

# **ENHANCED RESPONSE**

**(previously Enhanced Enforcement)**

## ***Central Bikes***

The Central Bikes program provides safety and security for the downtown area. The primary functions of Bicycle Patrol are to deter street crime and increase the safety for citizens in certain target areas by providing safety measures for demonstrations and events held downtown such as the Main Street Arts Festival and downtown holiday festivities.

## ***COPS Hiring Match***

The Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program is designed to advance public safety through community policing by addressing the full-time sworn officer needs of state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies nationwide. The program provides funds directly to law enforcement agencies to hire new and/or rehire veteran law enforcement officers and to increase the agencies' community policing capacities and crime prevention efforts. The COPS Hiring Program (CHP) grants will provide a portion of the approved entry-level salaries and fringe benefits of full-time officers for a 36-month grant period, with a minimum 25 percent local cash match requirement; Crime Control and Prevention District funds will cover this local match requirement.

## ***Mounted Patrol***

The FWPD Mounted Patrol began in the 1970s. The Unit was created in an effort to curtail the transient issues in the Stockyards area. Moreover, there was a desire on the part of the citizens to see officers on horseback as a working officer as well as a reminder of our western heritage. The teams are highly visible, very effective and go wherever needed. Their special maneuverability enables them to be effective at area malls, hospital parking lots, downtown, residential areas and crowd control. These officers have been called to incidents of search and rescue in rugged terrain for lost or deceased persons.

## ***Parks Community Policing***

The purpose of the Parks Community Policing program is to provide a safe environment for the public and staff at all Park and Recreation Department facilities and sponsored programs by having an officer present at specific sites and events. Police officers are offered overtime opportunities to work at Park and Recreation Department facilities, sponsored athletic events, and community center recreation programs.

Police presence through the Parks Community Policing Program enhances crime prevention efforts aligned with the mission and goals of the CCPD. Incident reports are compiled from all participating Park and Recreation Department sites. Recent reports reflect the successful operation of the program, as very few violent acts and an

extremely low number of criminal offenses have occurred at participating Park and Recreation Department centers throughout Fort Worth.

### ***Officer Expansion Program***

The Sergeant Expansion Program was implemented in FY2021 to address recommendations from the Police Expert Panel and the Office of the Police Oversight Monitor. Implementation of this program will increase community policing efforts in strategic areas of the Department. This program adds Sergeant and Detective positions to Internal Affairs, Neighborhood Patrol, Training, Critical Investigations and Community Safety Partnerships.

### ***School Resource Unit***

The Fort Worth Police Department (FWPD) works in partnership with area school districts and the Lena Pope Home to provide youth a safe educational environment through the School Resource Unit. The Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) funds sworn positions as well as related training, weapons, IT costs, cell phone costs and a variety of equipment and supplies associated with the program. The participating school districts and Lena Pope Home reimburse the FWPD 50 percent of the officer personnel and operating costs, and the full cost for supervisory and relief positions.

School Resource Officers are sensitive to the varied needs of students and staff, while also being vigilant and prepared to carry out law enforcement duties at a moment's notice. In the summer months, SRO officers continue rigorous training to prepare them for the upcoming school year. This training includes tactics to deal with any situation, from minor incidents such as fights and bullying, to major events such as bomb threats active shooter situations. The goals of this program are to ensure a safe learning environment for students, carry out law enforcement duties and serve as mentors in an effort to encourage positive behavior.

### ***Crossing Guards Program (new)***

Section 343.014 of the Texas Local Government Code requires municipalities participate in identifying the need and providing for crossing guards in order to facilitate the safe crossing of streets. FWPD partners with the Transportation and Public Works Department to ensure children can clearly and safely navigate elementary school zones as they are going-to or leaving school by providing crossing guards where they are needed. FY23 includes a phased expansion plan to address safety needs in middle school zones.

