

Proposal for a Collaborative Approach to Becoming a Safe Community

WHEREAS, the City of Morgantown agrees to collaborate with West Virginia University in submitting a letter of intent to the National Safety Council to become a US designated Safe Community;

WHEREAS, each entity (City of Morgantown and WVU) agree to split the \$1,200 cost of application and agrees to work in a collaborative spirit, along with the support of the National Safety Council, toward preventing needless deaths and disabling injuries.

WHEREAS, each entity makes an investment of time, resources and a commitment to long-term and sustainable safety goals to ensure Greater Morgantown is a safe place for its citizens to work, raise a family, enjoy recreational areas and invite visitors. Communities seeking national designation must meet the four areas of competency, established by the National Safety Council:

1. Sustained collaboration
2. Understanding of their community data
3. Offering of programs that address the intentional and unintentional injury patterns in their community (including but not limited to: Motor vehicle, including distracted and teen driving, child passenger restraint; Older adult falls prevention; Poisoning by drug overdose and other agents; Workplace safety on and off the job; Violence and suicide prevention; Emergency preparedness)

WHEREAS, each entity encourages and supports appropriate members of its organization to participate on the Greater Morgantown Safe Community Committee or collaborate with community members on data collection, programmatic offerings and evaluation efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Morgantown City Council endorses the Safe Community Collaborative effort.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK