



## TOWN OF ORO VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

### *KNOW YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET*

#### **Q. Why did the Police Department's approved FY 2011/2012 budget increase by 4.6%?**

- A.** The Fleet and IT programs, along with their budgets, returned to the Police Department as it was in FY 2008/2009. These transfers provide operational efficiencies and offset unintended overtime expenses. Therefore, it made economic sense to return these programs back to the Police Department budget. With the exception of these programs, the overall Police Department budget for FY 2011/2012 was reduced by \$39,060.

	FY 2010/2011	FY 2011/2012	Difference
<b>Approved Budget</b>	\$11,566,573	\$12,096,513	
<b>Cost of Fleet</b>		\$467,000	
<b>Cost of IT</b>		\$102,000	
	\$11,566,573	\$11,527,513	\$(39,060)

#### **Q. Has the Police Department reduced its number of employees since the slumping economy?**

- A.** Yes. In comparing FY 2008/2009 to FY 2011/2012 budget, the Police Department reduced staffing equivalent to 13.35 Full Time Employees. This includes eliminated and unfilled positions. During that same period, the Police Department's operations and maintenance budget was reduced over 25% or \$438,535.

#### **Q. What does creating "budget capacity for grants" mean and why is it important?**

- A.** The Town of Oro Valley constantly explores opportunities to receive grant funding in various and unpredictable amounts. In order to accept this funding, the capacity needs to be included in the budget to accept and spend these additional revenues. For example, the Oro Valley Police Department is projected to receive over \$600,000 in State and Federal grants for FY 2011/2012. These monies are incorporated into the budget; however, it is at no cost to the Town.

#### **Q. Why does the Police Department have take-home vehicles?**

- A.** The Chief of Police authorizes the use of take-home vehicles for the following reasons:

- Members are subject to on call responsibilities
- Reduce response times to critical incidents with the appropriate equipment
- Geographical location of members' duty stations
- Operational necessity based on assignment

Through careful management, oversight and study, the Police Department has recognized that take-home vehicles and associated equipment last longer and cost less to maintain. It is important to note that not all Police Department members have take-home vehicles.

#### **Q. What are Anti-Racketeering funds and how does the Police Department use them?**

- A.** Federal Guidelines and Arizona Revised Statutes strictly regulate the use of Anti-Racketeering funds (also known as seizure funds). Seizure funds are often utilized to fund departmental necessities that are not funded through the approved Town Budget. Examples of approved expenditures are inclusive, but not limited to:

- Member training/travel
- Investigative support
- Equipment purchase/maintenance
- Community oriented policing programs
- Gang and drug education and awareness for the community

**Q. Why does the Police Department have officers assigned to outside agencies' task force operations?**

**A.** Task force operations provide collaboration, cooperation and unity of efforts that leverage the resources of multiple agencies. Task force operations provide a force multiplier to agencies that lack the funding, expertise and resources to conduct elaborate investigations. Benefits of cooperative efforts realized through task force operations are:

- Availability of technological resources/assets
- Extensive free training provided to our assigned officers
- Intelligence sharing
- Ability to provide a surge in man-power in emergency situations
- Percentage of Anti-Racketeering funds are provided to agencies contributing to investigations
- Offsets the costs for officers' salaries, overtime and employee related expenses.

The Police Department has officers assigned to the following:

- Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
- Counter Narcotics Alliance (CNA)
- FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF)
- Arizona Gang Intelligence Immigration Team Enforcement Mission (GIITEM)

FY 2011/2012	DEA	CNA	JTTF	GIITEM	Total
	<i>3 Officers</i>	<i>3 Officers</i>	<i>1 Officer</i>	<i>1 Officer</i>	<i>8 Officers</i>
<b>General Fund</b>	\$222,554	\$251,939	\$82,488	\$72,720	\$629,701
<b>Reimbursed</b>	(\$78,169)	(\$251,939)	\$0	(\$55,004)	(\$385,112)
<b>Net Cost to Town</b>	<i>\$144,385</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$82,488</i>	<i>\$17,716</i>	<i>\$244,589</i>
In FY 2010/2011, the Police Department received over \$200,000 in Anti-Racketeering Funds.					

**Q. Why does Oro Valley have a greater number of motor officers compared to other agencies?**

**A.** The Oro Valley Police Department's traffic philosophy incorporates the three E's of traffic: Engineering, Education and Enforcement. Through high visibility and public interaction, the Police Department maintains a low amount of injury traffic collisions and fatalities. Moreover, police motorcycles respond to calls for service faster based on size, agility and maneuverability.

The size of the Traffic Unit is commensurate with the expectations of the community. Monthly citizen surveys continue to indicate traffic issues are consistently in the top three quality of life concerns. The Traffic Unit is a specialized squad (1 Sergeant, 8 Officers and 1 Special Events Coordinator) tasked with the following duties:

- Aggressive traffic enforcement
- Driver education/awareness
- Special event coordination
- Traffic congestion mitigation
- Evaluate traffic statistics for optimal deployment
- Commercial vehicle inspections
- Criminal traffic investigations
- Responding to traffic complaints/concerns
- Reducing liability to the Town
- Work with Town engineers to ensure safe roadways

An independent study by medical professionals in 2005 concluded that a strong traffic/motor enforcement program was a simple and effective injury prevention program, which reduces injury, death and medical costs. Moreover, additional studies show aggressive traffic enforcement has a significant impact on criminal activity. For traffic related questions or concerns, please call our Traffic Hotline (520) 229-4933 and an officer will contact you.

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