### ***Special Events Response***

The Special Events Overtime Detail and Special Events Emergency Response teams (SEER) provide Traffic Division officers the ability to assist in managing traffic ingress and egress, providing a service for event participants without impacting normal patrol operations. The Traffic Division spends more than 100 days a year in an effort to offer the best experience possible to all event participants. The Special Events Emergency

Response unit attends special events and is available in case of emergencies that threaten public safety.

Moreover, the Special Events Overtime Detail funding provides the FWPD the ability to ensure officers are actively working the outside perimeter of the event to enhance public safety at designated special events. The program does not include security inside an establishment, as this is paid by the enterprise holding the event.

The FWPD has witnessed a significant increase in the number of events as well as event attendance. Although public safety and traffic control at large events can be a challenge, this service assists not only the event participants, but also has a positive economic impact on Fort Worth, increasing sales tax revenues and providing positive publicity for the city.

### ***Stockyards Overtime Detail***

The Stockyards Overtime Detail increases the FWPD's capacity to implement details within the popular Stockyards entertainment area, enhancing public safety efforts responding to calls promptly. The Stockyards Overtime Detail generally includes a team of four officers and one sergeant and is conducted on Friday and Saturday nights when higher call volumes in the area create staff shortages in other Divisions. The program provides officers the opportunity to participate in the Stockyards detail on an overtime basis as not to interrupt normal patrol operation. The detail concentrates on public intoxication, burglary of motor vehicles, and assaults. Parking issues and responds to all calls in the Stockyards are also the responsibility of the detail. In addition, this detail assists in maintaining a police presence without impacting Northwest Division's evening and night shifts.

### ***Strategic Operations Fund***

The Strategic Operations Fund (SOF) enhances the FWPD's capacity to implement strategic operation details focused on taking repeat offenders off the street that are identified through intelligence-led policing initiatives. The Patrol Commanders typically lead the research, analysis, and development of strategic operation recommendations. The Criminal Investigations Division also has SOF funding at their disposal. Coordination between specialized units and patrol divisions implement the Strategic Operations based on the needs for the proposed detail. Officers are provided an opportunity to participate in the detail on an overtime basis as to not interrupt normal operations. The Research and Planning Section and the Budget Unit receive after-action reports in order to track and report the outcomes of these details.

### ***West Bikes/WRRT***

The West Bikes program provides support to the West 7th Cultural District which has become a hub for social activity in the City of Fort Worth. The area currently has over 30 bars that attracts up to 6,000 patrons in a given night. With the opening of the Dickies Arena, the number of visitors to the area is expected to significantly increase.

# NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME PREVENTION

## ***Code Blue***

The Code Blue Program is an initiative in which police officers and residents work together to assist in crime prevention and intervention. As part of the City's first community policing initiative, Code Blue serves as a force multiplier and has been instrumental in the significant reduction of crime. The Code Blue program serves as the umbrella organization for all of the following groups: Citizens on Patrol Program (COPs), Clergy and Police Alliance (CAPA), Code Blue at the School, Hispanic COP, Ministers Against Crime (MAC), Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Citizens Police Academy (CPA), Citizens Police Academy Alumni (CPAA), and Teen Academy.

The budget provides funding for civilian dispatchers specifically assigned to monitor the Code Blue channels of FWPD's radio system, which converted to encrypted service in 2013. Aside from the Code Blue and other interoperability channels, all police channels were encrypted to provide officer safety, security, and privacy. All telecommunication operators, including dispatchers and Code Blue base operators are now required to be certified by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE). This changes the way in which the Code Blue base operators had previously worked—in direct communication with Neighborhood Patrol Officers (NPOs) within their assigned areas. The dispatchers are certified under the law and communicate to volunteers exclusively on the dedicated Code Blue radio channels. NPOs also monitor the Code Blue channels to stay apprised of events occurring within their beat.

