

ENHANCED ENFORCEMENT

School Security Initiative

The Fort Worth Police Department (FWPD), area school districts, and the Lena Pope Home work in partnership to provide youth a safe educational environment through the School Security Initiative (SSI). The Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) funds sworn positions as well as related training, weapons, IT costs, cell phone costs and a variety of equipment and supplies associated with the program. The participating school districts and Lena Pope Home reimburse the FWPD 50 percent of the officer personnel and operating costs, and the full cost for relief and supervisory sworn personnel that support SSI operations.

SSI officers are sensitive to the varied needs of students and staff, while also being vigilant and prepared to carry out law enforcement duties. In the summer months, SSI officers continue rigorous training to prepare them for the upcoming school year. This training includes tactics for any situation, from minor incidents (. e.g. bullying, fights) to major events (e.g. bomb threats, active shooter). The goals of this program are to promote a safe learning environment for students, while carrying out law enforcement duties and serving as mentors to encourage positive behavior.

Special Response Teams (SRT)

The purpose of the Special Response Teams (SRT) is to rapidly respond to high-risk tactical incidents. The SRT Section is a component of the Tactical Operations Division. The teams actively participate in training scenarios, which instruct officers in current tactical methods to respond to high-risk incidents and emerging crime trends. The SRT Section is prepared to immediately deploy into any area of the city to manage high-risk incidents prior to S.W.A.T.'s arrival on-scene. The FY2017 Crime Control and Prevention District budget includes funding for eight officers, one detective/corporal, and one sergeant per team for a total of five teams. The FY 2017 Crime Control and Prevention District provides funding for non-personnel items for a 6th SRT team as well.

In FY 2015, the CCPD provided match funding in support of a three-year COPS Hiring Grant award that enabled the Police Department to hire a total of fifteen new patrol positions, which enabled the department to then create a sixth Special Response Team with ten existing officers, as well as, a Real Time Crime Center with five existing officers. CCPD's match funding enables the grant to continue in FY 2017 as awarded.

Special Events and Emergency Response

The Special Events and Emergency Response Program funds the Special Events and Emergency Response Unit (SEER), as well as, the Special Events Overtime Detail. This funding provides the Fort Worth Police Department the ability to ensure officers are actively working the outside perimeter of events that draw large crowds to enhance public safety at designated special events, as well as, a trained team prepared to respond to emergencies. The program does not include security inside an establishment, as this is paid by the enterprise holding the event.

The Special Events Overtime Detail provides Traffic Division officers the ability to assist in managing event traffic ingress and egress and provides services for event participants without impacting normal patrol operations. The FWPD has witnessed a significant increase in the number of events as well as event attendance. Although public safety and traffic control at large events can be a challenge, this service assists not only the event participants, but also has a positive economic impact on Fort Worth.

Expanded S.W.A.T.

The Expanded S.W.A.T. program supplements the existing tactical response capabilities of the S.W.A.T. Section by providing funding for two teams of ten officers. The expansion of the two teams significantly enhances the performance of the S.W.A.T. Section's core functions, including working with barricaded persons, hostage rescue, and high-risk search and arrest warrants. Dignitary protection, riot control, and counter sniper response are also included in Expanded S.W.A.T.'s responsibilities. The two teams of highly trained officers are capable of responding to and resolving any high-risk incident. In addition, the Expanded S.W.A.T. Section enhances the ability to provide tactical training to the Special Response Teams, as well as, provide emergency response to other agencies, as needed.

Parks Community Policing

The Parks Community Policing program provides enhanced public safety and promotes crime prevention through officer presence at designated Park and Recreation Department facilities and sponsored programs. In order to not impact normal patrol operations, police officers are provided overtime opportunities to work at Park and Recreation Department facilities and sponsored athletic events and community center recreation programs. In addition, private security is provided at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens and in the Near Eastside Neighborhood.

Strategic Operations Fund

The Strategic Operations Fund (SOF) enhances the Fort Worth Police Department's capacity to implement strategic operation details focused on reducing crime trends and taking repeat offenders off the street that are identified through intelligence-led policing initiatives. The Information Management Section leads the research, analysis, and development of strategic operation plans and coordinates with specialized units and patrol divisions to implement the strategic operations fund plans. Officers are provided an opportunity to participate in the detail on an overtime basis as to not interrupt normal operations. The Information Management Section is responsible for collecting all CCPD funded, after-action reports to further analyze the outcomes and is responsible for forwarding the reports to the Research & Planning Section to utilize for reporting purposes and record retention of activities associated with Crime Control and Prevention District funded programs.

