CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA
Budget Work Session â€“ Public Safety

This meeting will be held in-person and virtual.
25 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770

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Wednesday, April 30, 2025
7:30 PM

Budget Work Session - Public Safety Packet

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Agenda Item No:

City Council Work Session Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: April 30, 2025
Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen
Submitting Department: Administration
Item Type: Work Session Item
Agenda Section: Budget Work Session - Public Safety Packet

Subject:
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CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

POLICE DEPARTMENT

550 CRESCENT ROAD, GREENBELT, MD 20770

Richard Bowers
Chief of Police

To: City Council

From: Rick Bowers, Chief of Police

Date: 4/24/2025

RE: Public Safety Budget Work Session

The Police Department's proposed FY2026 budget is $12,702,100, an increase of 11.63 percent from the FY2025 budget. This increase is due to costs related to employee pay increases and the related increase in employee benefits.

Departmental Highlights from FY2026 include:

- Completed the purchase of new portable radios using ARPA funds.
- The Department entered into an agreement with the U.S. Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force.
- The department hosted several community programs, including a summer youth program, National Night Out, a Youth Basketball game, Shop with a Cop, and various community meetings.
- Implementation of the License plate camera system.

The FY2026 budget includes funding for all department positions with the exception of a records specialist. The department is seeking funding for a minimum of two replacement vehicles. It did not replace any vehicles in FY2025 and needs to maintain a fleet of patrol vehicles, 36% exceeding 100,000 miles.

In FY2026, the department is committed to meeting council goals to improve and enhance public safety. Police department staff developed a strategic plan for 2025, with the overall goals of improving public safety, strengthening community engagement, and developing staff.

The police department is funded primarily through the City's General Fund. However, the department has other funding sources, including State of Maryland grants, the Franklin Park Partnership, the School Resource Officer program, and fines.

The department continues to look ahead to FY 2026 and beyond. We anticipate that staffing will continue to be a significant area of focus. The new collective bargaining agreement aligns the department's pay rate with that of comparative agencies. However, fewer applicants are interested in a law enforcement career, so hiring is competitive with other departments. The department will continue to seek best practices and the use of technology to meet our goals for FY2026.

FY2026 Request Fire and Rescue Squad

Apparatus

- Engine 353 | 2021 Pierce | Projected Replacement **2036**
- Engine 352 | 2014 Pierce | Projected Replacement **2029**
- Ambulance 358 | 2018 Ford | Projected Replacement **NA**
- Ambulance 359 | 2014 Ford | Projected Replacement **NA**
- Chief 35 | 2008 Ford | Projected Replacement **- Past Due - $80,000 projected cost**
- Chief 35A | 2004 Ford | Projected Replacement **NA**
- Utility Truck | 2023 Ford | Projected Replacement **NA**

EMS Billing

- The EMS billing account currently has a balance of **$313,301.15**. This account is used to maintain and fuel apparatus, as well as pay for insurance and additional equipment as needed. This is a variable account.