

# Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) FY2025 Program Scope by Initiative & Program

## ENHANCED RESPONSE

### ***Central Bikes Program***

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 Downtown Business District by providing safety measures for First Amendment/Free Speech demonstrations and events held downtown such as the Main Street Arts Festival and downtown holiday festivities. The FY25 budget includes funding for two additional officers.

### ***West Bikes Program***

The West Bikes program provides law enforcement and public safety support to the West 7th Entertainment and Cultural Districts. This area has become a hub for social activity in the City of Fort Worth. The area currently has over 30 bars that attract up to 10,000 patrons in a given night, along with a significant number of large events held at the Dickies Arena. The FY25 budget includes funding for two additional officers in the Stockyards, as well as lease and utility costs

The West Bikes program conducts law enforcement through both high-volume traffic work and increased officer presence through the use of the CCPD Special Operations Funding. This increases public safety by reducing the number of illegal weapons and narcotics coming into the area, as well as providing additional officers to respond to incidents in the immediate area. The team maintains data on weapons and narcotics seized, warrants cleared, and stolen vehicles recovered with the overall goal of reducing Part 1 crimes and violent crime in general.

### ***Mounted Patrol Program***

The Fort Worth Police Department (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 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.

## ***Community Facility Policing Program***

Community Facility Policing provides a safe environment for the public and staff at all City facilities and sponsored programs by having law enforcement present at specific sites and events.

As part of this program Police officers are offered overtime opportunities to work at Park and Recreation Department facilities, sponsored athletic events, and community center recreation programs. Police presence 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.

In FY24, Municipal Courts added a full-time Deputy Marshal to support programs within the City's Libraries. In support of the City's Libraries, the Deputy Marshal assigned to the libraries patrols and monitors the Library properties, responds to emergencies at the libraries, addresses non-emergency disturbances, and enforces city ordinances and state laws.

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

The FWPD works in partnership with area school districts and the Lena Pope aka the Tarrant County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) to provide youth a safe educational environment through the School Resource Unit. The 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. Participating schools reimburse the FWPD 50 percent of the officer personnel and operating costs, and the full cost for supervisory and relief positions. For FY25, the budget includes funding for three additional officers and one sergeant.

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, social media threats, and bullying. 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***

Texas Local Government Code Section 343.014 mandates that municipalities take part in determining the demand for and provision of crossing guards to promote the safe crossing of roadways. By placing crossing guards where necessary, FWPD works with the Transportation and Public Works Department to support Safe Routes to School efforts, ensuring that students have the infrastructure and supportive education to safely

access their elementary and middle schools via walking and biking. The FY25 budget includes funding for contractual increases.

### ***Special Events Emergency Response Program***

Special Events Emergency Response (SEER) team supports planned special events as well as unplanned emergencies by providing support utilizing the National Incident Management System (NIMS). SEER officers, working under the NIMS framework, provide planning, operational, and logistical support. SEER is the clearinghouse for all operational plans provided by different police units during special events; team members use those operational plans to build NIMS compliant incident action plans. SEER officers provide police command as well as the Office of Emergency Management ongoing situational awareness during large scale events.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a team comprised of citizen volunteers who receive standardized training in disaster response skills with the intent of supplementing existing emergency first responders in the event of a major disaster or a planned or unplanned special event. The primary mission of CERT is to assist the local community in being self-sufficient in the aftermath of a major disaster when professional first responders are overwhelmed or unable to respond. CERT's secondary mission is to supplement law enforcement, fire service, emergency medical or other governmental departments when additional staffing is needed for crowd control, traffic control, search operations, special events, and other public safety activities. The CERT coordinator, a police officer, is assigned to the SEER unit. The CERT unit assists the SEER unit, Homeland Security, Officer of Emergency Management as well as outside agencies.

The Special Events Overtime Detail provides the funding to support large operations. There are approximately 200 days of events this Detail supports. During these operations, multiple units are activated to provide security and safety for the public. Units including Traffic, SWAT, PRND (Preventative Radiological and Nuclear Detection), Homeland Security, Electronic Surveillance, CERT as well as any other units and resources needed to accomplish the public safety goal. The program does not include security inside an establishment, however, due to specific terrorism threats, the Detail does provide for some specialized security inside events. Furthermore, this Detail provides for police support for special events without impacting routine police services. Supporting special events through this Detail has a positive economic impact on Fort Worth, increasing sales tax revenues and providing positive publicity for the city.

