

Citizen Outreach Group (COG) Meeting

June 10, 2019

El Paso County Sheriff's Office
Public Safety Tax (IA) Presentation

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Public Safety Tax

In 2012, the Sheriff's Office identified critical needs in the Law Enforcement Bureau, Detention Bureau and Emergency Response. With the passing of the IA 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 have been highlighted in the brochure.

The importance of the Public Safety Tax cannot be overstated. As of April 2018, funds from the PST have funded 189 employees within various bureaus of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office.

Statutory Responsibilities:

30-10-511	Custodian of the Jail. <u>The only jail in El Paso County serving all municipalities (7).</u>		
30-10-512	Fire Warden. Wildland Fire Responses	2012: 70	2018: 60
30-10-514	Transport Prisoners. Transports	2012: 24,733	2018: 28,782
30-10-515	Execute Writs	2012: 641	2018: 1407
30-10-516	Preserve the Peace. Annual calls for service.	2012: 40,163	2018: 72,536
30-10-523	Permits for Concealed Weapons	2012: 22,556	2018: 47,107
24-32-21	Search and Rescue Missions	2012: 166	2018: 160

Your Tax Dollars at Work – Patrol

RESPONSE TIMES			
	2012	2018	DIFFERENCE
PRIORITY 1	11:03	11:49	+:46
PRIORITY 2	19:23	13:18	-6:05
PRIORITY 3	52:20	17:33	-34:87

ALL CALLS FOR SERVICE			
	2012	2018	DIFFERENCE
CALLS FOR SERVICE	40,163	67,328	+45,062

PRIORITY CALLS FOR SERVICE			
	2012	2018	DIFFERENCE
PRIORITY 1	4,948	6,138	+1,190
PRIORITY 2	7,418	8,945	+1,527
PRIORITY 3	8,291	10,581	+2,290

NUMBER OF DEPUTIES			
	2012	2018	DIFFERENCE
AUTHORIZED	59	133	+74
ASSIGNED	55	124	+69

Your Tax Dollars at Work – Detentions

AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION

	2012	2018	DIFFERENCE
INMATES	1,351	1,635	284

INTAKE AND RELEASE

	2012	2018	DIFFERENCE
BOOKINGS	20,711	21,326	+615
RELEASES	20,894	21,317	+423

PERSONNEL

	2012	2018	DIFFERENCE
ASSIGNED	367	460	+93

2013 PUBLIC SAFETY TAX : \$17,872,000



PERSONNEL: \$8,125,687

19 PATROL DEPUTIES

Now able to patrol Districts 2 and 8

6 DETECTIVES

2 WILDLAND SUPERVISORS

1 FIRE INVESTIGATOR

2 EMERGENCY PLANNERS

OPERATING & CAPITAL: \$9,727,973

Purchase of Emergency Services Division facility

35 Marked vehicles

6 Unmarked vehicles

3 Office of Emergency Management duty trucks

Type 3 wildland fire truck



2014 PUBLIC SAFETY TAX: \$23,267,814



PERSONNEL: \$13,664,043

96 SWORN PERSONNEL

38 CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

OPERATING & CAPITAL: \$7,131,501

Remodel of Emergency Services Division facility

Phase I of radio replacement

New gasoline dispensing system

Modular door replacement at CJC

Purchase of marked and unmarked vehicles



2015 PUBLIC SAFETY TAX: \$20,237,856



PERSONNEL: \$12,706,431

94 SWORN PERSONNEL

38 CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

OPERATING & CAPITAL: \$7,531,425

Creation of the Rural Enforcement Unit (REO)

Creation of the Community Relations Outreach Unit (CRO)

Creation of Recruiting Sergeant

Multi-Jurisdictional Task Forces

Purchase of Mobile Data Computers

Increased marijuana enforcement



2016 PUBLIC SAFETY TAX: \$20,795,608



OPERATING & CAPITAL: \$7,642,191

Continuation of Rural Enforcement Unit (REO)

Continuation of Community Relations Outreach Unit (CRO)

Phase 2 of radio replacement

Added Falcon 24/7 Patrol car

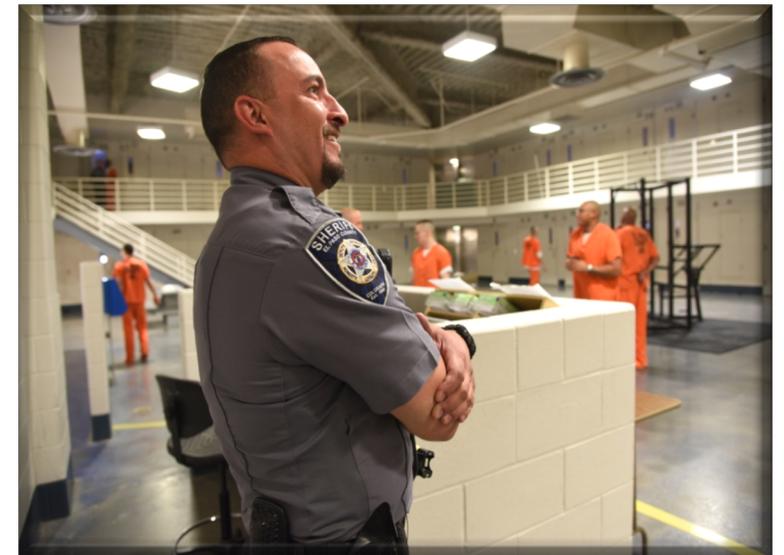
Upgrades to Investigations interview rooms

Energy saving lighting at the Criminal Justice Center

PERSONNEL: \$15,582,391

166 SWORN PERSONNEL

26 CIVILIAN PERSONNEL



2017 PUBLIC SAFETY TAX: \$22,685,163*



OPERATING & CAPITAL: \$6,397,936

Internal Services Transfer

Continuation of Rural Enforcement Unit (REO)

Continuation of Community Relations Outreach Unit (CRO)

Added Falcon 24/7 Patrol car

*Preliminary unaudited

PERSONNEL: \$16,287,227

166 SWORN PERSONNEL

26 CIVILIAN PERSONNEL



2018 PUBLIC SAFETY TAX: \$25,078,367*



OPERATING & CAPITAL: \$7,450,857

Continuation of Rural Enforcement Unit (REO)

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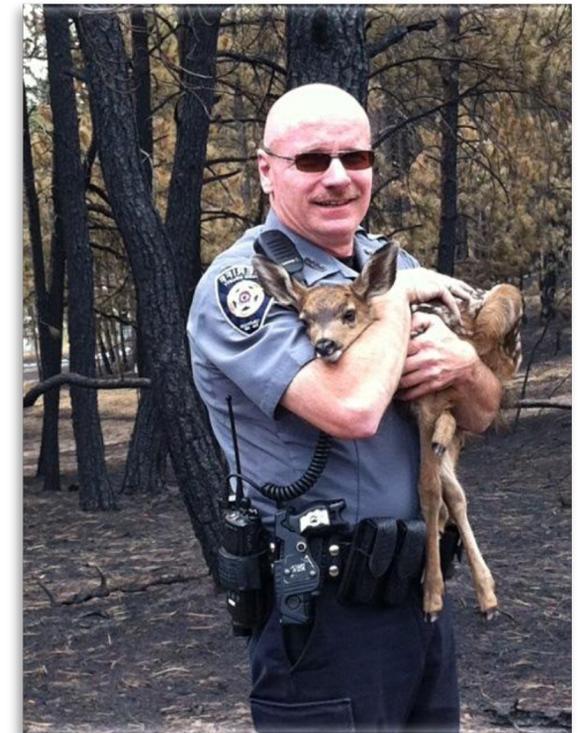
Continuation of Falcon 24/7 Patrol car

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PERSONNEL: \$17,627,510

164 SWORN PERSONNEL

25 CIVILIAN PERSONNEL



2018 & Beyond

Personnel:

The Sheriff's Office remains committed to provide appropriate staffing levels needed to meet the public safety needs and expectations of our growing community. Keeping our community safe is our utmost priority.

Jail and Detentions Services:

2018 PST funds will be used to begin improvements to jail security. The highest priority will be to replace the aging door controls and camera systems with state-of-the-art integrated systems.

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.

911 Services:

The addition of PST funding along with revenue from the 911 authority will allow us to add an additional 5-10 call takers in the communications center, which will improve call processing times during peak hours.

Funding Personnel

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.

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 Hwy 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.

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.



Projects and Programs

INCREASED MARIJUANA ENFORCEMENT: In June 2016, a large illegal, open air marijuana grow was discovered in Pike National Forest and reported to the United States Forest Service. Through their own investigation, the USFS was able to identify the grow. All agencies joined forces to pull approximately 18,000 marijuana plants, pull up hundreds of feet of irrigation piping and clean up the living areas used by the offenders.

DEADLY FORCE INVESTIGATIONS TEAM (DFIT): The DFIT will investigate matters where, when acting in official capacity, a Parties' law enforcement personnel:

- a. Discharges his/her weapon and the discharge causes either bodily injury, serious bodily injury or death to another person or
- b. Uses other deadly force that causes the death of another person.

Matters that occur when off duty may be investigated by the DFIT, by request and agreement by the DFIT Team. Members of the Colorado Springs Police Department, El Paso County Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's Office will make up the DFIT Team, with a liaison from the involved agency participating as well.

VETERANS WARD: In 2015, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office started a jail program (Veterans Ward) for inmates who were veterans of the armed forces. The intent of this program is to aid these individuals in recovery and provide them tools with the hope of preventing them from reoffending. Inmates receive course instruction from deputies involved in the program. Through the efforts of committed deputies, the District Veteran Treatment Court (VTC) was one of four that will be recognized as a national Veteran Mentor Treatment Court. Members of the VTC interact regularly with Veteran Inmates in an effort to provide services to prevent them from reoffending, and in hopes of them becoming productive citizens within the community.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS: 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.



Projects and Programs

Taser replacement program: All deputies who require a taser both in the law enforcement Bureau and the Detentions Bureau will be provided with current technology which will be updated annually. \$230,000 annually

Radio replacement: Failing portable and mobile radio equipment was replaced in the Law Enforcement Bureau and Civil Section. \$800,000 one time expenditures. Additional replacement radios will be needed in the future.

E-citation equipment: Equipment will be purchased to allow deputies to utilize chip technology or UPC codes to enter personnel data and vehicle data into citations, case reports and field interview cards, saving significant data entry time, eliminated duplicate data entry by clerks and reduce errors. \$300,000 one time expense.

Improve door control and surveillance cameras at the jail: Replace aging and out of service door controls, security cameras and head end equipment. \$4 million one time

Integrate electronic jail management software with electronic police records software: Integrate software platforms that will ship data from field arrests by CSPD, EPSO and FPD to the jail intake unit to speed the booking process and reduce duplicate data entry. \$500,000



