essentially as a "hospital within a hospital," St. Elizabeth's is an entity of the Seton Corporation that focuses on providing holistic care for critically ill adult patients with multiple complex medical needs.
- North Pointe Medical Plaza, located in the heart of Evansville's industrial district, on Lynch Road is home to St. Mary's Occupational Medicine Clinic; a satellite of St. Mary's Rehabilitation Services; and the offices of St. Mary's Programs For Industry (Sales), Managed Care Services, Physician Services, and Regional Services.
- St. Mary's Convenient Care Offices are located in the University Shopping Center and at the intersection of Epworth Road and Lloyd Expressway. They provide minor emergency care; occupational-related medical services; and a variety of routine procedures.

- St. Mary's helped form a 15 hospital alliance covering 22 counties in southeastern Illinois and southwestern Indiana. The alliance was developed to provide a variety of shared services, hold down health costs of area employers, and to recruit physicians for the smaller communities. The governing board of this non-profit corporation is made up of one administrator and one doctor from each participating hospital.

OTHER PROVIDERS

WELBORN CLINIC

One of the Tri-State's largest primary care and specialty physicians groups with more than 100 doctors and healthcare providers in 30 medical and surgical specialties. Nationally recognized for quality in-patient care, Welborn Clinic provides a full range of state-of-medical services, including ambulatory surgery, nuclear medicine, and leading-edge research. The Clinic also operates nine satellite clinics in the Tri-State: Welborn Clinic Newburgh, Welborn Clinic East, Welborn Clinic Highland, Westside Family Practice Center, Reo Family Practice Center, Welborn Clinic Princeton, Welborn Clinic Gateway (Family Practice and Pediatrics) and Welborn Clinic OB/GYN Department at St. Mary's Hospital for Women and Children.

The Veterans Administration operates an outpatient clinic in Evansville. The service area for the clinic covers a 50 mile radius. The clinic is located in Walnut Center. Medical services include general medicine, rehabilitation, mental health, radiology, pharmacy, and lab.

Other medical facilities and services include: the Evansville State Hospital (long term custodial care); Southwestern Indiana Mental Health Center and its satellite locations (mental health and substance abuse counseling); Evansville Psychiatric Children's Center (emotional disorders treatment for children); and many other organizations.

Another local health entity, the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Health Department is currently located in the old Welborn Hospital campus. Programs include animal control, vector and rodent control, health education programs, general environmental services, retail food sanitation, a bacteriology laboratory, public health nurses, and issuing birth and death certificates. Other health care activities include a family immunization clinic, a tuberculosis clinic, a child health clinic, the WIC (women with infants and children) program, a venereal disease clinic, lead poisoning screening, a hypertension clinic, a foreign travel immunization service, communicable disease division, and Catherine Laboure Child Health/Teen Clinic. The WIC program is available in the Civic Center and Fulton Housing (1428 Florence). Catherine Laboure Child Health/Teen Clinic is located in the Delaware Center on First Avenue.

A variety of health services education programs are offered at Ivy Tech State College, the University of Southern Indiana and University of Evansville. A Lilly Endowment has awarded Ivy Tech State College a grant to start a new biotechnology associate's degree program.

The future outlook for medical activities in the region is positive. In particular, the current research and development occurring in the local health care industry has the potential to

significantly expand through new partnerships with the Universities. The excellent medical facilities and services based in Evansville and Vanderburgh County meet the present health care needs of the Tri-State region and will continue to meet future needs.

CEMETERIES

There are numerous public and private cemeteries throughout Evansville and Vanderburgh County. Two public cemeteries are owned by the City of Evansville: Oak Hill and Locust Hill. Oak Hill Cemetery was established in 1852, contains 178 acres and is a candidate for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. Locust Hill, established in the 1840's, contains 100 acres. The major private cemeteries include Alexander Memorial Park, St. Joseph, Sunset Memorial Park, Park Lawn, Rose Hill, and Mt. Carmel.

HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN

PRIMARY GOAL

To minimize/mitigate fatalities, injury, property damage and disruption to businesses and the community that result from natural and man-made hazards.

SECONDARY GOAL

Facilitate the effective and timely recovery and reconstruction following a natural or man-made disaster to create a safer, more sustainable community.

GENERAL POLICIES

Local land use planning, development review and decision-making shall take into consideration natural hazard risks and mitigation.

Support the development of a City and County Disaster Recovery and Reconstruction Plan.

Expand the City and County's initiatives (e.g. retrofitting, risk assessment).

Continue the public-private/service agencies partnerships created through the disaster resistant community efforts and encourage the establishment of new partnerships to meet specific needs.

Increase public awareness through an ongoing education campaign about natural and man-made hazards and available mitigation measures for homes, businesses, and the entire community.

Investigate the development of incentives to promote more disaster resistant new construction and retrofitting of existing buildings.

Periodically review and update the City and County's Emergency Operations Plan.

Support continued risk assessment studies and mitigation measures to enhance pre- and post-disaster planning, response, recovery and reconstruction.

Identify specific Essential Facilities (e.g. fire stations, hospitals and clinics, American Red Cross shelters), and Life Line Facilities (e.g. bridges, TV and radio stations, and utilities) critical to disaster response, recovery and reconstruction; and evaluate their ability to survive and operate efficiently after a disaster.

Investigate the designation of alternative facilities for post-disaster assistance in the event that primary facilities are determined to be unusable.

