

FY10 Budget – Police Department

The Police Department strives to protect and serve the citizens in Reading. Our force includes 40 sworn officers and 3.8 civilian support staff. The total of 43.8 FTE's has not changed for FY10.

Patrol: The Police Department revolves around the Patrol Division. The members of the patrol division perform the day to day functions of law enforcement. Our department has a Community Policing focus. To that end, the department provides safety and community service programs to our schools and community groups. We have a bicycle and motorcycle patrol component during the warm weather seasons and we conduct programs such as the Citizens Police Academy and RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) system for women.

Support Services: Overlapping duties with the Patrol Division, the Support Services group also manages many of the behind the scenes work like equipment and vehicle maintenance, permitting and town safety programs.

Service Statistics for calendar year 2008:

Arrests	172
Protective Custody	42
Motor Vehicle Citations	5,904
Parking Violations	2,456
Detective Criminal Investigations	171
Automobile Crashes Investigated	560

Detectives: The detective bureau investigates and prosecutes crime in the community. This six person team is highly trained in investigative techniques and coordinates with local, regional, and national law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute, as well as prevent, crime. A review of the budget will show an increase in this line - this is due to reorganization within the division. Total staffing in the division remains constant.

Animal Control: The Animal Control function is a part time position that is staffed 13 hours per week. The Animal Control Officer received over 500 calls for service in 2008.

Parking Enforcement: The Parking Enforcement function is a part time position that is staffed 18 hours per week. The Parking Enforcement Officer wrote approximately 2,000 parking citations in 2008.

School Crossing Guards: The role of this function is to help students safely cross hazardous intersections in Town on the way to school. The Crossing Guards improve the safety for students who walk, bicycle or take car or bus transportation to school.

Department Salaries: Police salaries are increasing in accordance with collective bargaining agreements which expire in June 2010 and non-union wage tables. The overall FY10 Police salary line is lower than in FY09 due to employee

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turnover coupled with the fact that the FY09 budget was prepared during contract negotiations and was estimated on the best information at the time.

The FY10 Police salaries will be more accurate because we know more precisely how much each employee will earn. In addition, the overtime budget is not increasing. This should be manageable as we will have a full complement of officers in early FY10 for the first time in more than 4 years.

Department Expenses: The department has adjusted a number of line items this year to better reflect actual spending categories. This is in part due to the increased detail available through the new financial software.

The primary reduction in the Police expenses has come from the training budget where non-mandatory training has been reduced by \$5,000.00.

FY10 Budget Highlights: No additional staff has been added from FY09 although we would, under normal conditions, have been asking for an additional Police Officer. The overtime line item is not increased; this is essentially a reduction in overtime as salaries are increasing. The department has eliminated non-mandatory training. The expense budget has been decreased by a total of \$14,000.

Fees Collected during calendar year 2008:

License to Carry Permits	\$2,925
Firearm Identification Cards	\$662
Police Reports Copied	\$2,080
Parking Fines	\$70,195
Administrative Fees for details	\$27,721
Community Access Stickers	\$84,016
Parking Space Rentals	\$32,420
Civil Motor Vehicle Infractions	\$58,465
Community Room Rental fee	\$1,010
Motor Vehicle Lease Surcharge	\$2,167