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

The Stockyards Overtime Detail is a unique initiative that enhances the FWPDs ability to maintain public safety within the Fort Worth Stockyards. Fort Worth's the #1 tourist attraction in Texas draws over 10 million visitors annually. This initiative focuses on promptly responding to calls and ensuring a safer environment for both residents and visitors.

The Stockyards Overtime Detail comprises a team of four officers and one sergeant and

operates primarily on Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons/evenings. These are peak times when attendance and call volumes lead to staffing shortages. By allowing officers to participate in this detail on an overtime basis, the program ensures that normal patrol operations remain uninterrupted. Key responsibilities of the Stockyards Overtime Detail include: addressing public intoxication, preventing and responding to burglary of motor vehicles, managing and investigating assaults, handling parking issues, responding to all calls within the Stockyards area.

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

The Strategic Operations Fund (SOF) enhances the FWPB's capacity to implement intelligence led overtime details focused on taking repeat offenders off the street. 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. The FY25 budget includes grant matches for two TXDOT traffic grants.

### ***Violent Crime Response Program***

In 2019-2021, Fort Worth experienced a surge in violent crime. For this reason, Fort Worth Police developed the #FortWorthSafe initiative and also participated in the City Manager's Interdepartmental Working Group. The goal was to leverage all resources toward solving the problem. This program provides funding for Crime Analysts to leverage the US Department of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) database. This project will increase focus on evidence resulting from shooting crimes. Analysis provided from this database will enable investigators to more effectively trace the use of guns in violent crimes and arrest the persons involved. In FY25, funds were added for capital equipment for Environmental Services to aid in the clean-up of high crime areas.

# NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME PREVENTION

## ***Code Blue Program***

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), 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.

## ***Community Alliance Admin Program***

The Community Alliance Division is home to the Civilian Response Unit, Crisis Intervention Team, and Homeless Outreach Response Enforcement (HOPE) team and the Reserve Officers. Funding in this program covers the oversight of these teams thereby ensuring the success of the CCPD supported programming.

## ***Community Partnership Command Program***

This program provides partial funding for programming and oversight of the Community Partnership Command. The Command includes oversight for other CCPD Programs including CODE Blue, Explorers, Cadets, Clergy, etc. This program funds both the oversight of Command programs and programs such as Community Engagement Unit and Youth Programs (i.e. Fort Worth Police Athletic League and Explorers).

## ***Community Information Program***

The Community Information Program provides 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 Program***

The Civilian Response Unit (CRU) was piloted in FY2021 and 2022 and is now comprised of a team of 22 nonsworn civilians, including two leads, 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 Program***

The Crime Prevention Unit offers detailed crime prevention information and services to the citizens of Fort Worth, with a focus on a citywide reduction 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. Crime Prevention Specialists are the primary recruiters and trainers for the Neighborhood Crime Watch and Business Crime Watch, which is a unique program that differs from Code Blue: Citizens on Patrol. There are opportunities to create child ID cards to aid in missing child situations. Other crime prevention techniques include coordination of yearly health and safety fairs within their respective division, 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.

## ***Graffiti Abatement Program***

Graffiti is an art form, which sometimes can be an unlawful visual expression that entails the unauthorized marking of public spaces by individuals or groups. It can have adverse effects on property values and, when left unaddressed, may serve as a catalyst for further graffiti in the vicinity. The Graffiti Abatement Program, under the stewardship of the Park and Recreation Department, operates in collaboration with the FWPD, Code Compliance, and departments and partnerships to respond to service requests related to graffiti incidents.

Funding for the Graffiti Abatement Program is provided through the CCPD. It offers labor assistance for the removal of graffiti as requested by affected property owners. Moreover, the program places a strong emphasis on community outreach initiatives aimed at preventing graffiti within the community. These initiatives include presentations, community fairs, volunteer projects, and art programs. The program also supplies educational materials that elucidate the impact of graffiti within the community and extends its expertise to assist other cities in the metroplex in preventing graffiti in their neighborhoods. It strives to create a constructive outlet for this art form while promoting legal opportunities for artists to express their creativity.