## ***Code Blue Admin***

*(previously Community Programs Admin)*

This program provides funding for four sworn positions to oversee the operations of the Code Blue programs. The addition of these positions will assist in expanding and coordinating the volunteer program activities while providing police presence.

## ***Community Information Program (new)***

The FY23 budget adds funding for a position to help coordinate information in the community. In meeting with various stakeholders, the Department has received feedback on the need to coordinate information on existing programs, initiatives, incidents, and resources that can assist neighborhood crime prevention. This civilian position will provide additional expertise to assist the Department in engaging the public in an effective, transparent way.

## ***Civilian Response Unit*** ***(previously Community Service Officer Program)***

The Civilian Response Unit (CRU) was piloted in FY2021 and 2022 to include team of 20 nonsworn civilians to answer nonviolent calls for service. CRU handles lower priority calls, which frees up sworn officers to handle the emergency calls for service and focus more on crime prevention. In addition, community/police relations improve with the interactions from a Civilian Response officer answering non-violent calls. It is a softer approach for the community to receive basic police services such as completing reports, information requests, and community concerns.

## ***Crime Prevention Unit***

The Crime Prevention Unit offers detailed crime prevention information and services to the citizens of Fort Worth, with a focus on a citywide reductions of crime and victimization. The Unit is comprised of six Crime Prevention Specialists, one located in and providing services for each Patrol Division.

In an effort to increase public awareness and safety, the Crime Prevention Unit provides various services through the City of Fort Worth, including but not limited to residential and business security surveys and information is shared at crime watch meetings. In addition, the Crime Prevention Unit visits schools, providing presentations that teach children about stranger danger, bicycle safety and crime prevention practices. There are opportunities to create child ID cards to provide assistance in missing child situation. Other crime prevention techniques include VIN engraving, National Night Out, and maintaining statistics regarding the activities of the Crime Prevention Unit.

## ***Crisis Intervention Team Program***

In 2017, the Fort Worth Police Department created a Mental Health Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Unit to respond to mental health related calls for service. This team utilized Crisis Intervention Team partnerships to allow mental health professionals to take the lead on calls involving persons in mental crisis, when possible.

The unit is committed to a constant devotion of self-betterment and increasing expertise as subject matter experts, seeking new training opportunities. All members of the unit are TCOLE certified as Mental Health Peace Officers. Also, the unit provides training for the department's recruit 40-hour CIT training, the new Sandra Bland Act 40-hour TCOLE intermediate and below licensee class, and the Mental Health Peace Officer certification course.

## ***Gang Graffiti Abatement***

Graffiti is an illegal activity in which a person or group marks another's property without their consent. Graffiti is unattractive, lowers property values, and can encourage other types of criminal activity in neighborhoods. Graffiti and its associated problems can be defeated by removing it from a property as soon as possible. The Park and Recreation Department manages the Gang Graffiti Abatement Program. It works in conjunction with

the FWPD Gang Unit providing assistance to remove graffiti from tagged or vandalized properties.

The Gang Graffiti Abatement Program is funded through the Crime Control and Prevention District to provide labor assistance to remove graffiti as requested by affected property owners. The program provides educational materials explaining the negative impacts of graffiti. It also provides contractual funds for the high-tech removal of graffiti as necessary. The Park and Recreation Department also works with area schools, businesses, organizations, and other city departments (including Code Compliance and the Transportation and Public Works Department) to promote awareness of the negative impacts of graffiti and to encourage alternative legal outlets for this urban “art form.”

### ***Homeless Outreach Program Enforcement (HOPE) Program***

The Homeless Outreach Program Enforcement (HOPE) Program provides funding for the expansion of the existing program. The primary mission of the HOPE Unit is to build a rapport within the homeless community, maintain a positive police impact by way of service connections, and instill a sense of self-worth in those considered chronically homeless. The HOPE Unit responds to unhoused individuals living in alternative situations such as encampments, streets or vacant structures and serves as the bridge between the homeless population, law enforcement, emergency medical services and other private agencies to coordinate outreach to those in need.

