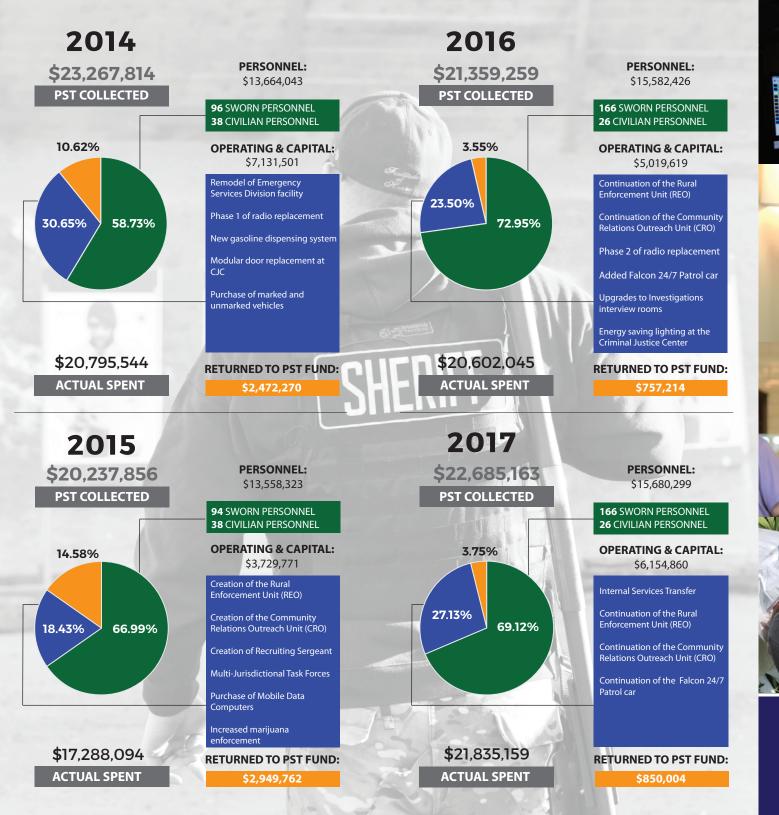


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PUBLIC SAFETY TAX

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In 2012, the Sheriff's Office identified critical needs in the Law Enforcement Bureau, Detention Bureau and Emergency Response. With the passing of the 1A Public Safety Tax, we have been able to add sworn personnel and civilian support staff; repair, replace, or update old or failing equipment; and create new units and programs. A number of things made possible by the Public Safety Tax are highlighted in this brochure.

The importance of the Public Safety Tax cannot be overstated. The PST currently funds 192 sworn and civilian employees to include their benefits. These employees are assigned to all bureaus of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office.

DETENTION BUREAU

The PST Fund balance will be used to fund one-time projects at the Criminal Justice Center. The highest priority will be to replace the aging door controls and cameras with state-of-the-art integrated systems. This will also include a much-needed upgrade to the security at the front desk.

	AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION		
	2012	2017	DIFFERENCE
INMATES	1,351	1,673	+ 322
	INTAKE AND RELEASE		

	2012	2017	DIFFERENCE
BOOKINGS	20,711	20,649	- 62
RELEASES	20,894	21,147	+ 253

	AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY		
	2012	2017	DIFFERENCE
DAYS	24.57	27.42	+ 2.85
	NUMBER OF SWORN PERSONNEL		
	2012	2017	DIFFERENCE
ASSIGNED	253	330	+ 77
	FOOD CONTRACT		
	2012	2017	DIFFERENCE
MILLION	\$1.7	\$1.9	+ \$200,000
	MEDICAL CONTRACT		

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	2012	2017	DIFFERENCE
MILLION	\$4.9	\$7.0	+ \$2.1

YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

LAW ENFORCEMENT BUREAU

	RESPONSE TIMES		
	2012	2017	DIFFERENCE
PRIORITY 1	11:03	11:08	+ :05
PRIORITY 2	19:23	12:52	- 6:71
PRIORITY 3	52:20	23:12	- 29:08

	PRIORITY CALLS FOR SERVICE		
	2012	2017	DIFFERENCE
PRIORITY 1	4,948	6,555	+ 1,607
PRIORITY 2	7,418	8,835	+ 1,417
PRIORITY 3	8,291	10,252	+ 1,961