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

The Neighborhood Patrol Officer (NPO) program provides the FWPD the ability to provide police services to specific neighborhoods and designated geographic areas. The FY25 budget includes funding for two additional NPOs, along with lease and utility costs, plus funding for event food supplies.

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. NPOs are considered the team leaders for their respective beats and are responsible for coordinating crime prevention, deterrence and fighting for all three shifts. NPOs focus on longer term issues on their beat and problem solving using creative and unique solutions in partnership with the community. 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 Program***

The Patrol Support program provides funding for the six Patrol Divisions: Northwest, North, East, South, West, and Central. The CCPD 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 Program***

A variety of department operations are housed in leased police storefronts or small office spaces at low or no 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. The CCPD funds are allocated towards storefront leases, utilities, supplies, and other operating costs.

## ***Domestic Violence Victim Assistance Program***

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. The CCPD funding is continuing 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.



# PARTNERS WITH A SHARED MISSION

## ***Partners with a Shared Mission Admin Program***

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 a panel of experts, 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. FY25 budget includes funding to increase a part time position to full time.

### ***Mission Partners - After School Priority Program Updated***

*(Previously Afterschool, Safe Haven, and Late-Night Programs)*

Studies suggest that adolescents are at a higher risk of being a victim of crime or committing a criminal act on a school day, particularly between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. The CCPD funds several different kinds of programs including traditional and non-traditional afterschool programming for at-risk children and youth.

Traditional afterschool programming is offered at several locations through Fort Worth ISD, Crowley ISD, Keller ISD, White Settlement ISD and United Community Center Bethlehem Center. These programs provide programming that follows the school day and include academic enrichment activities, behavioral programs, social skills, sports, recreation, and community service.

Non-traditional afterschool programming is provided by the Parks and Recreation Department's Late-Night Program and Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County's Martin Branch. Programs include programming at traditional and non-traditional times including afterschool and youth sports with extended hours for older youth and young adults (ages 6-18), academic success, healthy lifestyles, and character/citizenship. Programs provide a safe space for at-risk youth living in high crime areas through enrichment and recreational activities. The programs are operated at the following community centers/locations: Martin Branch, Como, Chisolm Trail, Martin Luther King, Northside, Sycamore, and Worth Heights.

### ***Mission Partners - Victim Services Priority Program Updated***

*(Previously Alliance for Children, Family Justice Center, and Crime Prevention Agency Partnership)*

The CCPD supports a number of non-profit agencies that direct services to victims of crime and in the community in order to support healing and prevent further victimization. This funding supports agencies involved in investigations that involve victims of crimes, programs conducting community advocacy and awareness training, and support for survivors to domestic and sexual violence.

Alliance for Children works with FWPD Crimes Against Children Unit (CACU) in a co-

located space at the Fort Worth Alliance for Children Center. This partnership allows investigators and support professionals to work together in helping victims find healing and justice. Providers include Child Protective Services, the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office, and Alliance for Children. Partners in the program include 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 to 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 funds can be expended on personnel costs (including benefits), supplies, travel/training and occupancy.

One Safe Place provides support to victims of crimes in the three primary focus areas: advocacy, Crime Stopper Call Center and the Family Justice Center Program

- The Advocacy Program provides resources for crime prevention public education materials and training opportunities for law enforcement, social service providers, and citizens.
- Crime Stoppers Call Center receives and disseminates tip information to all 37 municipalities and all 18 school districts in Tarrant County through the operation of an in-house tip call center.
- Family Justice Center programs include a multi-agency task force under one roof, to provide coordinated services to victims of domestic violence and their children.

The CCPD funds may be used on personnel, benefits, and consulting and contracting services necessary to support the program. One Safe Place is also a Support Services Provider and receives funding for the co-location of services.