Stockyards Overtime Detail

The Stockyards Overtime Detail increases the FWPD's capacity to implement details within the popular Stockyards entertainment area, enhancing public safety efforts by responding to calls promptly. The Stockyards Overtime Details are typically conducted on Saturday nights when higher call volumes in the area could otherwise create staffing shortages in other areas. The program provides officers the opportunity to participate on an overtime basis as to not interrupt normal patrol operation. The detail concentrates on public intoxication, burglary of motor vehicles, and assaults. In addition, this detail assists in maintaining a police presence without impacting North Division's evening and night shifts.

Mounted Patrol

Beginning in FY 2017, the FWPD Mounted Patrol Unit is fully funded through CCPD. The Unit was created in the 1970s to curtail the transient issues in the Stockyards area. Moreover, there was a desire on the part of the citizens to see officers on horseback as a working officer as a reminder of our western heritage. The teams are highly visible and able to respond wherever needed. Their special maneuverability enables them to be effective at crowd control and large activity areas such as area malls, the hospital district, downtown, and residential areas. These officers have also been called to incidents of search and rescue in rugged terrain for lost or deceased persons.

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME PREVENTION

Neighborhood Patrol Officers (NPOs)

The Neighborhood Patrol Officer (NPO) program provides officers, above and beyond regular patrol staffing levels that are dedicated to providing services to designated geographic areas. The FY 2017 proposed budget provides funding for all NPO positions and associated cell phone costs. Prior to FY 2017, this program was funded in both the General Fund and the CCPD.

By having the Neighborhood Patrol Officers dedicated to specific geographic areas, the officers are not only able to become more familiar with the area than regular patrol officers, but they are also able to serve as a resource for and get to know area residents and business owners, learn about neighborhood concerns, and build working relationships with area Citizen on Patrol volunteers to work hand-in-hand in reducing neighborhood crime and promoting crime prevention tools. The NPOs maintain open lines of communication between residents, business owners, and the police department by attending various meetings and events, including neighborhood association and other community meetings.

Patrol Support

The Patrol Support program provides funding for the five Field Operations Divisions: North, East, South, West, and Central. Funding is provided for special details, overtime, utilities, and maintenance for various facilities used by patrol officers.

Gang Graffiti Abatement

The Gang Graffiti Abatement's mission is to eliminate and discourage graffiti throughout Fort Worth through abatement, educational strategies, and increased community involvement. Graffiti is an illegal activity in which a person or group mark another's property without their consent. Graffiti is unattractive, lowers property values, and can encourage other types of criminal activity in neighborhoods. Graffiti and its associated problems can be defeated by removing it from a property as soon as possible. The Park and Recreation Department manages the Gang Graffiti Abatement Program (GAP). The department works in conjunction with area schools, businesses, organizations, and other city departments (including FWPDP, Code Compliance and the Transportation and Public Works Department) to promote awareness of the negative impacts of graffiti and to encourage alternative legal outlets for this urban "art form."

Code Blue

The Code Blue Program is an innovative initiative in which police officers and residents work together to assist in crime prevention and intervention. As part of the City's first community policing initiative, Code Blue has been instrumental in the significant reduction of crime in Fort Worth. The Code Blue program serves as the umbrella organization for all of the following groups: Citizens on Patrol Program (COPs), Clergy and Police Alliance (CAPA), Code Blue at the School, Hispanic COP, Ministers Against Crime (MAC), Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Citizens Police Academy (CPA), Citizens Police Academy Alumni (CPAA), and Teen Academy.

The FY2017 proposed budget provides funding for civilian dispatchers specifically assigned to monitor the Code Blue channels of FWPDP's radio system, which converted to encrypted service in 2013. All telecommunication operators, including dispatchers and Code Blue base operators are now required to be certified by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE). This changes the way in which the Code Blue base operators had previously worked—in direct communication with Neighborhood Patrol Officers (NPOs) within their assigned areas. The new dispatchers will be certified under the new law and will communicate to volunteers exclusively on the dedicated Code Blue radio channels. NPOs will also monitor the Code Blue channels to stay apprised of events occurring within their beat.