### ***Neighborhood Patrol Officers (NPOs)***

The Neighborhood Patrol Officer (NPO) program provides the FWPD the ability to provide police services to specific neighborhoods and designated geographic areas.

Neighborhood Patrol Officers are able to become more familiar with specific neighborhoods by getting to know area residents and business owners and the issues they face by learning neighborhood concerns. In addition, they build working relationships with area Citizen on Patrol volunteers and promoting crime prevention tools and techniques. The NPOs maintain open lines of communication between residents, business owners and the police department by attending community meetings and events.

### ***Patrol Support***

The Patrol Support program provides funding for the six Patrol Divisions: Northwest, North, East, South, West, and Central. The Crime Control and Prevention District provides funds for special details, overtime, utilities, and maintenance for various facilities used by patrol officers. This includes funding for the West 7<sup>th</sup> special detail.

### ***Police Storefronts***

A variety of department operations are housed in leased police storefronts or small office spaces--often times provided at low cost, with varying degrees of utility and maintenance responsibility built into the lease. Neighborhood Patrol Officers and beat officers utilize the storefronts to complete reports, assist the public with community issues, and meet with community groups regarding crime within the immediate area of the storefront. Code Blue, Crime Watch, and other community groups also use these spaces for various meetings. CCPD funds are allocated towards storefront leases, utilities, supplies, and other operating costs.

### ***Domestic Violence Victim Assistance (new)***

In 2019, FWPD received funding to pilot a program with Tarrant County to address intimate partner domestic violence. The grant, provided through the U.S. Department of Justice, took a proactive approach to domestic violence 911 calls that do not result in a report. Roughly 1/3 of domestic violence calls result in a report and FWPD provides follow up on those calls with a trained Victim Assistance Specialist. This program focuses on the remaining cases in order to prevent the escalation of domestic violence. CCPD funding will continue this pilot project as FWPD works with the National Institute for Justice and the International Association of Chiefs of Police to evaluate this important effort during FY23.

# **PARTNERS WITH A SHARED MISSION**

## ***Partners with a Shared Mission Admin (new)***

This program provides the support and contract compliance functions that are needed to facilitate the Partners grant programs. Activities in this program include managing the Request for Proposals (RFP) process, facilitating grant recommendations and feedback from both the Scoring Committee and the Advisory Council, engaging prospective agencies with information and training, issuing reimbursements to grantees, performing on-site monitoring visits, and working with an external evaluator to collect data on programs.

### ***After School Program***

Research suggests that academic success is a significant factor in reducing and preventing juvenile crime. In addition, studies suggest that adolescents are at a higher risk of being a victim of crime or committing a criminal act on a school day between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Four independent school districts receive funding in support of after school programs including Fort Worth, Crowley, Keller, and White Settlement. These programs include academic activities, sports, recreation, and community service.

The CCPD funds can be expended on personnel costs (including benefits), supplies, equipment, and other contractual services as outlined in each awarded agency's budget summary. The organizations must submit reports to FWPD staff that outline fund expenditures and performance results prior to reimbursement.

### ***Alliance for Children (CACU)***

The Crimes Against Children Unit (CACU) of the FWPD is co-located at the Fort Worth Alliance for Children Center. The advantage to this partnership is that FWPD and the Alliance for Children can effectively meet the mission of this program by being in close proximity to other investigators and professionals. These include Child Protective Services, the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office, and Alliance for Children. Since 1992, well over 44,000 children have been served by the center.

Alliance For Children partners with 28 Tarrant County law enforcement agencies, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Cook Children's® Medical Center, JPS Health Network, Tarrant County Juvenile Services, and the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office. These agencies work together to reduce trauma to child abuse victims during an investigation and to improve their agencies' response children who are frightened and hurting. As a result of the collaboration, investigators and detectives are able to complete investigations in a timelier fashion, cases are stronger for prosecution, and children and protective caregivers are more likely to benefit from available services.



The CCPD provides the Alliance for Children funding supports a multidisciplinary team program as well as the operating cost of the CACU being housed at the Fort Worth Alliance for Children Center.

### ***Gang Intervention Program*** *(previously Comin' Up Gang and Program Expansion)*

The Comin' Up Gang Intervention Program provides intervention services to gang-involved youth ages of 13 and up. This program provides access to programs and services to help youth and adults avoid negative and destructive behaviors. Program staff engage individuals with gang affiliation and works to assist with conflict resolution, provide information and referral services, and crisis intervention to diffuse potentially troubling or violent situations.

CCPD funds programs like the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Fort Worth (Comin' Up Gang). The Comin' Up Gang Intervention Program has six sites for ages 13 – 24 (i.e. Diamond Hill, Hillside, Near Southside (Panther), Northside, Poly, Las Vegas Trail, and Stop Six). The program serves approximately 2,300 youth nightly Monday through Friday.

### ***Community-Based Programs***

The CCPD provides financial support for crime prevention or intervention programs of local, registered non-profit agencies. These programs are to supplement the current crime prevention strategies funded by the District. These programs must address at least one of the following goals: reduce violent crime and gang related activities, support efforts to increase the safety of residents and to support effort to increase the safety of youth as well as reduce juvenile crime through crime prevention and intervention programs.

Agencies submit proposals to FWPD, outlining the details of their crime prevention programs, including a project overview, budget summary, outcomes, and activity measures. Agencies are encouraged to integrate evidence-informed strategies and describe how their project impacts the District's mission.

All proposals are reviewed by a Board appointed Scoring Committee. The Scoring Committee makes recommendations to the CCPD Board and programs are awarded funding on a competitive basis based on the amount of funds allocated towards community-based programming each fiscal year. Not all applicants are guaranteed to receive the CCPD funding.

The CCPD funds can be expended according to the guidelines published in a Request for Proposals (RFP). Agencies may request funding for personnel costs (including benefits), travel, supplies, equipment, contracts/consultants and indirect costs as laid out in each awarded agency's budget summary. Indirect costs cannot exceed 10 percent of the funds requested in the total program budget. Awarded agencies must submit monthly reports to FWPD staff that outline fund expenditures and performance results prior to reimbursement.

## ***Crime Prevention Agency Partnership (Safe City Commission)***

The CCPD provides support for the Crime Prevention Agency Partnership. Since the District's inception, the two primary focus areas are the Safe City Commission Advocacy Program and the Crime Stopper Call Center.

The Crime Prevention Agency Partnership: Advocacy Program provides the Safe City Commission with resources for crime prevention public education materials and training opportunities for law enforcement, social service providers, and citizens. The Crime Prevention Agency Partnership Call Center Program improves efficiency of the dissemination of the tip information to all 37 municipalities and all 18 school districts in Tarrant County through the operation of an in-house tip call center. The CCPD provides wages to agency staff involved in advocacy efforts and part-time staff to operate the Call Center seven days a week.

## ***Family Justice Center (One Safe Place)***

The Family Justice Center, also known as One Safe Place, brings together a multi-agency task force under one roof, to provide coordinated services to victims of domestic violence and their children. It is anticipated that One Safe Place will lead to significant increases in successful criminal prosecution and civil legal solutions and reductions in repeat incidents and homicides.

One Safe Place partners have an integrated, seamless approach to service in a welcoming, victim-focused, and survivor-driven environment. Beyond serving survivors, One Safe Place will strive to create a new social consciousness in the community about violence affecting families through education, training, and research. The Crime Control and Prevention District contributes funding for the operation of the One Safe Place facility. One Safe Place is required to submit reports to the FWPD on data generated by the multi-agency task force and a yearend summary report that highlights accomplishments.

