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# Measure A Public Safety Expenditure Plan



## Introduction

The City of Chula Vista is located at the center of one of the richest cultural, economic and environmentally diverse zones in the United States. It is the second-largest city in San Diego County with a population of 277,220. Residents enjoy a multitude of quality of life amenities, including award-winning public schools, established neighborhoods, parks and trails, shopping and dining opportunities, and popular attractions. Chula Vista is one of the top ten safest cities of its size in the country.

Public Safety is a top priority in the City of Chula Vista with 63.5 percent of general fund discretionary revenues allocated to Police and Fire personnel and services (approximately \$91.6 million of \$138.5 million in revenues)<sup>1</sup>. In addition, staff from Administration, Finance, Human Resources, City Attorney and Public Works provide significant support to public safety. Unfortunately, as noted in the City's Long-Term Financial Plan, which is available on the City website at <https://www.chulavistaca.gov/departments/finance/financial-reports>, discretionary revenues are not keeping pace with the need for additional public safety personnel to support the City's current and future population.

## Process for Creation of the Plan

At the June 6, 2017 Council Meeting, the City Manager was directed to "report back to the City Council within 120 days with a plan to address the chronic understaffing of the Police and Fire Departments, with such plan considering all options, including: (i) alternative service models that may improve effectiveness and reduce costs; and (ii) potential funding sources."

The City Manager established an internal working group with staff from Fire, Police, Administration and Finance Departments to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the Police and Fire Departments. To help identify the needs and priorities of our community and to evaluate the state of public safety, the City Manager formed the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) in July 2017. The committee included Chula Vista residents, business owners and community leaders.

Staff reported back to Council on September 26, 2017 with a Public Safety Staffing Report which is available at <https://www.chulavistaca.gov/departments/city-manager/public-safety-staffing>. The report assessed factors affecting public safety, including:

- Community and stakeholder feedback/input on priorities for delivery of public safety services
- Short and long-term staffing level standards for CVPD and CVFD
- Response times for Priority 1 and Priority 2 emergency calls for CVPD
- Response times with properly equipped and staffed fire and medical units for CVFD
- Consideration of alternate public safety service delivery models
- Accounting for growth – 5-year, 10-year and build-out projection models
- Fiscal forecasts and impacts

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<sup>1</sup> Fiscal Year 2026 City of Chula Vista Adopted Budget, General Fund Net Cost

The Public Safety Staffing Report provided the foundation for developing the Public Safety Staffing Strategies report which is available at [www.chulavistaca.gov/publicsafety](http://www.chulavistaca.gov/publicsafety). The Public Safety Staffing Strategies includes:

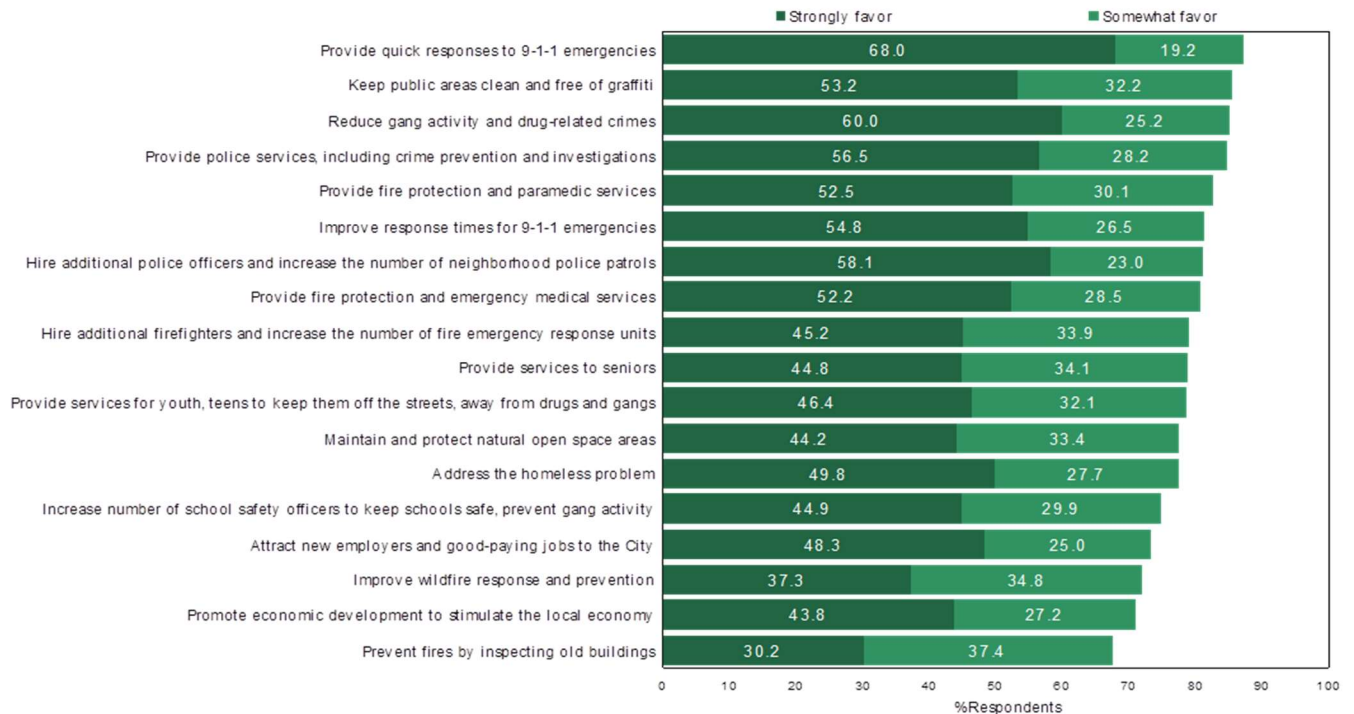
- Recommending staffing allocations for CVPD and CVFD to provide critical public safety services
- Estimated costs for staffing and a phasing schedule
- Assessment of potential funding sources
- Overview of results of public opinion surveys

The City’s Communications staff informed the Chula Vista community about public safety staffing issues in a variety of media including: the Community Connection newsletter, press releases, public and media outreach and social media. Additionally, CVFD and CVPD representatives have attended community meetings and discussed these public safety staffing issues.

At the September 26, 2017 City Council meeting, Council directed the City Manager to conduct a public opinion survey, inform the community about public safety staffing issues presented, and to come back to Council with options to address staffing issues, including revenue options.

In November 2017, the City of Chula Vista engaged a research firm to conduct a public opinion survey to identify the services and projects that residents are most interested in funding and to obtain input on a potential half-cent general sales tax to fund the services.

### Public Opinion on Prioritizing Projects and Programs



At the December 19, 2017 City Council meeting, staff presented the Public Safety Staffing Strategies report. This report outlined staffing proposals for the Police and Fire Department that addressed critical needs. The departments evaluated their operations and identified the gaps in not only service levels, but also in the customer service experience for residents and businesses.

At the February 13, 2018 City Council meeting, the City Council accepted the recommendations of the Public Safety Advisory Committee to adopt the Intended Public Safety Expenditure Plan (“Expenditure Plan”). In addition, the City Council approved the first reading of an Ordinance adding Chapter 3.34 to Title 3 of the Chula Vista Municipal Code to establish a one-half cent General Transactions and Use Tax and calling for a general Municipal election to be held on June 5, 2018.

At the February 27, 2018 City Council meeting, the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 3415 of the City of Chula Vista adding Chapter 3.34 to Title 3 of the Chula Vista Municipal Code to establish a one-half cent General Transactions and Use Tax to be administered by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration including provisions for Citizens’ Oversight and Accountability.

On June 5, 2018, the People of the City of Chula Vista approved Measure A authorizing a one-half cent sales tax on retail sales within the City.

On October 1, 2018, the collection of the Measure A sales tax began.

### **Citizens’ Oversight Committee**

As required by the City of Chula Vista Municipal Code the Measure A Citizens’ Oversight Committee (“COC”) was created and held its first meeting on September 26, 2018. The COC is composed of 11 members. The function of the COC is to review and report on City compliance with the terms of the Municipal Code and the spending guidelines contained in the City Council approved Intended Public Safety Expenditure Plan, and each Measure A Expenditure Plan presented to and approved by the City Council thereafter. Additional information related to the Measure A COC can be found at <https://www.chulavistaca.gov/departments/city-clerk/boards-commissions/boards-commissions-list/citizens-oversight-committee-measure-a>.

### **Amendments to the Public Safety Expenditure Plan**

On October 30, 2018, City staff presented to the Citizens’ Oversight Committee (“COC”) an amended Measure A Intended Public Safety Expenditure Plan. The amended plan includes updated sales tax revenue assumptions, staffing changes for both the Fire and Police Departments, and updated expenditure assumptions. The COC voted unanimously to support the amended Measure A Intended Public Safety Expenditure Plan.

On December 18, 2018, the City Council adopted the amended Measure A Intended Public Safety Expenditure Plan, amended the FY 2019 Budget, and authorized the addition of new positions that were funded by the Measure A Sales Tax.

On June 4, 2019, the City Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2020 Proposed Budget that established the Measure A appropriations and adding authorized staffing of various City departments.

On June 18, 2019, the City Council approved a resolution amending the Measure A Public Safety Expenditure Plan (PSEP); updating Measure A sales tax revenue assumptions; staffing changes for both the Police and Fire departments, and updated expenditures.

On July 11, 2019, the Measure A COC voted to support amendments to the Public Safety Expenditure Plan to add two Digital Forensics Technician II positions to meet the Police Department's need to collect, handle, process, and analyze digital evidence for police investigations and for criminal prosecutions.

On December 3, 2019, the City Council approved resolutions amending the Measure A Public Safety Expenditure Plan; and amending the Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget; and adding authorized staffing to the Police and Fire Departments.

On December 12, 2019, the Measure A COC voted to support amendments to the Public Safety Expenditure Plan to add one Police Agent and three Peace Officer positions to meet the Police Department's need to combat illegal cannabis operations. On January 14, 2020, the City Council approved a resolution amending the Measure A Public Safety Expenditure Plan to add one Police Agent and three Peace Officer positions.

On May 14, 2020, the Measure A COC determined compliance of the Public Safety Expenditure Plan with Measure A requirements and recommended City Council approval and incorporation of the proposed FY 2021 Measure A spending plan into the City's FY 2021 budget.

On June 9, 2020, the City Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2021 Proposed Budget that established the Measure A appropriations and added authorized staffing of various City departments.

On August 13, 2020, the Measure A COC voted to support amendments to the Public Safety Expenditure Plan to move up the hiring of six Peace Officers to FY 2021 as a result of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant funding. On August 25, 2020, the City Council approved a resolution amending the Measure A Public Safety Expenditure Plan to move up the hiring of six Peace Officers to FY 2021.

On October 8, 2020, the Measure A COC voted to support amendments to the Public Safety Expenditure Plan to add one Public Information Specialist and one Information Technology Technician. On October 20, 2020, the City Council approved a resolution amending the Measure A Public Safety Expenditure Plan to add those two positions to the Police Department.

On February 11, 2021, the Measure A COC voted to support amendments to the Public Safety Expenditure Plan to add one Operations Support Captain and three Firefighter/EMT positions to Fire Station 9, along with one Police Lieutenant, one Police Sergeant and three Peace Officers to support Police Department Community Relations and drone operations. On March 2, 2021, the City Council approved a resolution amending the Measure A Public Safety Expenditure Plan to add one Police Lieutenant, one Police Sergeant and three Peace Officers. On March 16, 2021, the City Council approved a resolution amending the

Measure A Public Safety Expenditure Plan to add one Operations Support Captain and three Firefighter/EMT positions to Engine 59.

On April 8, 2021, the Measure A COC determined compliance of the Public Safety Expenditure Plan with Measure A requirements and recommended City Council approval and incorporation of the proposed FY 2022 Measure A spending plan into the City's FY 2022 budget.

On October 14, 2021, the Measure A COC voted to support amendments to the Public Safety Expenditure Plan to add one Police Captain, one Equipment Mechanic, one Forensics Specialist, 3 Property & Evidence Specialists, one Property & Evidence Supervisor and 3 Senior Police Records Specialists. On November 9, 2021, the City Council approved a resolution to add these 10 positions to the Measure A Public Safety Expenditure Plan.

On April 14, 2022, the Measure A COC voted to support amendments to the Public Safety Expenditure Plan to fund five police vehicles and emerging technology, equipment and services for the fire department. Also on April 14, 2022, the Measure A COC determined compliance of the Public Safety Expenditure Plan with Measure A requirements and recommended City Council approval and incorporation of the proposed FY 2023 Measure A spending plan into the City's FY 2023 budget.

On July 14, 2022, the Measure A COC voted to support amendments to the Public Safety Expenditure Plan to add 4 Fire Captains, 2 Fire Engineers, 3 Firefighter Paramedics, one Senior Application Support Specialist and one Inventory Control Specialist. On August 9, 2022, the City Council approved a resolution to add these positions to the Measure A Public Safety Expenditure Plan.

On October 13, 2022, the Measure A COC voted to support amendments to the Public Safety Expenditure Plan to add two Community Services Officers, 20 hourly Community Services Officers and supplies and services for Measure-A funded positions. On November 8, 2022, the City Council approved a resolution for these amendments to the Measure A Public Safety Expenditure Plan.

On January 12, 2023, the Measure A COC voted to support amendments to the Public Safety Expenditure Plan to fund police vehicles, Drone As First Responder operations and counseling services for the Police Department. On March 7, 2023, the City Council approved a resolution for these amendments to the Measure A Public Safety Expenditure Plan.

On April 13, 2023, the Measure A COC voted to support amendments to the Public Safety Expenditure Plan to initiate a Chula Vista Fuels Reduction/Mitigation Crew and funding for consultant(s) to conduct Fire Department Planning. Also on April 13, 2023, the Measure A COC determined compliance of the Public Safety Expenditure Plan with Measure A requirements and recommended City Council approval and incorporation of the proposed FY 2024 Measure A spending plan into the City's FY 2024 budget.

On July 13, 2023, the Measure A COC voted to support amendments to the Public Safety Expenditure Plan to re-classify two Police Agents to two Police Sergeants and restore original language for Multi-Purpose Store Front and Public Safety Training Center. On July 25, 2023, the City Council approved a resolution to re-classify these two positions to the Measure A Public Safety Expenditure Plan.

On October 12, 2023, the Measure A COC voted to support amendments to the Public Safety Expenditure Plan by adding six Firefighter Paramedic positions to deploy a 24-hour squad for the Fire Department. On November 8, 2023, the City Council approved a resolution for these amendments to the Measure A Public Safety Expenditure Plan.

On January 11, 2024, the Measure A COC voted to support amendments to the Public Safety Expenditure Plan to fund drone costs and a Police Officer recruiting campaign for the Police Department, along with funding for technology, grant match, Fuels Crew equipment, reserve fire engines, recruitment/REMS and equipment mechanic for the Fire Department. On February 13, 2024, the City Council approved a resolution for the Police Department amendments to the Measure A Public Safety Expenditure Plan. On February 13, 2024, the City Council approved a resolution for the Fire Department amendments to the Measure A Public Safety Expenditure Plan.

On April 22, 2024, the Measure A COC confirmed the use of Fire Department Measure A fund balance to acquire property and develop a purpose-built training facility that is in compliance with the provisions of Measure A. Also on April 22, 2024, the Measure A COC determined compliance of the Public Safety Expenditure Plan with Measure A requirements and recommended City Council approval and incorporation of the proposed FY 2025 Measure A spending plan into the City's FY 2025 budget.

On July 11, 2024, the Measure A COC supported amendments to the Public Safety Expenditure Plan to include the Fire Training Facility CIP (Capital Improvement Project).

On January 9, 2025, the Measure A COC voted to support amendments to the Public Safety Expenditure Plan to add one Police Captain, six Peace Officers, continue hourly Community Services Officers, fund overtime, and purchase equipment storage lockers and vehicles. On February 4, 2025, the City Council approved a resolution for the Police Department amendments to the Measure A Public Safety Expenditure Plan.

On February 27, 2025, the Measure A COC held a special meeting and voted to support amendments to the Public Safety Expenditure Plan to add nine Firefighters, increase overtime and increase Training Center Capital Improvement Project (CIP). On March 4, 2025, the City Council approved a resolution for the Fire Department amendments to the Measure A Public Safety Expenditure Plan.

On April 10, 2025, the Measure A COC determined compliance of the Public Safety Expenditure Plan with Measure A requirements and recommended City Council approval and incorporation of the proposed FY 2026 Measure A spending plan into the City's FY 2026 budget.

On July 10, 2025, the Measure A COC supported amendments to the Public Safety Expenditure Plan to establish a general hourly personnel budget instead of specific hourly positions for the Police Department and funding for grant match to acquire remote-controlled masticator and utility truck for the Fire Department.

On August 26, 2025, the Measure A COC held a special meeting to provide notice of Measure A funds as an interfund loan to the PFDIF and GF CIP Fund in order to build temporary Fire Station 12 and confirm no fiscal impact to the Measure A Fund.

On October 9, 2025, the Measure A COC supported funding for vehicles and equipment for the fuels crew and the addition of one equipment mechanic to the Fire Department's Measure A spending plan.

On January 8, 2026, the Measure A COC supported amendments to the Public Safety Expenditure Plan to add 15 Peace Officers. On January 20, 2026, the City Council approved a resolution allocating 15 Peace Officers to the Measure A Sales Tax Fund.

On January 15, 2026, the Measure A COC held a special meeting to confirm the reallocation of Measure A funding from Fire Department training funds for a grant match for wellness activities is in compliance with the Measure A spending plan.

### **Police Department Critical Needs – February 2018 (original plan)**

As of February 2018, when the original Intended Public Safety Expenditure Plan was presented to the City Council, the Chula Vista Police Department was composed of over 300 authorized fulltime employees, including 232 sworn officers, 91 professional staff and over 80 volunteers who worked tirelessly to provide public safety services to the second largest city in San Diego County. CVPD general fund allocations were at 32%, below the regional average for law enforcement agencies. CVPD had the lowest sworn staffing to population ratio in the County and the second lowest staffing ratio in California for comparably sized cities. Furthermore, CVPD's staffing ratio was significantly lower than a decade ago when the Department was authorized 259 sworn officers and 114 professional staff.

Despite such challenges, Chula Vista was fortunate to have a relatively low crime rate and it was consistently recognized as one of the safest cities of its size in the country. Unfortunately, staffing challenges, combined with Chula Vista's growth, strained CVPD's ability to continue to provide the high level of public safety service to which the residents of Chula Vista were accustomed. After extensive review, CVPD staff recommended substantial increases in sworn and civilian staff to raise CVPD's staffing to the appropriate level to meet the current and projected future service demands of Chula Vista. The Public Safety Staffing report presented to City Council on September 26, 2017, explored the history of CVPD's staffing challenges and made recommendations to restore CVPD staffing to levels more in line with those of regional law enforcement agencies. The following is a summary of the immediate staffing needs as identified by the Police Department.

**Police Department Critical Needs (Phases I and II)**

POSITIONS	PHASE I	PHASE II	TOTAL
PEACE OFFICERS	16.0	11.0	27.0
POLICE AGENTS	8.0	2.0	10.0
POLICE SERGEANTS	5.0	1.0	6.0
<b>TOTAL SWORN</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>43.0</b>
CIVILIAN BACKGROUN INVESTIGATOR	2.0	-	2.0
COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICER	2.0	1.0	3.0
DETENTION FACILITIES MANAGER	1.0	-	1.0
POLICE COMM SYSTEMS MANAGER	1.0	-	1.0
POLICE DISPATCHER	7.0	4.0	11.0
SR. POLICE TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST	1.0	-	1.0
<b>TOTAL NON-SWORN</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>19.0</b>
<b>TOTAL POLICE FTE POSITIONS</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>62.0</b>

*Note: In addition to the positions listed above, the intended spending plan allocates resources to support staff reimbursements, vehicles and IT equipment needs.*

**Police Officers – 43 positions**

Uniformed Community Patrol Officers (24 positions) Uniformed patrol responds to calls for service, deters crime and conducts proactive policing to address traffic and quality of life issues. These are among the primary missions of any municipal police agency. It is critical to maintain adequate staffing throughout the City, 7 days a week and 365 days a year. The addition of 24 officers would provide more than a 30 percent increase in the number of officers on the street at any time, and would double the number of officers in the fast-growing/developing areas of the City.

Despite personnel transfers to Community Patrol from other CVPD divisions, first-line patrol operations are falling short of historical performance standards and outcomes. As discussed in the Public Safety Staffing Report, Community Patrol is consistently unable to meet Priority 1 and 2 GMOC response times. Priority 3 and Priority 4 call response times also have increased dramatically, further increasing wait times for citizens reporting crimes or calling for police service.

Additionally, other markers of Community Patrol effectiveness indicate a decline in operational capacity.

Notable areas of performance concern 2008-2016

- 53% decline in officer initiated calls for service
- 41% decline in felony arrests
- 26% decline in misdemeanor arrests
- 49% decline in traffic citations
- 28% increase in traffic related deaths and injuries
- 10% increase in traffic collisions
- 51% decline in parking citations

These statistics are indicative of a reactive patrol stance rather than one which is proactive and service oriented. The primary factor for such reductions likely are officer workloads and lack of proactive time to address community problems other than priority calls.

It is also worth noting that police work has changed and cases and workloads are more complex than ever. This means patrol officers must consider many more factors as they go about their work. Oftentimes this results in a substantially increased workload. For example, the District Attorney's Office has enhanced case issuance guidelines which often requires more time for initial field investigations and subsequent follow-up work by detectives.

Other factors, like Body Worn Cameras have many benefits but they extend the report writing process by requiring officers to review video footage to ensure report accuracy. Also, social media use, almost non-existent a decade ago, has exploded and adds to case complexity and investigative time. To complicate matters, the public's use of smart phones and other electronic devices requires extra time, training, sophistication and expertise to thoroughly investigate cases. For example, search warrants are often required when phones are seized and cases with multiple suspects may require extensive downloads and searches of several phones and electronic devices to build a prosecutable case.

Homeless Outreach Team (4 positions) CVPD is also challenged by increasing calls for service regarding homelessness which require more time and resources. Issues surrounding homelessness became so serious that in the Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget, the City Council approved funding to add two officers and a part-time coordinator position to form the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT). While the Department's HOT team has done great work, two officers cannot make a large enough impact on this difficult social and public safety challenge which requires constant monitoring and attention.

Patrol officers respond to the majority of calls related to homelessness. These cases are not simple and often involve interconnected social dynamics, substance abuse and mental health problems. A humanitarian policing response is complex and time consuming. Homeless outreach involves close collaboration with social service providers to provide wraparound services and enforcement to address the chronically homeless. Again, such coordination is a lengthy process. By adding four more officers to the HOT team, the police department can better address issues that impact every neighborhood in the City.

Traffic Enforcement Officers (4 positions) Traffic Enforcement Officers coordinate traffic safety campaigns, conduct specialized enforcement, follow-up on hit and run investigations, enforce DUI laws, address illegally parked cars and abandoned vehicles, and investigate serious and fatal traffic collisions. Current staffing prevents the Police Department from dedicating officers to investigate hit and run collisions, and traffic safety continues to be a growing concern in a rapidly growing city. By adding more Traffic Enforcement Officers, the Police Department can address this urgent community need.

School Resource Officers (4 positions) The safety of our schools is another crucial priority for our community. Since 2007, the number of School Resource Officers (SRO) has been cut in half. An increase in the number of SRO Officers is critical for the continued safety of our 65 schools and 57,000 students.

The SRO Unit is part of the Criminal Investigations Division. Contracts with Chula Vista Elementary School District and Sweetwater Union High School District offset almost 50% of the cost of these services with the remainder covered by the City.

Investigations/Detectives (7 positions) The Police Department's Investigation Division conducts follow-up and investigations to identify and arrest criminals, locate missing persons, monitor sex offenders, locate and return stolen property, regulate police controlled businesses such as alcohol, tobacco, and illegal marijuana, and coordinate with federal agencies in areas related to drug enforcement, child abuse, human trafficking, auto theft, and terrorism. Since 2007, the number of detectives in many investigation units has been cut in half. Increasing the number of detectives is important to enhancing the police department's ability to investigate and prosecute criminal offenders.

#### **Support/Professional/Civilian Staffing (19 positions)**

9-1-1 Operators and Dispatchers (11 positions) The Police Department's 9-1-1 Center is the first point of contact for service delivery for virtually all police and fire services. All 9-1-1 calls go first to the Communications Center before being routed as emergency calls to Chula Vista Police Dispatchers or San Diego Fire Department Dispatch (contracted Dispatch for Chula Vista Fire). As of September 2018, CVPD had 21 Police Dispatchers and 5 Police Dispatch Supervisors. The Association of Public Safety Communication Officials (APCO) standards indicate that CVPD should be staffed with a minimum of 30 Police Dispatchers, not including supervisors, based upon call volumes. Increasing staffing in this crucial area helps to ensure public safety by improving answer times and by meeting minimum staffing requirements as recommended by APCO standards.

Other Critical Support Staffing Needs (8 positions) Police operations require significant support from civilian and professional staff. These important members of the Police Department include customer service staff for the Department's public service counter, community service and police service officers, crime lab and evidence technicians, police report and records specialists, and technology specialists. A moderate increase in professional staff is necessary to support additional capabilities made possible through additional resources and capacity, and to meet the expectations of today's modern policing requirements.

#### **Amended Police Department Critical Needs (Phase I) – April 2026 (current plan)**

The original Public Safety Expenditure Plan (PSEP), adopted by the City Council on February 13, 2018 was developed under the assumption that new sales tax revenue in the amount of \$9M per year would be dedicated to Police Department staffing and related support. As a result, the original PSEP proposed adding 29 sworn and 14 civilian positions over a five-year period as referenced above. But, after recognizing that the demands from our community and the needs of the Police Department were constantly in a state of flux, and that projected revenue from the Measure A sales tax would likely change, the Police Department embarked on an ongoing review of the staffing plan. The Police Department also facilitated a number of informal meetings and discussions with internal personnel, and with internal and external stakeholders and organizations, to seek further input on the PSEP.

As a result of this work, a modified version of the plan was developed and is presented herein. The amended PSEP reflects the addition of 63 sworn and 27 civilian full-time positions over an eight-year period.

**Police Department Phase I - Implementation by Fiscal Year**

POSITION	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	Total
POLICE CAPTAIN				1.0			1.0		2.0
POLICE LIEUTENANT			1.0						1.0
POLICE SERGEANT		3.0	3.0	1.0		2.0			9.0
POLICE AGENT	1.0	2.0	3.0	2.0		(2.0)			6.0
PEACE OFFICER	4.0	6.0	14.0				6.0	15.0	45.0
<b>SWORN TOTAL</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>63.0</b>
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CIVILIAN BACKGROUND INVESTIGATOR	1.0								1.0
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER MANAGER		1.0							1.0
COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER		2.0			2.0				4.0
DIGITAL FORENSICS ANALYST		2.0							2.0
FORENSICS SPECIALIST				1.0					1.0
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TECHNICIAN			1.0						1.0
POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS SPECIALIST								1.0	1.0
POLICE DISPATCHER	2.0	5.0							7.0
POLICE TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST	1.0								1.0
PROPERTY & EVIDENCE SPECIALIST				3.0					3.0
PROPERTY & EVIDENCE SUPERVISOR				1.0					1.0
PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST			1.0				(1.0)		0.0
SR. POLICE RECORDS SPECIALIST				3.0					3.0
SR. PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST							1.0		1.0
<b>CIVILIAN TOTAL</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>27.0</b>
<b>FTE TOTAL</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>90.0</b>

*Note: Part-time hourly positions are not reflected in the chart.*

This amended plan is different than the original PSEP, and has been approved by both the COC and City Council. These differences are detailed below:

- Police Captain:** As the Police Department has grown in size and complexity, the current configuration of a Chief of Police and four division managers (3 Captains & 1 Admin Services Manager) is increasingly unwieldy. The Department has become a national leader in police innovation and 21st Century Policing, which is a significant advantage for the agency as it meets the challenges of the future. At the same time, CVPD’s innovations draw management and executive staff time and energy in a number of directions external to the management of the organization. A fourth Police Captain was added in FY22 to provide for the adequate span of control for the Department, given that 56 positions have been added to the Department through Measure A funding, and to allow the department to consolidate management and oversight of some crucial operational areas that are currently handled as collateral duties. In FY23, one Police Captain was re-classified to Assistant Chief of Police. A fourth Police Captain was added in FY25

for more effective management of current needs while preparing the department for future growth and challenges.

- **Police Lieutenant:** To address the evolving needs of the community and the growing police organization drone program, one Police Lieutenant intended for the day-to-day management of strategic operations such as DFR, continuous improvement, special projects and other adjutant responsibilities was added in FY21.
- **Police Sergeant:** With the expansion of additional locations, hours of operations, and additional Pilots In Command, one Police Sergeant overseeing daily DFR operations was added in FY21. Two Patrol Agent positions were reclassified in FY24 to one Patrol Sergeant and one School Resource Officer Sergeant.
- **Police Agent:** To address the growing impact of illegal and unregulated cannabis sales, one Homeless Outreach Agent was added in FY20 to primarily focus on outreach combating drug impacts within the homeless population.
- **Peace Officer:** Also related to cannabis enforcement, three officer positions were added in FY20. One investigator is focused on illegal and non-regulated cannabis operations, one homeless outreach officer is focused on outreach combating drug impacts within the homeless population, and one School Resource Officer is focused on scholastic campaigns and youth anti-drug education efforts. Additionally, two Patrol Officers were added (one in FY22 and another in FY23) as a result of eliminating one Civilian Background Investigator and one Detention Facility Manager from the original PSEP. The addition of two Peace Officer positions supplements future field staffing, helping to increase safety and improve response times. As a result of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant funding, the hiring of six Peace Officers was moved up to FY21 (five from FY 22 and one from FY23). Two DFR Officers and one Community Relations Officer were added in FY21 as a result of anticipated sales tax revenue increases. In FY25, six Patrol Officers were added as a result of projected growth of the City, particularly with the development of the Gaylord Pacific Resort and Convention Center. In FY26, twelve Patrol Officers and three School Resource Officers were allocated to the Measure A Sales Tax Fund since they were positions authorized subsequent to the passage of Measure A.
- **Civilian Background Investigator (-1):** After receiving input from department members and other stakeholders, the Police Department is deleting one Civilian Background Investigator from the plan. The deletion of this position allows the department to enhance other critical needs, including the need to increase field personnel to improve response times. To meet the projected increase in background investigations, the Police Department instead intends to complement full-time investigators with contracted support. Contracted support will be used until such time that sworn patrol staffing allows for the transfer of one peace officer position to support background needs. The temporary use of a peace officer position to assist with background investigations allows for greater flexibility in the future – as the number of background investigations decreases, a peace officer position (unlike a Civilian Background Investigator) may be reassigned elsewhere within the department to meet changing demands.
- **Community Services Officer:** Expedite the hiring of 2.0 Community Service Officers (CSO) to FY20 instead of hiring one position in FY21 and the other in FY22, respectively. The Police Department

intends to assign both CSO positions to support sworn detectives to provide much needed support to police investigations. In FY23, add 2 full-time CSOs and 20 part-time hourly CSOs to handle calls for service that do not require the presence of an armed police officer, resulting in a significant reduction of response times to Priority 4 and Priority 5 calls.

- **Detention Facility Manager (-1):** After receiving input from department members and other stakeholders, the Police Department has deleted one Detention Facility Manager from the plan. While this position is important to overall department operations, the deletion of this position helps the department better align projected Measure A resources to enhance other critical needs, such as improving field staffing and reducing response times. The Police Department was able to add this position through the Jail Enterprise Fund in September 2019.
- **Digital Forensics Analyst:** Add 2.0 Digital Forensics Analyst positions in FY20 to meet the Police Department's need to collect, handle, process and analyze digital evidence for police investigations and for criminal prosecutions. As a result of adding these positions, the Police Department is able to free existing customer-facing staff, including a Police Agent detective and a Community Service Officer, that have been temporarily assigned to meet this role since FY16.
- **Forensics Specialist:** After an analysis of operations relating to evidence control and laboratory processing identified significant areas in need of improvement, a Forensics Specialist was added in FY22 to meet ATF Minimum Required Operating Standards (MROS) for processing of firearm evidence, to provide operational continuity for the pre-existing 2.0 Forensics Specialists when responding to crime scene investigations, to add structural integrity to the laboratory program, and to provide the Police Department with new capabilities necessary to help reduce gun violence in our City.
- **Information Technology Technician:** To address daily traditional office productivity and IT operations, one Information Technology Technician was added in FY21.
- **Police Communications Center Manager:** Move up the hiring date of this position to FY20 instead of FY22, allowing enough time to complete several ongoing major projects including an expansion of the current dispatch center to meet future staffing needs.
- **Police Community Relations Specialist:** The Police Community Relations Specialist plays an invaluable role serving as the Department's community liaison. As the City continues to grow, the Police Department intends to enhance community outreach efforts and foster stronger community relationships. Since this position is partially funded by Justice Assistance Grant, the remaining personnel costs are picked up by Measure A Sales Tax Fund, as approved by City Council during the FY26 budget process.
- **Police Dispatcher:** Expedite the hiring of 2.0 Police Dispatchers from FY21 to FY20. The Police Department requested to hire these two positions in January 2020, instead of July 2020 as initially planned. Moving up the hire date by six months will allow the Police Department to meet service needs in the Dispatch Center, which was expanded in October 2019.
- **Police Technology Specialist (correction):** The original PSEP contained a typographical error, making it appear that the Police Technology Specialist position was not scheduled until FY2019-20. This was in conflict with the Police Department's intentions and with other sections of the

PSEP itself. The Department has modified the final plan to correct the error and to indicate that this position is scheduled for FY2018-19 (rather than FY2019-20).

- **Property & Evidence Specialists (3):** After an analysis of operations relating to evidence control and laboratory processing identified significant areas in need of improvement, (3) Property & Evidence Specialists were added in FY22 to assist the Evidence Control Unit's pre-existing 2 full-time and part-time hourly positions. Together, these positions are responsible for the processing and maintenance of more than 40,000 evidence transactions per year.
- **Property & Evidence Supervisor:** After an analysis of operations relating to evidence control and laboratory processing identified significant areas in need of improvement, a Property & Evidence Supervisor was added in FY22 to supervise the Evidence Control Unit's pre-existing two full-time and part-time hourly positions. Together, these positions are responsible for the processing and maintenance of more than 40,000 evidence transactions per year.
- **Senior Police Records Specialists (3):** The administrative support needs for the Police Support Services (PSS) unit have grown significantly while staffing in the unit has remained the same since it lost positions in 2007 due to the recession. The PSS unit reviews and validates over 16,000 reports from the department's record management system, over 1,500 supplemental officer reports, and over 500 vehicle impound reports each year. In FY22, (3) Sr Police Records Specialists were added to address the increased workload, complexity of technical systems/processes and legislative mandates.
- **Senior Public Information Specialist:** One Public Information Specialist was added in FY21 to work under the direction of the existing collateral PIO personnel, allowing the department to expand and enhance transparency and engagement strategies within the modern landscape of digital media, maintain the crucial involvement of sworn staff to put police matters into proper context, and free some workload from sworn staff so that they can focus more on their primary crime fighting responsibilities. In FY25, this position was reclassified from Public Information Specialist to Sr. Public Information Specialist.
- **Equipment Mechanic:** With the approval of Measure A, the Police and Fire departments have added staff and associated vehicles and equipment. This in turn has resulted in increased workload for the City's Fleet Maintenance staff. In FY22, an Equipment Mechanic was added to allow for improved service delivery for public safety vehicles as preventative maintenance and repairs to be addressed in a timelier manner. Half (0.5 FTE) of a full-time position was funded by the Police Department, and the other half was funded by the Fire Department. The position was budgeted in the Central Garage Fund.