Crime Prevention Unit

The Crime Prevention Unit provides detailed crime prevention information and services to the Fort Worth community, with a focus on citywide reductions of crime and victimization. The Unit is comprised of one Crime Prevention Coordinator and five Crime Prevention Specialists, one located in and providing services for each Patrol Division.

In an effort to increase public awareness and safety, the Crime Prevention Unit provides various services including but not limited to residential and business security surveys and information is shared at crime watch meetings. In addition, the Crime Prevention Unit visits schools, providing presentations that teach children about stranger danger, bicycle safety and crime prevention practices. There are opportunities to create child ID cards to provide assistance in missing child situations. Other crime prevention techniques include VIN engraving, National Night Out, and maintaining statistics regarding the activities of the Crime Prevention Unit.

Police Storefronts

A variety of department operations are housed in leased police storefronts or small office spaces that are often times provided at a low cost, with varying degrees of utility and maintenance responsibility built into the lease. Neighborhood Patrol Officers and beat officers utilize the storefronts to complete reports, assist the public with community issues, and meet with community groups regarding crime within the immediate area of the storefront. Code Blue, Crime Watch, and other community groups also use these spaces for various meetings. CCPD funds are allocated towards storefront leases, utilities, supplies, and other operating costs.

PARTNERS WITH A SHARED MISSION

After School Program

The After School Program enhances crime prevention efforts through after school enrichment programs—providing a safe environment resulting in educational, physical, and social development for students. Research studies and reports suggest that academic success is a significant factor in reducing and preventing juvenile crime. In addition, national research shows that adolescents are at a higher risk of being a victim of crime or committing a criminal act between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on a school day than at any other time. A multi-disciplinary task force consisting of city officials, school district personnel and related service providers conducted extensive research and developed a coordinated program for schools throughout the city. These schools have documented juvenile crime problems. The After School Program provides activities during the peak hours of juvenile criminal activity in an effort to prevent crime and provide an alternative safe environment.

Five independent school districts receive funding in support of after school programs: Fort Worth, Crowley, Keller, Northwest and White Settlement. These programs include academic activities, sports, recreation, and community service. The CCPD funds are expended on personnel costs (including benefits), supplies, equipment, and other contractual services as outlined in each awarded agency's budget summary. The school districts must submit reports to FWPD staff that outline fund expenditures and performance results prior to reimbursement.

Safe Haven Youth Program – Bethlehem

The Safe Haven Youth Program at the Bethlehem Center is a prevention program operated by the United Community Center (UCC) that provides a safe environment for after school programming for at-risk children and youth. The program's central purpose is to address factors that lead to at-risk behavior at home and school. During the course of the year, a typical participant will spend more than 1,000 hours in the program participating in cultural, sport, and educational activities. This promotes self-esteem by developing positive personal and academic behaviors. This provides for an in-depth and extended intervention in an environment in which children feel safe and secure, in a gang-free zone and away from dysfunctional homes.

Children who come to the Bethlehem Center meet poverty level guidelines and display the typical needs of low-income families. Many of these children come from single parent households. Children and youth participating in the Safe Haven Youth Program at Bethlehem primarily live in the 76104 zip code.

Safe Haven Youth Program – Martin

The Safe Haven Youth Program at Martin is a crime prevention program operated by the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Fort Worth that provides a safe environment for after school programming to Polytechnic-area at-risk youth between the ages of 6 and 18. Program staff provides quality enrichment programs in dedicated rooms at the Martin Boys & Girls Club site, including the education room, computer room, gym, social recreation area, art room, and teen room. Some of the services include alcohol/drug prevention programs, cultural/educational enrichment activities and recreational activities.

FW@6 (Late Night) Program

The FW@6 (Late Night) Program began in 1992 as a response to the increase in gang-involved youth, providing support for afternoon and evening activities. Programs include afterschool and youth sports as well as extended hours for older youth and young adults. The program provides a safe haven for at-risk youth living in high crime areas. These programs decrease youth participation in crime and gangs through enrichment and recreational activities. They are designed to reduce crime, stimulate self-determination, and increase community pride. The programs are operated at the following five community centers: Como, Martin Luther King, Northside, Sycamore, and Worth Heights. The FW@6 Program focuses on the following five goals, which provide alternatives to youth involvement in crime: Education/Personal Development, Employment Readiness, Recreation, Life Skills and Community Responsibility.

