

RESOLUTION 2015-18
ADOPTING SAFETY MANAGEMENT POLICY FOR CITY TRANSIT OPERATIONS

SAFETY MANAGEMENT POLICY

MAP-21 and Safety Management Systems (SMS)

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) granted the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) the authority to establish and enforce a comprehensive framework to oversee the safety of public transportation throughout the United States. MAP-21 expanded the regulatory authority of FTA to oversee safety, providing an opportunity for FTA to assist transit agencies in moving towards a more holistic, performance-based approach in Safety Management Systems (SMS).

To ensure transit safety and in order to comply with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requirements, the City of Prairie du Chien has developed and adopted this Safety Management Policy to address FTA regulations established by Section 5329(d) of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Act signed into law by President Barack Obama on July 6, 2012.

The City of Prairie du Chien is committed to Safety Management Systems (SMS) as a systematic and comprehensive approach to identifying safety hazards and risks associated with transit system operations and related maintenance activities. The City of Prairie du Chien has adopted a Safety Management Systems (SMS) framework as an explicit element of the agency's responsibility by establishing a safety policy; identifying hazards and controlling risks; goal setting, planning and measuring performance. Furthermore, the City of Prairie du Chien has adopted SMS as means by which to foster agency-wide support for transit safety by establishing a culture where management is held accountable for safety and everyone in the organization takes an active role in securing transit safety.

Safety Beliefs

1. Safety is a core business value;
2. Safety excellence is a key component of our mission;
3. Safety is a source of our competitive advantage; our business will be strengthened by making safety excellence an integral part of all our public transportation activities; and
4. Accidents and serious incidents are preventable and do not occur out of the blue; they are preceded by precursors (events, behaviors, and conditions) that can be identified, assessed and mitigated through physical, administrative and behavioral defense strategies.

Safety Culture

The City of Prairie du Chien believes safety promotion is critical to the success of SMS by ensuring that the entire organization fully understands and trusts the SMS policies, procedures, and structure. It involves establishing a culture that recognizes safety as a core value, training employees in safety principles, and allowing open communications of safety issues.

Positive safety culture must be generated from the top-down. The actions, attitudes, and decisions at the policy-making level must demonstrate a genuine commitment to safety. Safety must be recognized as the responsibility of each employee with the ultimate responsibility for safety resting with the Mayor, City Administrator and Common Council of the City of Prairie du Chien as well as with Running Inc., the City's contract service provider. Employees must trust that they will have management support for decisions made in the interest of safety while recognizing that intentional breaches of safety will not be tolerated.

Safety Reporting

The City of Prairie du Chien is committed to the safest transit operating standards possible. To achieve this, it is imperative that the City of Prairie du Chien have uninhibited reporting of all incidents and occurrences which may compromise the safe conduct of our operations. To this end, every employee and contract service provider is responsible for the communication of any information that may affect the integrity of transit safety. Such communication must be completely free of any form of reprisal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that that the City of Prairie du Chien adopts this Safety Management Policy for City Transit Operations.

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted on the 2nd day of June, 2015.

By a vote of: _____ in favor, _____ against, and _____ abstain.

David Hemmer, Mayor of the City of Prairie du Chien

ATTEST:

Aaron Kramer, City Administrator of the City of Prairie du Chien