Investigate alternative notification systems and the feasibility of acquiring a system that covers the entire community.

EARTHQUAKE OBJECTIVE

Improve modeling for and mapping of seismic hazards; increase the number of structures (e.g. essential facilities, high occupancy buildings, utilities and bridges) that are earthquake retrofitted; and increase community awareness of earthquake risks and the protective actions that lead to survivability.

POLICIES

Reduce the potential of fatalities, injury and property damage resulting from an earthquake through a public safety education campaign.

Continue to improve the quality of local data used in HAZUS computer modeling to further the community's risk assessment capabilities.

Identify seismically vulnerable structures and define the level of vulnerability and mitigation the community is willing to accept in dealing with them.

Periodically review and update the City and County Building Codes to reflect the State seismic requirements as approved by the Indiana Department of Fire and Building Services, to minimize potential seismic damage.

Investigate creating financial incentives for property owners to make seismic retrofits to their buildings, particularly un-reinforced masonry structures.

Expand the local efforts in retrofitting essential facilities, public and high occupancy buildings, utilities and bridges.

Expand the local ATC-21 training and building evaluation project, which provides structural evaluation for seismic risk.

FLOODPLAIN OBJECTIVE

Reduce property damage from flooding, the number of structures subject to repeated damages, and reduce loss of floodplain storage capacity.

POLICIES

Recognize the value of floodplains in their natural condition which maintain natural watershed functions for the storage (e.g. wetlands) and free flow of floodwaters.

The floodway, or the area needed for the conveyance of water during a base (100-year) flood, should be reserved primarily for wetlands, open space, wooded areas or

agricultural and recreational uses.

Where possible, site design and development of bridges, roads, and subdivisions should ensure that natural contours and drainage are preserved.

Where possible, new structures should be located on the highest elevation on a lot within the floodplain to minimize fill and avoid impacting adjacent areas that do not normally flood.

Update the City and County's Subdivision Ordinance so that new roads are designed to provide safe passage during a base flood event.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP) OBJECTIVE

Maintain the City and County's eligibility and continued participation in the NFIP.

POLICIES

Continue to review and update the City and County's Floodplain Management Ordinance to remain compliant with NFIP requirements, and to reflect the community's desire to minimize potential flood damage through improved mitigation requirements.

Amend the City and County's Floodplain Management Ordinance as needed to reflect current National Flood Insurance Program requirements.

COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM (CRS) OBJECTIVE

Continue to improve the City and County's CRS class rating to attain further reduction of flood insurance premiums.

POLICIES

Develop, adopt, and implement Floodplain Management Plans in both the City and County.

Elevate, relocate or acquire and remove insurable buildings in the regulatory floodplain, particularly repetitive loss properties, to end the cycle of repeated flood damage and rebuilding.

Create the capability to inventory structures and other physical features within the 100-year floodplain through the proposed City and County's Geographic Information System (GIS).

TORNADO/ WIND OBJECTIVE

Reduce the potential damages caused by tornadoes and high winds; and

Increase community awareness of the tornado risks and the protective actions that lead to survivability.

POLICIES

Periodically review and update the City and County Building Codes to reflect the State wind load requirements as approved by the Indiana Department of Fire and Building Services to minimize potential wind damage.

Periodically review and update the City and County Building Codes to reflect the State mobile home safety requirements as approved by the Indiana Department of Fire and Building Services, to minimize potential wind damage.

Investigate options to eliminate gaps in the existing City warning system.

Provide for effective emergency weather warning system (e.g. sirens) coverage for residential subdivisions in the County.

PUBLIC SAFETY ACTION PLAN

GOAL - EVANSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To provide a secure environment by providing efficient and effective services for the citizens of Evansville.

OBJECTIVE

To continue to pursue reductions in all crime categories.

POLICIES

Improve responsiveness to the community by continuing to survey the public assessing the level of satisfaction to enhance delivery of services.

Develop and continue relationships with new and existing neighborhood associations.

Expand partnerships within the community by creating a Citizens Advisory Board for each of the patrol sectors.

Improve methods of tracking data on criminal activity.

GOAL - EVANSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To safeguard our Community's lives and property from the threat of fire, explosions, medical emergencies and other dangerous conditions.

OBJECTIVE

Reduce the preventable occurrence of property loss or the loss of life through fire prevention, fire education and intervention.

POLICIES

Enhance the professional image of the Department through pursuing accreditation by the Commission on Fire Department Accreditation International.

Utilize technology to effectively and efficiently provide services to the community.

Implement a maintenance and replacement plan for apparatus, vehicles, necessary tools and equipment.

Continue to cooperate and strengthen relationships with the five Vanderburgh County Suburban Fire Departments through mutual aid agreements.

GOAL - VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Reduce loss of life and property damage.

OBJECTIVE

Further reduce response time.

Improve public education concerned with fire safety.

HEALTH ACTION PLAN

GOAL

Endorse a health care system that maximizes opportunities for healthy lives/lifestyles.

OBJECTIVE

Support the designation of one of the local hospitals as a Level 2 Trauma Center.

POLICIES

Facilitate increased accessibility to health care services for all regional residents, especially the uninsured and underinsured.

Continue to meet future health care needs of the Tri-State region by providing quality medical facilities and services.

Encourage public education and participation in lifestyle modification programs that assist residents to improve their fitness and longevity.

Support the completion and use of the Pigeon Creek Greenway as a means to achieve community-wide fitness.