Comin' Up Gang Intervention Program

The Comin' Up Gang Intervention Program provides intervention services to gang-involved youth between the ages of 13 and 24. This program provides access to programs and services to help youth avoid negative and destructive behaviors. The CCPD funds six Comin' Up Gang Intervention Program sites, including Diamond Hill, Hillside, Near Southside (Panther), Northside, Poly, and Stop Six operated by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Fort Worth. The CCPD provides the Comin' Up Gang Intervention program with staff and supplies to serve approximately 680 youth nightly Monday through Friday. Program staff develops truces between rival gangs by working directly with gang leaders to assist with conflict resolution, provide information and referral services, and crisis intervention to diffuse potentially troubling or violent situations.

Family Justice Center (One Safe Place)

The Family Justice Center, also known as One Safe Place, brings together a multi-agency task force under one roof to provide coordinated services to victims of domestic violence and their children. It is anticipated that One Safe Place will lead to significant increases in successful criminal prosecution and civil legal solutions and reductions in repeat incidents and homicides.

One Safe Place partners have an integrated, seamless approach to service in a welcoming, victim-focused, and survivor-driven environment. Beyond serving survivors, One Safe Place will strive to create a new social consciousness in the community about violence affecting families through education, training, and research. The Crime Control and Prevention District contributes funding for the operating expenses of the One Safe Place, which is detailed in the program's budget summary. One Safe Place is required to submit reports to the FWPD that outline performance results and CCPD fund expenditures prior to reimbursement.

Crime Prevention Agency Partnership (Safe City Commission)

The CCPD provides support for the Crime Prevention Agency Partnership. Since the District's inception, the two primary focus areas have been the Safe City Commission Advocacy Program and the Crime Stopper Call Center.

The Advocacy Program provides the Safe City Commission with resources for crime prevention public education materials and training opportunities for law enforcement, social service providers, and citizens. The Crime Prevention Agency Partnership Call Center Program improves efficiency of the dissemination of the tip information to all 37 municipalities and all 18 school districts in Tarrant County through the operation of an in-house tip call center. The CCPD provides hourly wages to part-time staff to operate the Call Center seven days a week.

Community-Based Programs

The CCPD provides financial support to local, registered non-profit agencies for crime prevention or intervention programs to supplement the current crime prevention strategies funded by the CCPD. These programs must address at least one of the following goals: reduce violent crime and gang related activities; support efforts to increase the safety of residents; support efforts to increase the safety of youth; and reduce juvenile crime through crime prevention and intervention programs.

Agencies submit proposals to City Purchasing outlining the details of their crime prevention programs, including a project overview, budget details, goals, and performance measures. All proposals are reviewed and scored by a committee. The Evaluation Committee makes recommendations to the CCPD Board, and agencies are awarded funding on a competitive basis based on the amount of funds allocated towards community-based programming each fiscal year; therefore, not all applicants are guaranteed to receive CCPD funding.

CCPD funds can be expended on personnel costs (including benefits), travel, supplies, equipment, contracts/consultants and indirect costs as laid out in each awarded agency's budget summary. Indirect costs cannot exceed 10 percent of the funds requested in the total program budget. Awarded agencies must submit reports to FWPD staff that outline expenditures, program activities and performance measures prior to reimbursement.

The annual funding allocation for the community-based programs is set by the CCPD Board of Directors.

Crimes Against Children Unit (CACU) Partnership with Alliance for Children

The Crimes Against Children Unit (CACU) of the FWPD is co-located at the Fort Worth Alliance for Children Center. The advantage to this partnership is that FWPD and the Alliance for Children can effectively meet the mission of this program by being in close proximity to other investigators and professionals. These include Child Protective Services, the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office, and Alliance for Children. The CCPD provides funding to support the operating cost of the CACU being housed at the Fort Worth Alliance for Children Center.

RECRUITMENT and TRAINING

Recruit Officer Training

The Recruit Officer Training program provides the necessary training and equipment for new and lateral transfer police officers to work in the field. In FY 2017, it is anticipated that there will be four recruit classes implemented. The Police Department routinely analyzes the appropriate number of recruits needed to avoid personnel shortages throughout the Department and to ensure that all of the CCPD components remain fully staffed. All costs for personnel training are funded through the CCPD beginning in FY1998.

