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AHD Terminates Anchorage Safety Patrol/Center Contract with Securitas

Anchorage, AK – The Anchorage Health Department (AHD) has terminated its Anchorage Safety Patrol/Center (ASP/C) contract with Securitas Security Services USA, Inc. The Anchorage Safety Patrol is the van service that responds to reports of individuals who appear to be incapacitated by alcohol or drugs in a public place and transports them to the Anchorage Safety Center, where they are monitored by staff during the sobering process. Securitas' final day operating ASP/C will be July 31, 2023.

The Municipality of Anchorage will be issuing a Request for Proposals as soon as possible to secure a new contractor to operate ASP/C. In the interim, the Anchorage Fire Department and Anchorage Police Department will be responding to calls of intoxicated or incapacitated individuals received through the Municipality's dispatch system.

"The Anchorage Safety Patrol and Center care for some of Anchorage's most vulnerable residents," **said AHD Acting Director Kimberly Rash.** "It is imperative that the contractor operating ASP/C meet the requirements of the contract to operate ASP/C 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The current contractor has been out of compliance with the contract and has been unable to come into compliance, resulting in our decision to terminate."

Securitas has been operating ASP/C under the current contract since January 2022. Securitas was notified of the contract termination on July 21, 2023.

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