The Police Department recognizes that current community demands, safety strategies, and staffing needs will likely change in the future. The Police Department also recognizes that revenues and expenses used to calculate current allocation plans may change in the future. As a result, this plan is intended to be a "living document". Future recommendations may change.

## Desired Police Department Safety Outcomes

CVPD staff understand the fiscal outlook and limitations of the City and acknowledge the negative consequences of not being transparent with policymakers regarding the current state of CVPD's operational capacity. But, it is imperative that the City recognizes the challenges to providing public safety services to meet Chula Vista's needs, especially with limited funding to keep pace with growth.

The top ten desired public safety service outcomes:

1. Improve Priority 1 and Priority 2 response times to consistently meet and surpass Growth Management Oversight Commission
  - Priority 1 – Emergency Calls<sup>2</sup>. Properly equipped and staffed police units shall respond to at least 81% of Priority 1 calls within 7 minutes and 30 seconds and shall maintain an average response time of 6 minutes or less for all Priority 1 calls (measured annually).
  - Priority 2 – Urgent Calls<sup>3</sup>. Properly equipped and staffed police units shall respond to all Priority 2 calls within 12 minutes or less (measured annually).
2. Expand the Homeless Outreach Team to help address the City's most pressing social needs
3. Improve Community Patrol staffing to provide for 40% pro-active time. This will result in an organization that is pro-active vs. reactive to crime and disorder trends
4. Improve Communications Center staffing and operations to improve first-line contact and service processing with the public
5. Improve Investigative capacity and follow-up in all major investigative units to maximize successful case resolution and provide better customer service to victims
6. Improve the Traffic Division's operational footprint to proactively respond to traffic related problems and reduce traffic related deaths and injuries

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<sup>2</sup> Priority 1 – Emergency Calls are life-threatening calls; felony in progress; probability of injury (crime or accident); robbery or panic alarms; urgent cover calls from officers. Response: Immediate response by two officers from any source or assignment, immediate response by paramedics/fire if injuries are believed to have occurred.

<sup>3</sup> Priority 2 – Urgent Calls are misdemeanor in progress; possibility of injury; serious non-routine calls (domestic violence or other disturbances with potential for violence). Response: Immediate response by one or more officers from clear units or those on interruptible activities (traffic, field interviews, etc.)

7. Significantly expand the School Resource Officer Unit to more adequately serve the needs of growing school districts and the youth population of Chula Vista<sup>4</sup>
8. Expand use of technology to streamline operations and support intelligence led policing practices
9. Expand the Department's Community Policing Unit and community outreach efforts to foster stronger community ties
10. Provide for the expansion of services to the eastern section of the City by staffing a storefront or small substation with full-time staff during regular business hours. A similar storefront would be planned for the Bayfront tourist district to support a reconstituted bike team to patrol the tourist district

## Fire Department Critical Needs

The mission of the Chula Vista Fire Department (CVFD) is to protect life, environment and property. Carrying out that mission is very complex and becomes more complex with each passing year. The Public Safety Staffing Report, as presented to the City Council on September 26, 2017, evaluated CVFD's core capabilities and services and compared them against outcome-based performance metrics that are supported by appropriate regulations, industry standards and best practices.

As the City's population grows, there will be a subsequent increase in demand for fire and emergency services (call volume). Urban planning has and continues to move toward higher housing densities and it is critical for the Fire Department to support the additional population, as well as prepare for wildland fire events, natural disasters, and the present threat of active shooter incidents and terrorism. The variety of service demands will require a shift in how the Fire Department deploys and delivers services, with the outcome focused on protecting life and property.

The following includes a summary of the staffing needs as identified by the Fire Department. A more detailed discussion is available in the Public Safety Staffing report.

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<sup>4</sup> During FY2020-21, discussions with school districts suggested some potential concerns over the size and role of the School Resource Officer Unit in context with a larger dialogue about the role of police officers in our communities and in our schools. During the same period, the relative amount of reimbursement from the Sweetwater Union School District declined causing a reduction in dedicated School Resource Officers provided to the district. The Police Department understands that community perception may change along with expectations of Chula Vista's school districts. The Police Department is dedicated to enhancing safety and services to Chula Vista's schools and youth populations, but will continue to listen to the needs of the district. As a result, the Police Department may seek alternative means of enhancing safety for our schools and youth populations without unnecessarily expanding the number of school resource officers when such action is not consistent with the desires of our school districts or our community.



**Fire Department Amended Phase I/II Public Safety Expenditure Plan**

<b>FTE BALANCE:</b>	<b>FY19</b>	<b>FY20</b>	<b>FY21</b>	<b>FY22</b>	<b>FY23</b>	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>Total</b>
Deputy Fire Chief	2			(1)					1
Fire Captain – Ops Support			1						1
Fire Captain – Public Education & Media Svcs	1								1
Fire Captain – Squads	2	2	(4)						-
Firefighter/Paramedic – Squads	2	2	(4)			6			6
Firefighter EMT (4.0 Staffing)	12	3	9	3		3	12	3	45
Fire Captain – 80 Hour					2	2			4
Fire Engineer					2				2
Firefighter/Paramedic – 80 Hour					3				3
Senior Application Specialist					1				1
Fire Inventory Control Specialist					1				1
Equipment Mechanic*						1		1	2
<b>TOTAL FIRE PERSONNEL (AMENDED)</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>67</b>
The above chart does not include four squad positions filled utilizing overtime and 12 Fuels Crew positions utilizing overtime and hourly personnel.									
<b>ORIGINAL PSEP TOTAL FIRE PERSONNEL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>						<b>36</b>

\*Equipment Mechanics funded via Transfer Out to the Central Garage Fund.

This plan is different than the original PSEP as approved by both the COC and City Council in January 2018. Differences are described in the above table and are detailed below.

In March 2019, the Fire Department applied for a FEMA SAFER Grant, and as a result, 3.0 Firefighters in the Measure A Spending Plan were removed pending the outcome of the potential grant award. In September 2019, FEMA announced to the city acceptance of the grant proposal and funding of the grant award. The funding of the grant offset a percentage of the costs for these positions over the next three years. Staff brought forward a mid-year adjustment and spending plan amendment to move 3.0 Firefighter positions from FY2021 to FY2020 for the new Millenia Fire Station.

The responsibility of the Fire Department is to review response performance data and the appropriate application of Measure A sales tax revenues that will ensure the best return on investment in terms of staffing improvements for improved deployment of Fire Department resources.

The Fire Department with the support of the Finance Department has studied its current staffing model for SQUADS. It has been determined that a positive return on investment will be attained through the adjustment of SQUAD staffing practices with a transition from full-time equivalent staffing to an overtime-based staffing model. The anticipated savings from the new SQUAD service delivery model, and increase to the Measure A Sales Tax revenue projection, will allow the hiring of 9.0 additional Firefighters. This staffing change will result in three of the four current Fire engines without 4.0 staffing being staffed at 4.0 staffing levels upon the completion of the FY20 Fire Academy (January through May).

The new staffing model will allow the department to maintain SQUAD deployment and allow for the expansion of 4.0 staffing beginning in January 2020 on Engine 56, and starting in June 2020 expanded to both Engine 54 and 58. The proposed staffing schedule illustrates the expansion of 4.0 staffing (hiring of 9.0 Firefighters for the expansion of 4.0 Staffing on three existing engines, and 3.0 Firefighters for the new Millenia Fire Station).

We continued to study our staffing needs in 2022 and found that we need to increase staffing levels to offset the practice of utilizing firefighters assigned to a fire station to complete administrative, training, and logistical activities. What was found was the need to hire nine special assignment positions which included four Fire Captains, two Fire Engineers, and three Firefighter Paramedics to reduce the impact of completing Fire Department needs utilizing overtime. Seven of these positions were funded in FY23 and the remaining two have been funded in FY24.

Call volume has risen 42.5% between 2018 and 2022. There have been increases experienced throughout the City, and a significant portion has taken place on the west side. This has caused a significant increase in automatic/mutual aid requests from the City of National City to provide response units to our incidents due to our units being assigned to concurrent calls. Although we do not recommend attempting to eliminate automatic/mutual aid, the current daily rate is 3:1. To correct this imbalance, a 24-hour squad was recommended to be deployed on the west side of the City to reduce the need for National City support. To accomplish this six Firefighter Paramedics have been added to the 24-01 Fire Recruit Academy to open a 24-hour squad in August/September of 2024.

**Fire Department Amended Phase II Public Safety Expenditure Plan**

Positions	Phase II
Deputy Chief	1.0
Fire Captain	12.0
Fire Engineer	12.0
Firefighter/Paramedic	12.0
Firefighter	18.0
Fire Inspector/Investigator II	3.0
Public Education Specialist	-
<b>Tot Fire Personnel</b>	<b>58.0</b>

Fire Department emergency operations performance standards are focused on outcomes of core functions and services provided. The Fire Department has found that by establishing the following three metrics, all other services are met when these are achieved. Meeting these metrics also provides the highest level of service to the residents of Chula Vista.

Fire; First Unit On-Scene

First unit on-scene within seven minutes 90% of the time, with four firefighters, is known as the Initial Attack Force. This Attack Force establishes command at the scene, initiates an attack on the fire, and performs search and rescue. The key function of this metric is to maintain distribution and reliability of resources. If a unit arrives prior to the seven-minute mark and initiates fire attack prior to flashover occurring, the survivability within the room of origin increases and fire loss is reduced.

Fire; Effective Response Force

14 firefighters on-scene within ten minutes 90% of the time is known as the Effective Response Force and capable of command and control of the scene, establishing a water supply, supporting and backing up fire attack, completing search and rescue, performing ventilation of heat and smoke, providing a Rapid Intervention Crew and a Safety Officer. Fighting a fire requires the right number of personnel and resources to meet this metric. The critical tasks required by the Effective Response Force include coordinating and allocating resources, extinguishing the fire, searching for victims, and performing ventilation. By having the correct number of firefighters on-scene in a timely manner, the fire can be extinguished, and firefighters can then tend to property conservation tasks.

EMS; First Unit On-Scene

In the case of emergency medical events, having the first unit on-scene within seven minutes 90% of the time is crucial to a positive outcome for the patient. Units must establish command, provide basic life support and initiate advanced life support patient care. Arriving prior to the seven-minute mark provides basic life support patient care to stabilize the sick and injured. Once the patient is stabilized, advanced life support skills can be initiated prior to the arrival of the transporting ambulance. With the arrival of the first on-scene unit within seven minutes, survivability increases significantly.

Fire Prevention/Investigation

Within the Fire Prevention Division, the primary outcome metric is to identify and eliminate hazards. Therefore, it is important that the Division complete all required inspections. These metrics are used to determine if the Fire Prevention Division is accomplishing its goals. The Division's current metrics are:

For Fire Code Inspection services, the following performance metrics shall be met:

- Complete 100% of permitted occupancy inspections annually
- Complete 100% of California State Fire Marshal regulated occupancy inspections annually
- New business license inspections are completed within 30 days

For Fire Safety Engineering services, the following performance metrics shall be met:

- Complete 90% of plan reviews within the established time frames

For Fire Investigation services, the following performance metrics shall be met:

- 100% of fire origin and cause investigations performed by Fire Prevention personnel

For Community Risk Reduction Education services, the following performance metrics shall be met:

- Complete 200 public education/outreach sessions/classes/events annually

Recommendation 1 (Completed)

In FY 2019, fund one additional firefighter on four of eight engine companies. This would provide four firefighters (1 Fire Captain, 1 Fire Engineer, 1 Firefighter/Paramedic, and 1 Firefighter/EMT) to engines 51, 52, 55 and 57; adding 12 full-time employees to the Fire Department’s authorized staffing. Implementation of this recommendation is forecasted to improve service delivery performance outcomes by the following:

Metric	Current City-Wide Performance	City-Wide Performance Improvement	Greatest Geographic Improvement	
			*West	**Central
EMS; First Unit	81.1%	81.3%	(+) .3%	(+) .8%
Fire; First Unit	44.7%	58.4%	(+) 18.6%	(+) 6%
Fire; EFF	49.7%	54.3%	(+) 1.7%	(+) 15%

\*West represents fire stations 1 & 5  
 \*\*Central represents fire stations 2, 3, 4, 9  
 \*\*\*East represents fire stations 6, 7, 8

Recommendation 2 (Completed)

In FY 2019, fund two Deputy Fire Chief positions. One Deputy responsible for Fire Administration duties and one Deputy responsible for Emergency Medical Services.

**Deputy Fire Chief – Emergency Medical Services** - The February 2018, Intended Public Safety Expenditure Plan identifies the addition of a Deputy Fire Chief in fiscal year 2020 and another in fiscal year 2025. It is the intention of the Fire Department to implement both positions in fiscal year 2019 with one assigned Administrative and the second EMS responsibilities. The Chula Vista Fire Department renewed a 3-year contract for ambulance transport services with American Medical Response (AMR) in October of 2018. This new agreement is a continuation of an ongoing contracted service with AMR for the past 40 years. The Fire Department is seeking ways to improve ambulance transport services, and ambulance response times, as well as reducing base rate costs to residents who use ambulance transport services. With the EMS Deputy Chief in place, they conducted a thorough analysis of service delivery options and presented them to City Management and City Council. In May of 2020, the City Council elected to assume ambulance transport services and those services be delivered by the Chula Vista Fire Department.

Measure A funding of this Deputy Fire Chief position will only be necessary for the duration of time necessary to complete the analysis and implement Fire Department Based Ambulance Transport System. As of the launching of the Fire Department Based Ambulance Transport System, this position has been removed from the Measure A Expenditure Plan and is now funded by the Ambulance Transport System.

**Deputy Fire Chief – Administration** This Position was originally budgeted for FY20 and has been amended to reflect FY19. The Fire Department currently operates with an executive staff consisting of the Fire Chief and a Deputy Fire Chief responsible for the Operations Division. By comparison, during the recession in 2009, Fire Department Executive Staff included an additional Deputy Fire Chief responsible for oversight of the Administrative Division.

The Fire Department Strategic Business Plan consists of 5 Lines of Business: Administration, Operations, Fire Prevention, Support Services, and Training. Of these, there are currently two Lines of Business that must share management oversight which has been delegated to existing senior staff members because the Department lacked funding to adequately fill a Deputy Fire Chief staff position. Using Measure A funds, the Fire Department will fill the vacated Deputy Fire Chief position.

Within each line of business are a number of programs and services. For example, the Human Resources Program consists of the following services: Staffing, Professional Standards, Volunteer Services, Employee Support Services, and Special Events. Furthermore, each service is further broken down into a manageable series of tasks.

Due to inadequate staffing, these workloads are either added to other Senior Staff member’s current workloads or are overlooked and ignored. Filling the Deputy Fire Chief position will allow for proper oversight of the Administration and Support Services Line of Business.

This Deputy Chief will oversee two of the five Lines of Business within the Fire Department; the Administration Line of Business and Support Services Line of Business.

Recommendation 3 (Completed)

In FY 2019, fund a Public Education and Media Services position (Fire Captain) responsible for community risk reduction education including completing community risk assessments, community education program development and coordination, social media engagement, and respond to media requests and public inquiries.

Recommendation 4 (Completed)

In FY 2019, fund one squad response unit. In FY 2020, fund one additional squad response unit. This will provide a much-needed increase of distribution of response resources in the east and will provide four firefighters (1 Fire Captain and 1 Firefighter/Paramedic on each squad) daily. Implementation of this recommendation is forecasted to improve service delivery performance outcomes by the following:

Metric	Current City-Wide Performance	City-Wide Performance Improvement	Greatest Geographic Improvement	
			***East	FS8
EMS; First Unit	81.1%	82.3%	(+) 5.5%	(+) 8%
Fire; First Unit	44.7%	48.5%	(+) 8.2%	(+) 23.5%
Fire; EFF	49.7%	52.4%	(+) 4.3%	(+) 2.9%

\*West represents fire stations 1 & 5  
 \*\*Central represents fire stations 2, 3, 4, 9  
 \*\*\*East represents fire stations 6, 7, 8

As of FY21, Squads are now filled on an overtime basis rather than with FTE’s.

**Recommendation 5 (Completed)**

In FY 2021, fund the fourth firefighter on the Millenia fire station (fire station 10) engine company. This would provide a 4.0 staffed crew with four firefighters (1 Fire Captain, 1 Fire Engineer, 1 Firefighter/Paramedic, and 1 Firefighter/EMT) daily, adding 12 full time employees to the Fire Department’s authorized staffing (refer to footnote on Page 12 related to the City applying for a FEMA SAFER Grant). Implementation of this recommendation is forecasted to improve service delivery performance outcomes by the following:

Metric	Current City-Wide Performance	City-Wide Performance Improvement	Greatest Geographic Improvement	
			***East	FS7
EMS; First Unit	81.1%	81.5%	(+) 2.2%	(+) 3.8%
Fire; First Unit	44.7%	45.4%	(+) 3.4%	(+) 0%
Fire; EFF	49.7%	51.7%	(+) 10.2%	(+) 13.2%

\*West represents fire stations 1 & 5  
 \*\*Central represents fire stations 2, 3, 4, 9  
 \*\*\*East represents fire stations 6, 7, 8

**Recommendation 6**

In FY 2024, fund one squad response unit. In FY 2025 fund one squad response unit. This will provide additional needed distribution of response resources in the east and will provide four firefighters (1 Fire Captain and 1 Firefighter/Paramedic on each squad) daily. Implementation of this recommendation is forecasted to improve service delivery performance outcomes by the following:

Metric	Current City-Wide Performance	City-Wide Performance Improvement	Greatest Geographic Improvement	
			**Central	FS4
EMS; First Unit	81.1%	82.2%	(+) 2.8%	(+) 3%
Fire; First Unit	44.7%	48.2%	(+) 9.6%	(+) 22%
Fire; EFF	49.7%	53%	(+) 12.7%	(+) 11.1%

\*West represents fire stations 1 & 5  
 \*\*Central represents fire stations 2, 3, 4, 9  
 \*\*\*East represents fire stations 6, 7, 8

**Recommendation 7**

In FY 2024, fund the fourth firefighter on the Bayfront fire station (fire station 11) engine company. This would provide four firefighters (1 Fire Captain, 1 Fire Engineer, 1 Firefighter/Paramedic, and 1 Firefighter/EMT) daily, adding 12 full time employees to the Fire Department’s authorized staffing. Implementation of this recommendation is forecasted to improve service delivery performance outcomes by the following:

Metric	Current City-Wide Performance	City-Wide Performance Improvement	Greatest Geographic Improvement
			*West
EMS; First Unit	81.1%	82.9%	(+) 3.1%
Fire; First Unit	44.7%	51.7%	(+) 12.2%
Fire; EFF	49.7%	57.3%	(+) 14.3%

\*West represents fire stations 1 & 5  
 \*\*Central represents fire stations 2, 3, 4, 9  
 \*\*\*East represents fire stations 6, 7, 8

**Recommendation 8 (Completed)**

As part of Phase II fund one additional firefighter on the remaining four of eight engine companies. This would provide four firefighters (1 Fire Captain, 1 Fire Engineer, 1 Firefighter/Paramedic, and 1 Firefighter/EMT) daily, adding 12 full time employees to the Fire Department’s authorized staffing. As of September of 2021, all engine companies in the city will be staffed at 4.0.:

Metric	Current City-Wide Performance	City-Wide Performance Improvement	Greatest Geographic Improvement
			*West
EMS; First Unit	81.1%	82.9%	(+) 3.1%
Fire; First Unit	44.7%	51.7%	(+) 12.2%
Fire; EFF	49.7%	57.3%	(+) 14.3%

\*West represents fire stations 1 & 5  
 \*\*Central represents fire stations 2, 3, 4, 9  
 \*\*\*East represents fire stations 6, 7, 8

**Recommendation 9**

As part of Phase II funding the fire station 3 engine company. This would provide four firefighters (1 Fire Captain, 1 Fire Engineer, 1 Firefighter/Paramedic, and 1 Firefighter/EMT) daily, adding 12 full time employees to the Fire Department’s authorized staffing. This recommendation is driven by increasing call volume in southwest Chula Vista. Implementation of this recommendation is forecasted to improve service delivery performance outcomes by the following:

Metric	Current City-Wide Performance	City-Wide Performance Improvement	Greatest Geographic Improvement	
			**Central	FS9
EMS; First Unit	81.1%	82.4%	(+) 1.2%	(+) 3.6%
Fire; First Unit	44.7%	52.2%	(+) 11.8%	(+) 38.1%
Fire; EFF	49.7%	61.4%	(+) 22.4%	(+) 57.4%

**Recommendation 10**

As part of Phase II funding the Bayfront fire station (fire station 11) truck company. This would provide four firefighters (1 Fire Captain, 1 Fire Engineer, 1 Firefighter/Paramedic, and 1 Firefighter/EMT) daily, adding 12 full time employees to the Fire Department’s authorized staffing. This recommendation is driven by development and new growth of the Bayfront area of the city. Implementation of this recommendation is forecasted to improve service delivery performance outcomes by the following:

Metric	Current City-Wide Performance	City-Wide Performance Improvement	Greatest Geographic Improvement
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			*West	FS9
EMS; First Unit	81.1%	81.3%	(+) .3%	(+) .3%
Fire; First Unit	44.7%	51.2%	(+) 10.3%	(+) 1.9%
Fire; EFF	49.7%	59.2%	(+) 10.3%	(+) 55.8%

\*West represents fire stations 1 & 5

\*\*Central represents fire stations 2, 3, 4, 9

\*\*\*East represents fire stations 6, 7, 8

**Recommendation 11**

As part of Phase II fund one Deputy Fire Chief responsible for Support Services including information technology, facility management, fleet management, equipment management, supplies management and communication systems management.

**Recommendation 12**

As part of Phase II fund three Fire Inspector/Investigators assigned to conduct life safety inspections in multi-family apartment/condominium buildings, mobile home parks and assist in completing a higher percentage of fire investigations.

**Phase I – Critical Needs Funding**

The City Council was provided an overview of various revenue options for consideration. In addition, the City Council heard the findings from the public opinion survey conducted in November 2017. After discussions regarding the critical needs and funding options, the City Council directed the City Manager to return with a proposal for Council consideration to place a half-cent sales tax measure before the voters to fund public safety critical needs.

After reviewing the critical needs for each department, as well as the costing information to address the needs, staff has identified two phases to address the staffing shortage in public safety. Phase I outlines the most critical needs identified by the Police and Fire Departments for the next 10 years. Although addressing these needs does not fully address critical staffing needs entirely, it does allow the departments to significantly improve the service level provided to residents and businesses throughout the City. Phase I public safety critical needs could be funded by the Measure A half-cent sales tax measure which would generate approximately \$18 million per year. Sales taxes, also referred to as transaction and use taxes, are an option for cities to consider when looking for significant additional funding. Sales taxes must be approved by registered voters to take effect. If the funds are intended to be used for a specific purpose a 2/3 voter approval is required. For general use sales taxes, a 50 percent plus one vote is required for approval. The combined local sales taxes are capped at two percent, with some exceptions allowed by state law. This means that cities are only able to add a 1 percent additional sales taxes when proposing a new measure. This is typically proposed in one-quarter cent, half-cent or one cent increments.

The measure provides that any proposed expenditures of new sales tax revenues in the initial year will be presented in a form consistent with this Plan to the Citizen Oversight Committee prior to City Council consideration. For each subsequent year, the spending plan, after review by a Citizen Oversight Committee, will be included in the City Manager's proposed budget for Council consideration as part of the annual budget process.

The measure requires that expenditure of new sales tax revenues be tracked in a variety of ways. First, all new revenues will be accounted for in the General Fund as a separate line item. Any and all expenditures of Measure "A" will be tracked and accounted for by the City's Finance Department staff in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Second, an independent audit of Measure "A" will be included as part of the City's annual audit. Finally, a Citizen's Oversight Committee was formed to review and report compliance with the sales tax ordinance and spending guidelines contained in the Intended Public Safety Expenditure Plan.

*Note: This Plan is intended to guide City expenditures consistent with its terms. It does not, however, constitute a binding legal commitment on the City Council to approve any of the expenditures proposed herein. Provided that all proposed expenditures continue to be for public safety critical needs including support staff and equipment needs as outlined in the spending plan, this Plan may also be updated or amended from time to time by City staff, or by action of the City Council, in order to address changed priorities, standards and/or funding availability. There shall be no third party beneficiaries to the terms of this Plan. This Plan does not modify the terms of the sales tax measure. To the extent of any conflict between the terms of this Plan and the sales tax measure, the terms of the sales tax measure shall govern.*

### Citywide Support Staff

Public Safety is a top priority in the City of Chula Vista. As of July 2025, the City allocates approximately 66.0% of discretionary revenues to the Police and Fire Departments combined. This includes approximately \$30.9 million in revenue from Measure A, but doesn't include the citywide support staff in Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, Administration, City Attorney and Public Works that spend a significant amount of time supporting public safety services. The spending plan does take into account an annual estimated reimbursement to the support departments for Measure A related activities. Some of the services provided by the support departments to public safety include payroll processing, deferred compensation, financial analysis, procurement, budgetary support, recruitment, employee benefits, workers compensation, employee performance, labor negotiations, public safety IT systems support, legal services, contractual oversight, risk management and facilities and equipment maintenance.

The annual allocations to these departments may vary based on the time spent supporting public safety and is based on support staff expenses not to exceed 3.75% of Measure A revenues. The initial years may require additional funding due to recruitment costs and other support services. The following are the budget allocations for FY 2026 and FY 2027 estimate:

**MEASURE A SUPPORT ALLOCATION ESTIMATES**

	<b>FY 2026 Adopted</b>	<b>FY2027 Proposed</b>
<b>Measure A City Support Allocation</b>		
<b>Fire Department</b>	449,003	452,846
Administration Dept	(83,480)	(79,930)
Finance Dept	(137,372)	(142,105)
Human Resources Dept (0.5 Sr HR Analyst + 1.0 HR Tech)	(104,592)	(102,755)
Public Works - Central Garage (1.0 Equip Mechanic)*	-	-
Information Technology Dept	(123,559)	(128,056)
<b>Fire Department Total</b>	-	-
<b>Police Department</b>	703,721	705,982
City Attorney Dept (1.0 Dep City Atty III)	(254,718)	(253,136)
Administration Dept	(83,480)	(79,930)
Human Resources Dept (0.5 Sr HR Analyst + 1.0 HR Tech)	(104,592)	(102,755)
Public Works - Central Garage (1.0 Equip Mechanic)*	-	-
Information Technology Dept	(123,559)	(128,056)
Finance Dept	(137,372)	(142,105)
<b>Police Department Total</b>	-	-
<b>Total Support Allocation</b>	<b>1,152,724</b>	<b>1,158,828</b>

**Temporary Multi-Purpose Storefront and Public Safety Training Center**

A portion of the sales tax funds could also be allocated for a temporary public safety training facility in central Chula Vista. The facility would not be a permanent structure but could provide for joint training opportunities for Police and Fire personnel. The Fire Department currently utilizes the four-acre site in Rancho Del Rey located at 850 Paseo Ranchero for training purposes. The location provides both classrooms and training props designed for hands-on training experience. The funding would add an additional facility on the property to be used on a temporary basis.

The Police Department would use portions of the temporary facility to enhance training and to provide a secure area from which officers patrolling the eastern sector of the City could work. At this time, CVPD does not have the personnel to staff a storefront facility, however, an appropriately designed temporary facility could enhance police service to central and eastern Chula Vista by allowing officers a secure area to work when they are not engaged in patrol activities. Depending on the design, there could also be public access to meet officers for reports or hold community meetings. It would also provide a training venue within the City limits for police officers. Many training venues are outside of the City limits, thus requiring additional travel time. Having a facility near the center of the City will reduce travel time, allow more time for training related activities and get officers back in service faster to serve the operational needs of the Police Department. An appropriately designed and staffed facility would also give the public

an alternative to driving to the main police station for service. This would serve to support the Police Department personnel as it seeks to improve response times in the eastern area of the City.

The original Intended Public Safety Expenditure Plan had a \$200,000 allocation to fund a Multi-Purpose Store Front and Public Safety Training Center for the Police Department. In 2020, the \$200,000 allocation was removed from the expenditure plan because the Police Department did not have the personnel to staff a storefront facility and training facility and the associated language was deleted. Although no funds are allocated in the current Public Safety Expenditure Plan, this will remain as a line item in the plan for potential use in the future.

## Phase II Critical Needs Funding

Phase II public safety critical needs could move forward as the City's economic base improves and major transformational projects begin moving forward such as the Bayfront and University development projects. Other funding options may also be considered in the future as part of the annual budget process.

### Phase II Funding Options

Local governments receive revenues from a variety of sources. The detailed listing of all the City's funding sources is included in both the Annual Adopted Budget and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Following is a summary of other revenue sources which could be considered in the future to address Phase II if the City's economic base does not grow sufficiently to fund additional critical needs.

Parcel Taxes – Parcel taxes are another method for cities to raise new revenues. Like sales taxes, parcel taxes require registered voter approval. The key difference is that all parcel tax measures require 2/3 voter approval to pass. There is no specific cap on the level of parcel taxes that can be proposed for voter consideration. For example, with an additional \$100 parcel tax, the City would generate approximately \$10 million in new revenue annually.

Special District Taxes – Special Districts come in a variety of forms. Some are used to build new infrastructure, while others are maintenance related to help preserve assets that were previously built. As it relates to public safety, the most common special district is a public safety community facilities district (CFD). Depending on the number of parcels and registered voters within the proposed taxing area, the approval of the tax may come from the property owner or registered voters. A 2/3 vote is typically required for approval of a new CFD. The most common application of a public safety CFD is to identify new development areas within a City and propose a new special tax in that area to maintain or enhance service levels for future residents. Special tax rates may vary depending on the type of residential and commercial development within the CFD boundaries. The main restriction of special district safety taxes is that the funds are earmarked and must be spent in the area in which the voters approved the measure (district boundaries).

Fees – Fees are discussed in greater detail within the City's Long Term Financial Plan. In general, fees can be established or increased with the vote of City Council. It is a best practice to set fees at full cost recovery, or the total cost of providing the services to the individual or company, when the services are

provided to an individual and are not a general benefit to the community. For public safety purposes, fees may come in the form of administrative fees, permits or other activities provided to individuals. An example may be a fire response fee when responding to negligent behavior when a fire is started because of conditions not within code or a police false alarm fee to recover cost of non-incident alarms.

Transient Occupancy Taxes – Transient Occupancy Taxes, also referred to as TOT, are taxes paid by hotel/motel guests when the duration of the stay is less than 30 consecutive days. A majority vote of the electorate is required to approve an increase in the TOT rate within a City. Currently, the City’s TOT rate is 10 percent. Each 2 percent increase in TOT would bring in an estimated \$800,000 annually based on the existing hotels in the City.

Also, recent projections by the City’s actuary does assume that the escalating pension costs will level off in approximately 10 years which may provide for additional opportunities to fund Phase II critical needs as part of the regular budget process. These assumptions are very preliminary as CalPERS continues to recommend changes which may prolong the pension cost impacts to all participating agencies.

## Conclusion

The longer-term projections for the City’s General Fund continue to pose serious challenges because revenues are not expected to be sufficient to cover current costs or new costs that are on the horizon. Because the City has limited abilities to impact near-term revenue, staff will continue to identify cost saving measures and address economic development opportunities throughout the City. It is unlikely that the City will be able to address public safety’s critical staffing needs discussed in this report without a new revenue source. This report identified the Phase I public safety critical needs that could be funded through a half-cent sales tax measure. Phase II could be addressed as the City continues to grow and new economic development projects become a reality. The additional critical needs could be considered as part of the annual budget process as the City works through its fiscal challenges.

# Measure A Public Safety Expenditure Plan | 2026

Updated April 2, 2026

**Intended Public Safety Spending Plan  
Est. One-half Cent Sales Tax Revenues  
Phase I - Critical Needs**

	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028	Fiscal Year 2029	Fiscal Year 2030	Fiscal Year 2031	Fiscal Year 2032	Fiscal Year 2033	Fiscal Year 2034	Fiscal Year 2035	Fiscal Year 2036	Total Estimate
<b>Police Department Spending Plan</b>											
<b>Phase I - Critical Needs Funding</b>											
Est. Beginning Police Department Funds Available	\$ 17,272,774	\$ 12,002,337	\$ 7,241,462	\$ 2,821,562	\$ (1,174,989)	\$ (4,793,482)	\$ (8,144,142)	\$ (11,304,333)	\$ (14,260,756)	\$ (16,982,858)	
Estimated 1/2 Cent Sales Tax Revenues	15,451,033	15,899,113	16,391,986	16,900,138	17,424,042	17,772,523	18,127,973	18,671,812	19,231,966	19,808,925	175,679,511
Other Revenue - Grant	69,925	69,925	69,925	69,925	69,925	69,925	69,925	69,925	69,925	69,925	699,250
<b>Estimated Funds Available - Police Department</b>	<b>\$ 32,793,732</b>	<b>\$ 27,971,375</b>	<b>\$ 23,703,373</b>	<b>\$ 19,791,625</b>	<b>\$ 16,318,978</b>	<b>\$ 13,048,966</b>	<b>\$ 10,053,756</b>	<b>\$ 7,437,404</b>	<b>\$ 5,041,135</b>	<b>\$ 2,895,992</b>	<b>\$ 176,378,761</b>
<b>Ongoing Personnel Expenditures</b>											
Peace Officers	\$ 8,001,497	\$ 8,281,549	\$ 8,529,996	\$ 8,785,896	\$ 9,049,473	\$ 9,320,957	\$ 9,600,586	\$ 9,888,603	\$ 10,185,261	\$ 10,490,819	\$ 92,134,636
Police Agents	1,213,238	1,255,701	1,293,372	1,332,174	1,372,139	1,413,303	1,455,702	1,499,373	1,544,354	1,590,685	13,970,041
Police Sergeants	2,108,201	2,181,988	2,247,448	2,314,871	2,384,317	2,455,847	2,529,522	2,605,408	2,683,570	2,764,077	24,275,249
Police Lieutenant	262,326	271,507	279,653	288,042	296,683	305,584	314,752	324,194	333,920	343,937	3,020,599
Police Captain	603,616	624,743	643,485	662,789	682,673	703,153	724,248	745,975	768,355	791,405	6,950,442
Civilian Background Investigator	98,442	101,887	104,944	108,092	111,335	114,675	118,116	121,659	125,309	129,068	1,133,528
Community Services Officer	332,237	343,865	354,181	364,807	375,751	387,023	398,634	410,593	422,911	435,598	3,825,601
Digital Forensics Analyst II	250,404	259,168	266,943	274,951	283,200	291,696	300,447	309,460	318,744	328,306	2,883,321
Forensics Specialist	111,272	115,167	118,622	122,180	125,846	129,621	133,510	137,515	141,640	145,890	1,281,261
Information Technology Technician	105,473	109,165	112,439	115,813	119,287	122,866	126,552	130,348	134,259	138,286	1,214,487
Police Comm Systems Manager	175,961	182,120	187,583	193,211	199,007	204,977	211,127	217,460	223,984	230,704	2,026,134
Police Dispatcher	812,357	840,789	866,013	891,994	918,753	946,316	974,705	1,003,947	1,034,065	1,065,087	9,354,027
Property & Evidence Specialist	263,997	273,237	281,434	289,877	298,573	307,531	316,756	326,259	336,047	346,128	3,039,840
Property & Evidence Supervisor	117,359	121,467	125,111	128,864	132,730	136,712	140,813	145,037	149,389	153,870	1,351,351
Public Information Specialist	131,388	135,987	140,066	144,268	148,596	153,054	157,646	162,375	167,246	172,264	1,512,890
Police Technology Specialist	150,730	156,006	160,686	165,506	170,471	175,586	180,853	186,279	191,867	197,623	1,735,607
Sr Police Records Specialist	270,299	279,759	288,152	296,797	305,701	314,872	324,318	334,047	344,069	354,391	3,112,405
Police Comm Relations Specialist	89,951	93,099	95,892	98,769	101,732	104,784	107,928	111,165	114,500	117,935	1,035,757
Senior HR Analyst (0.5 FTE)	78,195	80,384	82,635	84,949	87,327	89,772	92,286	94,870	97,526	100,257	888,200
Senior HR Technician (0.5 FTE)	57,453	59,062	60,715	62,415	64,163	65,959	67,806	69,705	71,657	73,663	652,598
Deputy City Attorney (1.0 FTE)	267,454	274,943	282,641	290,555	298,690	307,054	315,651	324,490	333,575	342,915	3,037,968
Equipment Mechanic	60,316	62,427	64,300	66,229	68,215	70,262	72,370	74,541	76,777	79,080	694,515
Transfer Out Pension Obligations	982,412	755,433	764,255	786,592	857,248	805,821	814,922	924,240	947,131	956,401	8,594,454
Worker's Comp	394,813	414,554	435,281	457,045	479,898	503,893	529,087	555,542	583,319	612,485	4,965,915
Overtime	751,166	777,457	800,781	824,804	849,548	875,034	901,286	928,324	956,174	984,859	8,649,432
Hourly	67,320	69,340	71,419	73,562	75,769	78,043	80,384	82,795	85,279	87,838	771,749
Unfunded Liability (UAL)	550,425	563,686	627,073	591,731	543,320	543,320	543,320	543,320	543,320	543,320	5,592,838
Additions Vacancy Savings (4 FTE)	(630,333)	(660,102)	(679,906)	(700,303)	(721,312)	(742,951)	(765,240)	(788,197)	(811,843)	(836,198)	(7,336,383)
<b>Ongoing Personnel Expenditures Subtotal</b>	<b>17,677,968</b>	<b>18,024,386</b>	<b>18,605,214</b>	<b>19,116,480</b>	<b>19,679,135</b>	<b>20,184,764</b>	<b>20,768,085</b>	<b>21,469,328</b>	<b>22,102,405</b>	<b>22,740,695</b>	<b>200,368,462</b>