The FWPDP training academy operates on a 32-week schedule, training recruits on best practices and curricula based on Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE). This includes legal procedures, federal, state, and local laws, and physical fitness. Other training also includes defensive and control tactics, TASER electronic conducting devices, police driving, and a variety of community service and communication-oriented classes. It also trains recruits on policies and standards specific to the FWPDP. The CCPD funds all costs of recruit training. This includes all equipment for training as well as equipment issued to officers upon graduation.

Expanded Training Staff

The Expanded Training Staff program provides additional officers in order to augment the existing training staff. Due to growing recruitment efforts and larger, more frequent recruit classes, the FWPDP training staff is expanded to meet the current demands. The officers provide basic training for recruits, including pistol and shotgun qualification, as well as familiarization with the patrol carbine. In-service officers are provided carbine and shotgun training. These officers work as a part of a training team that provides opportunities to both recruits and in-service officers.

New Officer Recruitment

The New Officer Recruitment program recruits new officers to the Fort Worth Police Department through strategic efforts to attract a highly qualified, diverse pool of applicants that will be dedicated to protect and provide quality service. There are three focus areas to the New Officer Recruitment Program. The first area is to fund recruitment materials, advertising, and travel in order to recruit and hire diverse personnel. Extensive efforts are currently underway to increase the number of minorities and women recruited to the FWPDP. In an effort to reflect the demographics of the city, recruiting efforts are occurring in historically black colleges and universities (HBCU), Hispanic service institutions (HSI), women's colleges and universities, and universities with highly-regarded criminal justice programs. Recruiting is nationwide and includes all branches of the military, minority organizations and other regional police academies.

The second area of the program provides funding for the Fort Worth Explorer Program, which is committed to developing the life skills and career path of Fort Worth's youth. Explorers are taught the importance of higher education and self-discipline in reaching their goals. They are encouraged to seek law enforcement as an attainable and attractive career choice. Several Explorer Program participants have become Fort Worth Police Officers or have entered the law enforcement field.

The third area of the program provides funding for new recruit background evaluations. The FY2017 budget request includes funding for enhanced recruiting and testing tools as well as psychological evaluations, polygraph examinations and physical assessments.

EQUIPMENT, TECHNOLOGY, and INFRASTRUCTURE

High Mileage Vehicle Replacement

The High Mileage Vehicle Replacement program replaces high-mileage vehicles to ensure operational needs are being met and to enable the flexibility to maintain and modernize the police fleet as operational priorities change. The Police Department formulated a vehicle replacement plan that would allow the modernization of the fleet with the goal of no assigned patrol car to have more than 100,000 miles. To maintain this plan, it is necessary to consistently purchase fleet replacement vehicles and move higher-mileage cars to units that have less demanding operational needs. The plan focuses on the replacement of front-line patrol vehicles with more than 100,000 miles, as these are operated around-the-clock with very little downtime. Unmarked, undercover, and specialized vehicles are also replaced as needed for police operations. The FY2017 budget allows for the purchase of marked, unmarked, frontline patrol, and/or specialized vehicles and equipment.

Jail Cost Allocation

The FWPD does not operate a local municipal jail and until December 1, 2001, contracted with the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department for these services. The City of Fort Worth then entered into a contract with the City of Mansfield for detention services. The existing contract with the City of Mansfield began on October 1, 2006 for a one-year initial term, with automatic renewals of subsequent one-year terms up to nine years through September 30, 2016. Throughout this timeframe, the annual payment increased 4 percent each subsequent year the contract was renewed. The Crime Control and Prevention District Board began funding the increased jail costs during year three of the initial authorization. The City of Fort Worth is currently evaluating detention service options.

Technology Infrastructure

The Technology Infrastructure program is a critical resource for the FWPD, as it provides funding for replacing computers identified on the city's Refresh Plan, in addition to providing servers. Additional funds will provide for the purchase of critically needed equipment in the form of servers, Isilon storage, scanners, software enhancements and printers that support the mission and initiatives of the FWPD. The Technology Infrastructure program assists in trying to keep pace with technological advancements that are key in assisting with intelligence-led policing initiatives to reduce crime, meeting legal mandates, improving efficiencies, and supporting overall departmental operations and strategic plan initiatives. Due to technological advancements, the Police Department replaces computers based on a three-year life cycle. In conjunction with the city's IT Solutions Department, the FWPD is continuing to implement the Refresh Plan by replacing eligible computers on an annual basis.