## ***Late Night Program***

The FW@6 Late Night Program began in 1992 as a response to the increase in gang-involved youth, providing support for afternoon and evening activities. Programs include afterschool and youth sports as well as extended hours for older youth and young adults. The program provides a safe haven for at-risk youth living in high crime areas. These programs decrease youth participation in crime and gangs through enrichment and recreational activities. They are designed to reduce crime, stimulate self-determination, and increase community pride. The programs are operated at the following five community centers: Como, Martin Luther King, Northside, Sycamore, and Worth Heights. The FW@6 Late Night Program focuses on the following five goals, which provide alternatives to youth involvement in crime: Education/Personal Development, Employment Readiness, Recreation, Life Skills and Community Responsibility. Parks and Recreation Department will add Chisholm Trail Community Center in FY23.

## ***Safe Haven Youth Program***

The Safe Haven Youth Program at the Bethlehem Center is a prevention program operated by the United Community Center (UCC) that provides a safe environment for after school programming for at-risk children and youth. The program's central purpose is to provide educational enrichment and youth development programs that lead to improved behavior, academic performance, social skills, and better citizenship. They support academic success, healthy development, and build resilience. The outcomes in turn create and strengthen protective factors believed to encourage positive decision making. During the course of the year, a typical participant will spend more than 430 hours in the program participating in cultural, sport, and educational activities. This promotes self-esteem by developing positive personal and academic behaviors. This provides for an in-depth and extended intervention in a gang free zone and away from dysfunctional homes.

Children who come to the Bethlehem Center meet poverty level guidelines and display the typical needs of low-income families. Many of these children come from single parent households. Children and youth participating in the Safe Haven Youth Program at Bethlehem primarily live in the 76104 zip code.

The Safe Haven Youth program at the Martin Branch of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County provides high quality afterschool and summer programming to youth ages 6-18 in the Polytechnic area. Programming is focused on three key outcomes: Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, and Character/Citizenship. The priority is the safety and well-being of all youth that are served every day, and ensuring that each member has an optimal Club experience. Program staff provides quality enrichment programs in dedicated rooms at the Martin Boys & Girls Club site, including the education room, computer room, gym, social recreation area, art room, and teen room. Some of the services include alcohol/drug prevention programs, cultural enrichment activities, education enhancement activities and recreational activities.

## **RECRUITMENT and TRAINING**

### ***Cadet Program***

The Police Cadet program provides funds to hire high school seniors and college students who are interested in becoming a Fort Worth police officer. Cadets are paid a salary, provided a uniform, and placed within different divisions of the department. Accommodations are made for class schedules. This program was reinstated in FY2020, for a total of twenty cadets, recognizing the diversity and recruiting value cadets have in the department.

### ***Expanded Training Program***

This program funds officers who provide basic training for recruits, including pistol and shotgun qualification, as well as familiarization with the patrol carbine. In-service officers are provided carbine and shotgun training. These officers work as a part of a training team that provides opportunities to both recruits and in-service officers.

### ***New Officer Recruitment Program***

There are three focus areas in the New Officer Recruitment Program. The first is to fund recruitment materials, advertising and travel in order to recruit and hire diverse personnel. In an effort to reflect the demographics of the city, recruiting efforts are occurring in historically black colleges and universities (HBCU), Hispanic service institutions (HSI), women's colleges and universities, and universities with highly-regarded criminal justice programs. Recruiting is nationwide and includes all branches of the military, minority organizations and other regional police academies.

The second area of the program provides funding for the Fort Worth Explorer Program, which is committed to developing the life skills and career path of Fort Worth's youth. Explorers are taught the importance of higher education and self-discipline in reaching their goals. They are encouraged to seek law enforcement as an attainable and attractive career choice. Several Explorer Program participants have become Fort Worth Police Officers or have entered the law enforcement field.