	ALL CALLS FOR SERVICE		
	2012	2017	DIFFERENCE
CALLS FOR SERVICE	40,163	63,078	+ 22,915

	NUMBER OF SWORN PERSONNEL		
	2012	2017	DIFFERENCE
AUTHORIZED	141	183	+ 42

	CAL	LS FOR SERVICE	
	2012	2017	DIFFERENCE
CALLS FOR SERVICE	200,000	402,613	+ 202,613

DISPATCH

	911 ANSWER TIMES		
	2013	2017	DIFFERENCE
SECONDS	7.28	5.40	- 1.88

	NUMBER OF PERSONNEL		
	2012	2017	DIFFERENCE
ASSIGNED	34	55	+21

FUNDING PERSONNEL

PERSONNEL

The Sheriff's Office remains committed to providing appropriate staffing levels needed to meet the expectations of our growing community. Keeping our community safe is our utmost priority. This is evidenced by the increase in sworn staffing levels. In 2012, we had 406 sworn personnel. In 2017, we had 535 sworn personnel. This is an increase of 124 sworn personnel who are assigned to the Law Enforcement and Detention Bureaus.

RURAL ENFORCEMENT OUTREACH

This is community oriented and high-impact policing with a rural twist. As a direct link to the citizens of the rural regions of eastern El Paso County, the Unit's focus is to develop and cultivate relationships with these residents.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS OUTREACH

This Unit was developed out of the need for mutual understanding and cooperation to solve community and neighborhood problems. Through effective relationships, community members learn about policing while law enforcement members learn about the policing needs of the community.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (SRO)

SRO Deputies promote a positive image of law enforcement to the youth of our community. With the opportunity for students to have one-on-one contact with respected law enforcement professionals, it allows for trust and mutual respect to develop. It is our goal to help provide a safe learning environment for our youth, while we blend the SRO program with many other community policing programs within the schools.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

Using PST funding we will begin implementing an electronic citation system, which will greatly speed the entry of identification information on citations and case reports, as well as reducing error rates. In addition, we will use PST funding to enhance the capability of the Computer Crimes Investigation Unit.

FALCON PATROL CAR

The Falcon or Sector 41 Car is responsible for calls anywhere in the densely populated areas of Falcon and the business areas around Meridian, Woodmen and Highway 24. This car will not leave that Sector except to provide backup on in-progress cover calls. This area continues to grow and without the Public Safety Tax, the falcon Car would not be possible. We anticipate there will be a Falcon substation opening in late 2018.

On January 1, 2018, House Bill 17-1220 concerning measures to stop diversion of legal marijuana to the illegal market was put into law. Sheriff Elder made it a top priority to go after illegal black-market marijuana grows in El Paso County. In 2018, the Sheriff's Office joined forces with the Colorado Springs Police Department's Metro Vice Narcotics Intelligence Unit (Metro VNI) to aggressively target those growing illegal marijuana. In the first three guarters of 2018 there have been 7, 059 plants, 1,274lbs of processed marijuana and \$98,796 in cash seized, resulting in 48 arrests.

In 2015, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office opened the Veterans Ward for inmates who are veterans of the armed forces. Members of the Veteran Trauma Court (VTC) interact regularly with Veteran Inmates to provide services to prevent them from reoffending, and in hopes of them becoming productive citizens within the community. The VTC was recognized as a national Veteran Mentor Treatment Court.

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

DEADLY FORCE INVESTIGATIONS TEAM (DFIT)

The DFIT investigates matters when law enforcement personnel discharge his/her weapon, and this causes either bodily injury, serious bodily injury or death of another person, or uses deadly force that causes the death of another person. Members of the Colorado Springs Police Department, El Paso County Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's Office make up the DFIT Team with a liaison from the involved agency participating as well.

INCREASED MARIJUANA ENFORCEMENT

LERMS

In 2017, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office transitioned from our antiquated Records Management System to a newer, more robust Records Management System called LERMS. We now have the ability to view information from the Colorado Springs Police Department, Fountain Police Department, in addition to our own records which increases officer safety by allowing the deputy to see a full picture of the person they are coming in contact with.

WILDLAND FIRE

As funding allows we will set aside fund balance to replace major fire equipment over the next three to five years.

VETERANS WARD