# Measure A Public Safety Expenditure Plan 2026

**Ongoing Non-Personnel Expenditures**

Reimbursement for Support Staff (IT, Fin, HR, City Attorney)	302,881	351,774	370,256	389,312	408,959	422,027	435,356	455,750	476,756	498,392	4,111,462
Debt Service	59,367										59,367
Drone Replacement	69,936	76,424	76,424	76,424	83,512	83,512	83,512	83,512	83,513	83,514	800,283
Drone Program Costs	217,300	223,915	230,861	238,154	245,811	253,852	262,295	271,159	280,467	290,241	2,514,055
Drone Pilot In Command contractual costs	1,077,134	1,098,677	1,120,651	1,143,064	1,165,925	1,189,244	1,213,029	1,237,290	1,262,036	1,287,277	11,794,327
Police Vehicles, Outfitting, Maint., Fuel, etc.	688,881	706,603	710,364	714,238	718,228	725,776	737,681	797,583	908,602	919,135	7,627,091
Sworn - non-personnel costs	379,175	398,134	418,040	438,942	460,890	483,934	508,131	533,537	560,214	588,225	4,769,222

Ongoing Non-Personnel Expenditures Subtotal **2,794,674**   **2,855,526**   **2,926,597**   **3,000,134**   **3,083,325**   **3,158,345**   **3,240,003**   **3,378,832**   **3,571,588**   **3,666,783**   **31,675,807**

Total Ongoing Expenditure **20,472,642**   **20,879,913**   **21,531,811**   **22,116,614**   **22,762,459**   **23,343,108**   **24,008,089**   **24,848,160**   **25,673,993**   **26,407,479**   **224,318,426**

Revenue vs Ongoing Expenditure  
Annual Surplus/(Shortfall) **(5,021,609)**   **(4,980,800)**   **(5,139,825)**   **(5,216,476)**   **(5,338,417)**   **(5,570,585)**   **(5,880,116)**   **(6,176,348)**   **(6,442,027)**   **(6,598,554)**   **(48,638,915)**

**One-Time Expenditures**

Community Services Officer (Hourly)	285,388	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	285,388
One-Time Expenditures Subtotal	<b>285,388</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>285,388</b>

Total Police Department Proposed Expenditures **\$ 20,758,030**   **\$ 20,879,913**   **\$ 21,531,811**   **\$ 22,116,614**   **\$ 22,762,459**   **\$ 23,343,108**   **\$ 24,008,089**   **\$ 24,848,160**   **\$ 25,673,993**   **\$ 26,407,479**   **\$ 232,329,656**

Potential Measure A Budgetary Reductions/New Funding Source **-**   **-**   **1,400,000**   **5,300,000**   **5,456,511**   **5,628,297**   **5,888,754**   **6,154,439**   **6,425,540**   **6,702,246**   **\$ 42,955,786**  
 Est. Impact to Fund Balance **(5,237,072)**   **(4,910,875)**   **(3,669,900)**   **153,449**   **188,018**   **127,637**   **78,563**   **48,017**   **53,437**   **173,617**

	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028	Fiscal Year 2029	Fiscal Year 2030	Fiscal Year 2031	Fiscal Year 2032	Fiscal Year 2033	Fiscal Year 2034	Fiscal Year 2035	Fiscal Year 2036
Est. Ending Police Department Available Funds	\$ 9,034,741	\$ 3,712,548	\$ 22,613	\$ 68,900	\$ 160,786	\$ 182,257	\$ 165,371	\$ 104,075	\$ 19,419	\$ 57,283
Reserve Contribution (16.7% of Operating Budget)	\$ 3,000,961	\$ 3,412,279	\$ 3,432,314	\$ 3,539,476	\$ 3,635,608	\$ 3,741,774	\$ 3,837,223	\$ 3,946,535	\$ 4,084,629	\$ 4,220,382
<b>Est. Ending Police Department Available Funds including Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 12,035,702</b>	<b>\$ 7,124,827</b>	<b>\$ 3,454,927</b>	<b>\$ 3,608,376</b>	<b>\$ 3,796,394</b>	<b>\$ 3,924,031</b>	<b>\$ 4,002,594</b>	<b>\$ 4,050,610</b>	<b>\$ 4,104,048</b>	<b>\$ 4,277,665</b>

**Assumptions:**  
 Amounts budgeted in the Intended Public Safety Spending Plan align with the City's Annual Budget and include any MOU and/or step increases and has a 3.0% annual increase for every year thereafter to reflect CalPERS assumptions.  
 Sales Tax Revenue projection; 2.8% in fiscal year 2028, 3.1% in fiscal year 2029 through 2031, 2% in fiscal years 2032 and 2033, 3% in fiscal years 2034 through 2036.  
 Flex benefit projections assume 10% annual increase.  
 PERS projections based on most recent CalPERS Valuation Report.  
 Workers Comp projections assume 5% annual increase for sworn positions and 3% annual increase for civilian positions.

# Measure A Public Safety Expenditure Plan | 2026

Updated April 2, 2026

**Intended Public Safety Spending Plan**  
**Est. One-half cent Sales Tax Revenues**  
**Phase I - Critical Needs**

	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028	Fiscal Year 2029	Fiscal Year 2030	Fiscal Year 2031	Fiscal Year 2032	Fiscal Year 2033	Fiscal Year 2034	Fiscal Year 2035	Fiscal Year 2036	Total Estimate
<b>Fire Department Spending Plan</b>											
<b>Phase I - Critical Needs Funding</b>											
Est. Beginning Fire Department Funds Available	\$ 24,295,750	\$ 23,289,879	\$ 22,958,397	\$ 22,390,288	\$ 21,893,068	\$ 21,451,422	\$ 20,847,669	\$ 20,089,377	\$ 19,293,754	\$ 18,506,894	
Estimated 1/2 cent Sales Tax Revenues	\$ 15,451,033	\$ 15,899,113	\$ 16,391,985	\$ 16,900,137	\$ 17,424,041	\$ 17,772,522	\$ 18,127,973	\$ 18,671,812	\$ 19,231,966	\$ 19,808,925	\$ 175,679,507
Other Revenues	363,385	385,188	396,744	407,853	419,272	431,012	443,080	455,487	468,240	481,351	4,636,997
<b>Estimated Funds Available for Fire Department Spending Plan</b>	<b>\$ 40,110,168</b>	<b>\$ 39,574,180</b>	<b>\$ 39,747,127</b>	<b>\$ 39,698,278</b>	<b>\$ 39,736,381</b>	<b>\$ 39,654,956</b>	<b>\$ 39,418,722</b>	<b>\$ 39,216,675</b>	<b>\$ 38,993,960</b>	<b>\$ 38,797,170</b>	<b>\$ 180,639,254</b>
<b>Ongoing Personnel Expenditures</b>											
Deputy Chief	\$ 305,863	\$ 332,167	\$ 348,776	\$ 359,239	\$ 370,016	\$ 381,116	\$ 392,550	\$ 404,326	\$ 416,456	\$ 428,950	\$ 3,739,460
Fire Captain	1,495,909	1,624,557	1,705,785	1,756,959	1,809,667	1,863,957	1,919,876	1,977,472	2,036,797	2,097,900	18,288,880
Firefighter	6,767,447	7,349,447	7,716,920	7,948,427	8,186,880	8,432,487	8,685,461	8,946,025	9,214,406	9,490,838	82,738,339
Fire Engineer	467,892	508,131	533,537	549,543	566,030	583,011	600,501	618,516	637,071	656,184	5,720,415
Firefighter/Paramedic	1,431,389	1,554,488	1,632,213	1,681,179	1,731,615	1,783,563	1,837,070	1,892,182	1,948,948	2,007,416	17,500,063
Senior Application Support Specialist	160,572	168,601	173,321	178,174	183,163	188,292	193,564	198,984	204,555	210,283	1,859,510
Inventory Control Specialist	105,678	110,962	114,069	117,263	120,546	123,921	127,391	130,958	134,625	138,394	1,223,808
Senior HR Analyst (0.5 FTE)	78,195	82,104	86,209	90,520	95,046	99,798	104,788	110,028	115,529	121,305	983,523
Senior HR Technician (0.5 FTE)	58,610	61,540	64,617	67,848	71,241	74,803	78,543	82,470	86,593	90,923	737,188
Equipment Mechanic (2.5 FTE)	299,948	314,945	325,140	335,689	346,606	357,904	369,598	381,703	394,235	407,210	3,532,978
Overtime	2,192,860	2,324,432	2,389,516	2,456,422	2,525,202	2,595,908	2,668,593	2,743,314	2,820,126	2,899,090	25,615,462
Worker's Comp	287,097	301,452	316,524	332,351	348,968	366,417	384,737	403,974	424,173	445,382	3,611,075
Unfunded Actuarial Liability (UAL)	486,057	526,300	585,483	552,485	507,285	507,285	507,285	507,285	507,285	507,285	5,194,038
Salary Savings	(322,043)	(349,451)	(366,739)	(377,724)	(389,038)	(400,690)	(412,692)	(425,054)	(437,786)	(450,899)	(3,932,114)
<b>Ongoing Personnel Expenditures Subtotal</b>	<b>13,815,473</b>	<b>14,909,676</b>	<b>15,625,372</b>	<b>16,048,376</b>	<b>16,473,227</b>	<b>16,957,771</b>	<b>17,457,265</b>	<b>17,972,183</b>	<b>18,503,014</b>	<b>19,050,262</b>	<b>166,812,625</b>
<b>Ongoing Non-Personnel Expenditures</b>											
Transfer Out: Pension Obligations	520,045	398,385	403,038	407,414	412,097	424,958	429,758	487,408	499,480	504,368	4,486,951
Reimbursement for Support Staff (IT, Fin, HR, City Attorney)	316,041	359,370	370,671	382,185	393,913	398,667	403,266	414,493	425,874	437,404	3,901,884
PPE Maintenance	252,048	256,320	260,592	264,864	269,136	273,408	277,680	281,952	286,224	290,496	2,712,720
Leadership Succession Planning	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	1,000,000
Utilities	75,841	78,116	80,460	82,874	85,360	87,921	90,558	93,275	96,073	98,955	869,432
Operational Improvements	63,000	63,000	63,000	63,000	63,000	63,000	63,000	63,000	63,000	63,000	630,000
Computers and other equipment/furniture	69,247	69,878	70,509	71,141	71,772	72,403	73,035	73,666	74,297	74,928	720,876
Fire Vehicles, Outfitting, Maint., Fuel, etc.	137,647	129,600	131,760	133,920	136,080	138,240	140,400	142,560	144,720	146,880	1,381,807
Transfer Out: Vehicle Replacement	10,112	251,437	251,437	251,437	280,375	290,919	294,384	294,384	294,384	333,896	2,552,765
<b>Ongoing Non-Personnel Expenditures Subtotal</b>	<b>1,543,981</b>	<b>1,706,106</b>	<b>1,731,467</b>	<b>1,756,834</b>	<b>1,811,733</b>	<b>1,849,515</b>	<b>1,872,081</b>	<b>1,950,738</b>	<b>1,984,053</b>	<b>2,049,928</b>	<b>18,256,435</b>
<b>Total Ongoing Expenditures</b>	<b>15,359,454</b>	<b>16,615,782</b>	<b>17,356,839</b>	<b>17,805,210</b>	<b>18,284,960</b>	<b>18,807,286</b>	<b>19,329,346</b>	<b>19,922,921</b>	<b>20,487,067</b>	<b>21,100,190</b>	<b>185,069,060</b>



