

July 3, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR JOHN SMITH  
City Mayor

FROM: CHIEF DIANA TRUEBA VEGA  
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: BUDGET ANALYSIS

The Mission of the Fresno Police Department is to have each member advance the department's Mission of enhancing safety, service, and trust with our community. FPD is committed to increasing community support by building trust, building relationships, and coalitions through community policing, improving police services, and ensuring the safety of our community and department members.

Modern-day law enforcement challenges are unique and require certain resources. The department budgetary goals and objectives are reasonable based on the current challenges law enforcement is facing from an internal and external perspective. The department's budget allocates funds towards the funding of the body-worn camera agreement, body-worn camera contract renewal, as well as helmet-mounted body cameras for SWAT team members. Body-worn cameras increase transparency and accountability from our department members and increase public trust. Some additional resources the department budget allocates resources to are helicopter scheduled maintenance and repairs, ballistic vest replacement, ammunition for new officers and on-going training, replacement of 30 patrol vehicles, and ten new motorcycles. All of the above resources are needed to continue providing resources to our communities, enhancing safety, and providing quality service.

Department budgetary goals and objectives are reasonable. All of the goals and objectives are needed in order for the agency to function and keep citizens safe. The goals and objectives are required to repair or replace department equipment in order to keep providing quality services to our community members. Taking the department's Mission and Value Statements in mind, our budgetary priorities need a little bit readjusting. Budget items in our department budget support, providing safety and service to our community members. Department members are great at

conducting immediate and quality investigative follow up to investigations, conducting problem-oriented policing, and utilizing collaborative strategies to minimize calls for service. In addition, members have also developed strategies to address collision trends and deploying traffic officers in areas that have been identified as areas with the highest probability of having a collision occur.

Our department members are actively involved in multiple programs that build trust with our communities: including Bringing Broken Neighborhoods Back to Life, Hope Coalition, Chief's Advisory Board, Youth Advisory Forums, Teen Academy, Police Activities League, Crime Stoppers, Neighborhood Watch, and the Citizens Police Academy. These programs are worthy of being in the budget because building partnerships with our communities is integral to a healthy community. Building and maintaining transparency, confidence, and trust with our community is critical and builds the foundation of our agency's success.

Our department's budget priorities need some restructuring when it comes to this last goal and objective. Many of the community programs that help build trust with our communities are staffed by voluntary officers, and our budget does not identify any allocated resources to programs that help build that needed trust. Our department budget should allocate and identify resources in the budget towards community programs critical in the building within our communities. If the budget and the Mission and Value Statements mirror each other, we are ensuring we stay accountable to the community we serve.

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