### ***Mission Partners - Gang Intervention Priority Program Updated*** *(Previously Gang Intervention Program)*

Gang activity has been a significant challenge in Fort Worth since the 1990's when crime was particularly high. Since that time, the CCPD has invested in gang intervention and prevention. These programs are designed to both prevent gang violence but also deter youth from engaging in gang activity.

- The Comin' Up Gang Intervention Program through the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County provides intervention services to gang-involved youth ages of 13 and up. This program helps youth and young adults avoid negative and destructive behaviors. Program staff engage individuals with gang affiliation to achieve conflict resolution, provide information and referral services, and engage crisis intervention to diffuse potentially troubling or violent situations. This program funds 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 CCPD

funds may be used on personnel, benefits, travel/training, supplies, and consulting and contracting services necessary to support the program.

- The VIP Fort Worth program is dedicated to ending retaliatory gun violence in neighborhoods by investing in development, health, and well-being of those involved. VIP FW provides mentoring in order to motivate, inspire, and develop confidence in program participants. VIP FW serves adult participants ages 18 – 24 in Districts 3, 5, and 8. The CCPD funds may be used on personnel, benefits, travel/training, supplies, and consulting and contracting services necessary to support the program.

### ***Emerging Partners Program Updated*** *(Previously Community Based Programs)*

The CCPD Emerging Partners Program offers competitive grants to support various types of crime prevention or intervention programs provided by local, registered non-profit agencies. Funding is provided under three funding categories for agencies of different sizes, experience, and capacity.

- Development Grants focus on strengthening and developing an agency's capability to respond to crime and safety needs. These grants are generally aimed at new and smaller non-profit agencies seeking to improve their capacity to do fundraising, board development, financial management, etc.
- Program Grants are focused on supporting impact on crime prevention with multi-year funding. Funding is provided to agency and programs that have a high likelihood of impact.
- Sustainment Grants provide multi-year match support to agencies that have successfully completed a Program Grant and have the ability to raise additional funding that ensures greater impact of their programming.

Agencies submit proposals to FWPD, outlining the details of their crime prevention programs. Proposals are reviewed by the council-appointed Community Based Programs Advisory Board (CBP Board) which recommends funding to the CCPD Board of Directors. The CCPD funds can be expended according to the guidelines published in a Request for Proposals (RFP) which includes personnel costs (including benefits), travel, supplies, equipment, contracts/consultants and indirect costs.

# 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. This program includes funding to provide wellness training and support for in-service officers. The FY25 budget for this program includes funding for one sergeant for the Wellness Unit.

## ***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.

The CCPD expanded the recruitment team in FY24 in order to increase the number of diverse and qualified recruits that complete the New Officer Training Program.

## ***New 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 up to 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 FY25, there are funds budgeted for four recruit training classes.

# 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 Crime Lab holds ISO 17025 accreditation with ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) and the Texas Forensic Science Commission 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.

## ***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 which allows the City to move higher-mileage vehicles to units that have less demanding operational needs or decommission those high-mileage vehicles. The replacement plan heavily focuses on the front-line patrol vehicles as these are operated around-the-clock with very little downtime.

Additionally, this program includes funding for the procurement of vehicles for new positions as well as unmarked, undercover, and specialized vehicles as needed for police operations. In FY25, this program was expanded to include discrete funds to replace wrecked and totaled vehicles, along with funding for ballistic glass in new marked vehicles.

## ***Jail Cost Allocation Program***

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. In FY25 funds were added for contract increases and EMS services for detainees.

## ***Mobile Data Computers Program***

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 budget is for the purchase of new systems as well as 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***

Motorcycles are assigned to the Police Traffic Division, which 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 ensures and optimizes officer safety, operational costs, and resale value.

## ***Officer Safety Equipment Program***

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 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. 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.

### ***Technology Infrastructure Program***

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 CCPD continues to fund and implement the Refresh Plan by replacing eligible computers on an annual basis. The funds also cover staff to implement and maintain technology, in addition to operating and maintenance and approved capital projects.

## **ADJUSTMENTS**

This line allows for budgetary adjustments in the CCPD Fund for various expenditures from the City including Risk Management and IT allocations. For FY25 this Initiative also includes funding for the anticipated Meet and Confer obligations.