The third area of the program provides funding for new recruit background evaluations. In a typical year, budget includes funding for recruiting and testing tools as well as psychological evaluations, polygraph examinations and physical assessments.

### ***New Officer Training Program*** ***(previously Recruit Officer Training Program)***

The Recruit Officer Training program provides the necessary training and equipment for new and lateral transfer police officers to work in the field. The Police Department routinely analyzes the appropriate number of recruits needed to avoid personnel shortages throughout the Department and to ensure that all of the CCPD components

remain fully staffed. All costs for personnel training have been funded through the CCPD since FY1998.

The FWPD training academy operates on a 36-week schedule, training recruits on best practices and curricula based on Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE). This includes legal procedures, federal, state, and local laws, and physical fitness. Other training also includes defensive and control tactics, TASER electronic conducting devices, police driving, and a variety of community service and communication-oriented classes. It also trains recruits on policies and standards specific to the FWPD.

The CCPD funds all costs of recruit training. This includes all equipment for training as well as equipment issued to officers upon graduation. In FY23, there are funds budgeted for three recruit training classes.

### ***911 Call Taker Training Program (new)***

FWPD created this program starting in FY2023 in order to strengthen the FWPD Communications Division. The Department employs Public Safety Communicators tasked with receiving 911 calls and dispatching services to the community. The challenges of the requirements of the job can lead to fluctuations in staffing availability resulting from time-off, turnover, or call volume. This program is designed to proactively recruit and train call-takers to ensure consistent staffing.

# **EQUIPMENT, TECHNOLOGY, and INFRASTRUCTURE**

## ***Citywide Camera Program***

The Citywide Camera Program provides funding for the multi-year neighborhood camera project. The Police Department coordinates with City Departments and residents to install camera in strategic areas in Fort Worth in an effort to aid in public safety and neighborhood revitalization.

## ***Crime Lab Equipment Program***

The purpose of the Crime Lab Equipment program is to provide a schedule for replacing aging equipment and assist in expanding the services provided by the FWPD Crime Laboratory. This program was initiated in order to reduce processing time and create greater case efficiencies in violent crime investigations. FWPD's DNA Unit holds ASCLD/LAB and Texas Department of Safety accreditation and is able to process DNA cases in-house. Having the DNA Unit allows the FWPD to seek additional grant funding and potentially other revenue sources from other agencies.

## ***Vehicle Replacement Equipment Program***

Digital in-car video systems are a critical component of the police department's operational needs. These systems provide evidence of potential criminal activity, limit the civil liabilities of officers, and document officer behavior during interactions with the public. FWPD currently operates in-car video systems in marked police vehicles, including all front-line patrol vehicles, Traffic Division DWI units, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement units, and vehicles assigned to the SRT teams.

The Digital Cameras for Vehicle Replacement program funding is critical for the purchase and replacement of digital video systems and related equipment. The FY23 budget includes continued funding for the phased replacement of in-car video systems, which are bundled together as a safety package with body cameras and Tasers.

## ***Crime Lab Equipment Program***

## ***Facility Requirement Program***

The CCPD assists in supplementing/providing for the facility needs of the Police Department. The FY23 budget includes funding to complete improvements at two Police facilities. This includes infill for a new leased facility and also adding a backup generator Bob Bolen Safety Complex to support continuity of essential City of Fort Worth functions in times of disaster.

## ***High Mileage Vehicle Replacement Program***

The Police Department formulated a vehicle replacement plan that would allow the modernization of the fleet with the goal of no assigned patrol car to have more than 100,000 miles. To maintain this plan, it is necessary to consistently purchase replacement vehicles and move higher-mileage cars to units that have less demanding operational needs. The replacement plan focuses on the front-line patrol vehicles as these are operated around-the-clock with very little downtime.

Another component of this program is the procurement of vehicles for new positions as well as unmarked, undercover, and specialized vehicles as needed for police operations.