This program also funds a Senior IT Business Planner position for FWPD, which provides project management for technology-related initiatives. This position's primary duties is to research, plan and implement police-specific technological applications and systems deemed necessary to further the mission of the department, while working in coordination with the Police Department's Technology Committee and IT Solutions Department. Although the FWPD is assigned a project manager from the IT Solutions Department, it is essential that this individual be an expert in police technology that can satisfactorily evaluate and apply this technology throughout the department.

DNA Crime Lab Support

The DNA Crime Lab Support Program funds positions, training, equipment and other operational costs to provide DNA services provided by the FWPD Crime Laboratory. The program was initiated in order to reduce processing time and create greater case efficiencies in violent crime investigations. FWPD's DNA Unit obtained ASCLD/LAB and Texas Department of Safety accreditation and is now able to process DNA cases in-house. Having the DNA Unit allows the FWPD to seek additional grant funding. The DNA Unit is currently performing analysis for only the FWPD, however anticipates extending services to nearby police agencies in the future, serving as a potential revenue generator for the police department.

Motorcycle Replacement

The Motorcycle Replacement program provides the Motors Section of the Traffic Division with the proper motorcycle equipment that will allow the section to perform their designated duties. The Traffic Division is responsible for traffic enforcement throughout the entire city. The division is also responsible for dignitary escorts, traffic flow, and counter flow for special events. Each motorcycle is assigned to a specific officer, and is set up to meet each officer's specifications, including his/her height and reach in order to correctly fit their motorcycle. The CCPD funding of the Motorcycle Replacement Program allows for proper motorcycle rotations, which should not exceed six years or 60,000 miles. Additionally, this program allows the retention of motorcycles that have exceeded the mileage and are deemed the most reliable. These motorcycles will be retained for use as spares in training and normal operations when a motorcycle is wrecked or in the shop for scheduled maintenance. Approved program funding and the established vehicle rotation schedule will ensure and optimize officer safety, operational costs, and resale value.

Mobile Data Computers

Mobile Data Computer (MDC) technology enables patrol units to connect to law enforcement databases, offering officers instant access to information about the area they are assigned to patrol. MDCs are typically rugged-style laptops meant to withstand the constant use and stresses of patrolling the city. The Fort Worth Police Department is evaluating the latest generation of MDC technology. The FY2017 budget is to begin the process to replace MDC technology, as well as, MDC air cards and encryption licenses.

Police Officer Safety Equipment

The Police Officer Safety Equipment Program provides funding for body cameras. The program also funds the storage of data and video images captured with officer body cameras. Videos captured through the body cameras are uploaded to Evidence.com, a secure digital evidence storage system, where they can be stored, retrieved, and shared. Evidence.com protects the video evidence from tampering and catalogs each event for easy retrieval and evidence management.

The Police Officer Safety Equipment program also enables the FWPD to purchase and equip officers with a non-lethal electronic control device used to subdue suspects. Tasers, much like other police equipment, have a finite useful life and need to be replaced according to a set schedule. Having fully functional tasers will reduce the number of officer-incurred injuries, thereby reducing the medical expenses and the liability associated with use-of-force situations.

Digital Cameras for Vehicle Replacement

Digital in-car video systems are a critical component of the police department's operational needs. These systems provide evidence of potential criminal activity, limit the civil liabilities of officers, and document officer behavior during interactions with the public. FWPD currently operates in-car video systems in marked police vehicles, including all front-line patrol vehicles, Traffic Division DWI units, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement units, and vehicles assigned to the Special Response Teams.

The Fort Worth Police Department is currently evaluating the latest generation of in-car video systems. The goal for FY 2017 is to begin the process to upgrade systems in correlation to the replacement of vehicles.

Police Radio Systems

The City of Fort Worth is in the process of upgrading its public safety radio system used by Police, Fire, and other departments. The current system, installed in 1992, is experiencing reliability, capacity, and coverage area issues directly related to its age and city growth. Current generation infrastructure and radios are fully supported by the manufacturer and has increased emergency capacity using a citywide public works radio system.

The CCPD made a \$5,000,000 payment and financed the residual \$28,686,233. The police radio system balance was financed alongside other non-FWPD radio costs through the City of Fort Worth. Any savings and interest associated with this project will revert to the CCPD upon the closure of the project at a rate of 61 percent of the total balance.