# Measure A Public Safety Expenditure Plan 2026

## Measure A Fund Summary

	FY 2025 Actuals	FY 2026 Amended Budget	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032	FY 2033	FY 2034	FY 2035	FY 2036	Total Estimate (FY2026-FY2036)
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>													
Available Fund Balance - Police	21,514,017	18,884,523	14,736,905	9,034,741	3,712,548	22,613	68,900	160,786	182,257	165,371	104,075	19,419	
Available Fund Balance - Fire	29,179,691	21,573,995	19,814,728	18,085,880	17,823,248	17,288,756	16,669,718	16,154,367	15,471,752	14,627,598	13,746,157	12,861,723	
<b>Total Available Fund Balance</b>	<b>50,693,708</b>	<b>40,458,518</b>	<b>34,551,633</b>	<b>27,120,621</b>	<b>21,535,796</b>	<b>17,311,369</b>	<b>16,738,618</b>	<b>16,315,153</b>	<b>15,654,009</b>	<b>14,792,969</b>	<b>13,850,232</b>	<b>12,881,141</b>	
Reserve - Police	2,380,795	2,380,795	2,535,869	3,000,961	3,412,279	3,432,314	3,539,476	3,635,608	3,741,774	3,837,223	3,946,535	4,084,629	
Reserve - Fire	1,959,962	1,959,962	2,110,851	2,833,828	2,764,979	2,731,361	2,853,179	2,926,884	3,005,747	3,091,609	3,177,427	3,275,001	
<b>Total Reserve</b>	<b>4,340,757</b>	<b>4,340,757</b>	<b>4,646,720</b>	<b>5,834,789</b>	<b>6,177,258</b>	<b>6,163,675</b>	<b>6,392,655</b>	<b>6,562,492</b>	<b>6,747,521</b>	<b>6,928,832</b>	<b>7,123,962</b>	<b>7,359,630</b>	
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 55,034,465</b>	<b>\$ 44,799,275</b>	<b>\$ 39,198,353</b>	<b>\$ 32,955,410</b>	<b>\$ 27,713,054</b>	<b>\$ 23,475,044</b>	<b>\$ 23,131,273</b>	<b>\$ 22,877,645</b>	<b>\$ 22,401,530</b>	<b>\$ 21,721,800</b>	<b>\$ 20,974,194</b>	<b>\$ 20,240,771</b>	
<b>Police</b>													
Total Revenues	\$ 14,700,320	\$ 15,315,283	\$ 15,520,958	\$ 15,969,038	\$ 16,461,911	\$ 16,970,063	\$ 17,493,967	\$ 17,842,448	\$ 18,197,898	\$ 18,741,737	\$ 19,301,891	\$ 19,878,850	\$ 191,694,044
Total Ongoing Expenditures	\$ 15,328,610	\$ 18,681,637	\$ 20,472,642	\$ 20,879,913	\$ 20,131,811	\$ 16,816,614	\$ 17,305,949	\$ 17,714,811	\$ 18,119,335	\$ 18,693,720	\$ 19,248,454	\$ 19,705,233	\$ 188,064,886
Total One-Time Expenditures	\$ 2,001,204	\$ 626,190	\$ 285,388	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 911,578
Total Expenditures	\$ 17,329,813	\$ 19,307,827	\$ 20,758,030	\$ 20,879,913	\$ 20,131,811	\$ 16,816,614	\$ 17,305,949	\$ 17,714,811	\$ 18,119,335	\$ 18,693,720	\$ 19,248,454	\$ 19,705,233	\$ 188,976,464
<b>Projected Surplus / (Deficit) for Ongoing Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ (628,290)</b>	<b>\$ (3,366,354)</b>	<b>\$ (4,951,684)</b>	<b>\$ (4,910,875)</b>	<b>\$ (3,669,900)</b>	<b>\$ 153,449</b>	<b>\$ 188,018</b>	<b>\$ 127,637</b>	<b>\$ 78,563</b>	<b>\$ 48,017</b>	<b>\$ 53,437</b>	<b>\$ 173,617</b>	<b>\$ 3,629,158</b>
<b>Projected Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (2,629,494)</b>	<b>\$ (3,992,544)</b>	<b>\$ (5,237,072)</b>	<b>\$ (4,910,875)</b>	<b>\$ (3,669,900)</b>	<b>\$ 153,449</b>	<b>\$ 188,018</b>	<b>\$ 127,637</b>	<b>\$ 78,563</b>	<b>\$ 48,017</b>	<b>\$ 53,437</b>	<b>\$ 173,617</b>	<b>\$ 2,717,580</b>
<b>Fire</b>													
Total Revenues	\$ 15,590,433	\$ 15,630,743	\$ 15,814,418	\$ 16,284,301	\$ 16,788,729	\$ 17,307,990	\$ 17,843,314	\$ 18,203,534	\$ 18,571,053	\$ 19,127,298	\$ 19,700,206	\$ 20,290,276	\$ 195,561,862
Total Ongoing Expenditures	\$ 13,068,282	\$ 15,903,003	\$ 15,359,454	\$ 16,615,782	\$ 17,356,839	\$ 17,805,210	\$ 18,284,960	\$ 18,807,286	\$ 19,329,346	\$ 19,922,921	\$ 20,487,067	\$ 21,100,190	\$ 179,871,867
Total One-Time Expenditures	\$ 10,127,848	\$ 1,336,117	\$ 1,460,835	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,796,952
Total Expenditures	\$ 23,196,130	\$ 17,239,120	\$ 16,820,289	\$ 16,615,782	\$ 17,356,839	\$ 17,805,210	\$ 18,284,960	\$ 18,807,286	\$ 19,329,346	\$ 19,922,921	\$ 20,487,067	\$ 21,100,190	\$ 182,668,819
<b>Projected Surplus / (Deficit) for Ongoing Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 2,522,151</b>	<b>\$ (272,261)</b>	<b>\$ 454,964</b>	<b>\$ (331,481)</b>	<b>\$ (568,109)</b>	<b>\$ (497,220)</b>	<b>\$ (441,646)</b>	<b>\$ (603,752)</b>	<b>\$ (758,293)</b>	<b>\$ (795,623)</b>	<b>\$ (786,860)</b>	<b>\$ (809,914)</b>	<b>\$ 15,689,995</b>
<b>Projected Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (7,605,697)</b>	<b>\$ (1,608,377)</b>	<b>\$ (1,005,871)</b>	<b>\$ (331,481)</b>	<b>\$ (568,109)</b>	<b>\$ (497,220)</b>	<b>\$ (441,646)</b>	<b>\$ (603,752)</b>	<b>\$ (758,293)</b>	<b>\$ (795,623)</b>	<b>\$ (786,860)</b>	<b>\$ (809,914)</b>	<b>\$ 12,893,043</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>													
Available Fund Balance - Police	18,884,523	14,736,905	9,034,741	3,712,548	22,613	68,900	160,786	182,257	165,371	104,075	19,419	57,283	
Available Fund Balance - Fire	10,217,484	8,636,236	6,907,388	6,644,755	6,110,263	5,491,226	4,975,875	4,293,260	3,449,105	2,567,664	1,683,230	780,580	
<b>Total Available Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 29,102,007</b>	<b>\$ 23,373,140</b>	<b>\$ 15,942,128</b>	<b>\$ 10,357,303</b>	<b>\$ 6,132,876</b>	<b>\$ 5,560,125</b>	<b>\$ 5,136,661</b>	<b>\$ 4,475,516</b>	<b>\$ 3,614,476</b>	<b>\$ 2,671,740</b>	<b>\$ 1,702,649</b>	<b>\$ 837,863</b>	
Reserve - Police	2,380,795	2,535,869	3,000,961	3,412,279	3,432,314	3,539,476	3,635,608	3,741,774	3,837,223	3,946,535	4,084,629	4,220,382	
Reserve - Fire	1,959,962	2,110,851	2,833,828	2,764,979	2,731,361	2,853,179	2,926,884	3,005,747	3,091,609	3,177,427	3,275,001	3,367,737	
<b>Total Reserve</b>	<b>\$ 4,340,757</b>	<b>\$ 4,646,720</b>	<b>\$ 5,834,789</b>	<b>\$ 6,177,258</b>	<b>\$ 6,163,675</b>	<b>\$ 6,392,655</b>	<b>\$ 6,562,492</b>	<b>\$ 6,747,521</b>	<b>\$ 6,928,832</b>	<b>\$ 7,123,962</b>	<b>\$ 7,359,630</b>	<b>\$ 7,588,119</b>	
CIP - Public Safety Training Facility	11,356,511	11,178,493	11,178,493	11,178,493	11,178,493	11,178,493	11,178,493	11,178,493	11,178,493	11,178,493	11,178,493	11,178,493	
<b>Total CIP</b>	<b>\$ 13,726,681</b>	<b>\$ 11,178,493</b>	<b>\$ 11,178,493</b>	<b>\$ 11,178,493</b>	<b>\$ 11,178,493</b>	<b>\$ 11,178,493</b>	<b>\$ 11,178,493</b>	<b>\$ 11,178,493</b>	<b>\$ 11,178,493</b>	<b>\$ 11,178,493</b>	<b>\$ 11,178,493</b>	<b>\$ 11,178,493</b>	
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 47,169,445</b>	<b>\$ 39,198,353</b>	<b>\$ 32,955,410</b>	<b>\$ 27,713,054</b>	<b>\$ 23,475,044</b>	<b>\$ 23,131,273</b>	<b>\$ 22,877,645</b>	<b>\$ 22,401,530</b>	<b>\$ 21,721,800</b>	<b>\$ 20,974,194</b>	<b>\$ 20,240,771</b>	<b>\$ 19,604,474</b>	
		FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032	FY 2033	FY 2034	FY 2035	FY 2036	