## ***Jail Cost Allocation***

The FWPD does not operate a local municipal jail and has contracted with external entities for detention services since 2006. As of January 2018, the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office began taking custody of all persons arrested for felonies, Class A and Class B misdemeanors upon a probable cause determination from a City Magistrate. This procedure change caused a marked difference in the number of prisoners moved directly to TCSO versus being transported to Mansfield.

## ***Mobile Data Computers***

Mobile Data Computer (MDC) technology enables patrol units to connect to law enforcement databases, offering officers instant access to information about the area for which they are assigned to patrol. MDCs are typically rugged-style laptops meant to withstand the constant use and stresses of patrolling the city.

The FY23 budget is based on maintaining and replacing damaged or destroyed systems to ensure operational effectiveness, providing air cards for the MDCs and continuing a phased replacement of MDCs.

## ***Motorcycle Replacement Program***

The Traffic-Motors Division is responsible for traffic enforcement throughout the entire city. The division is also responsible for dignitary escorts, traffic flow, and counter flow for special events. Each motorcycle is assigned to a specific officer, and is set up to meet each officer's specifications, including his/her height and reach in order to correctly fit their motorcycle. The CCPD funding of the Motorcycle Replacement Program allows for proper motorcycle rotations, which should not exceed six years or 60,000 miles. Additionally, this program allows the retention of motorcycles that have exceeded the mileage and are deemed the most reliable. These motorcycles will be retained for use as spares in training and normal operations when a motorcycle is wrecked or in the shop for scheduled maintenance. Approved program funding and the established vehicle rotation schedule will ensure and optimize officer safety, operational costs, and resale value.

## ***Officer Safety Equipment***

The Police Officer Safety Equipment program provides funding for body cameras and body armor. This also funds the storage of data and video images captured with officer body cameras. Videos captured through the body cameras are uploaded to a secure digital evidence storage system, where they can be easily stored, retrieved, and shared. This protects the video evidence from tampering and catalogs each event for easy retrieval and evidence management.

The Police Officer Safety Equipment program also enables the FWPD to purchase and equip officers with a non-lethal electronic control device used to subdue suspects. Tasers, much like other police equipment, have a finite useful life and need to be replaced according to a set schedule. Having fully functional Tasers will reduce the number of officer-incurred injuries, thereby reducing the medical expenses and the liability associated with use-of-force situations. The FY23 budget includes continued funding for the contract for body cameras and Tasers.

## ***Police Radio System***

The City of Fort Worth is in the process of upgrading its public safety radio system used by Police, Fire, and other departments. The current system, installed in 1992, is experiencing reliability, capacity, and coverage area issues directly related to its age and city growth. Current generation infrastructure and radios are fully supported by the manufacturer and has increased emergency capacity using a citywide public works radio system.

The CCPD made a \$5,000,000 payment and financed the residual \$28,686,233. The police radio system balance was financed alongside other non-FWPD radio costs through the City of Fort Worth. Any savings and interest associated with this project will revert to the CCPD upon the closure of the project at a rate of 61 percent of the total balance. The FY23 budget includes the scheduled debt service payment for the radio system.

## ***Technology Infrastructure***

The Technology Infrastructure program is a critical resource for the FWPD, as it provides funding for printers, radios, servers, scanners, technology contracts and software enhancements that support the mission and initiatives of the FWPD. The Technology Infrastructure keeps pace with technological advancements that are key in assisting with intelligence led policing initiatives to reduce crime, as well as support overall departmental operations and strategic plan initiatives.

Due to technological advancements, the Police Department replaces computers based on a three-year life cycle. In conjunction with the city's IT Solutions Department, the FWPD is continuing to implement the Refresh Plan by replacing eligible computers on an annual basis. The FY23 budget includes funding for computer refreshes in addition to technology O&M and approved capital projects.



## ***Adjustments***

This line allows for budgetary adjustments in the CCPD Fund for allocations from the City from Risk Management.