



# Public Safety Sales Tax Update (Measure O/H)

Public Safety Subcommittee  
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# Fire Department

Measure O currently funds the hiring of additional firefighters and deployment of additional paramedic units throughout the City with the following 10.0 Fire Positions:

- 3.0 Paramedic Captains
- 3.0 Paramedic Engineers
- 3.0 Paramedic Firefighters
- 1.0 Training Captain
- In addition to the 10.0 FTE's above, it also includes partial funding (25%) of EMS Division Chief to oversee all aspects of the EMS Program

Measure O funds are designated for construction and strategic relocation of fire stations. Historically, Measure O has helped fund the following:

- Built Stations 5, 10 and 11
- Funding for future relocation of Station 8 (Roseland) and funding for the future construction of Station 9 (Southeast)
- Funding for the replacement of portable buildings at Station 11 with a permanent structure

# Fire Department

Measure O funds are also used for the purchase of specialized equipment for emergency response. Since inception, the following apparatus and accessory vehicle purchases were funded:

- 55 dual band mobile radios and eight mobile repeaters
- Two Type-I fire engines
- Type-III wildland fire engine
- Four command vehicles
- Swift Water Rescue Trailer

# Police Department

## Measure O Funded Positions

### **11 Sworn FTE**

- 1 Lieutenant
- 1 Sergeant (*added 1 new Sergeant in FY 23/24*)
- 9 Police Officers

### **5 Civilian FTE**

- 2 Field and Evidence Technicians
- 1 Community Services Officer
- 1 Communications Supervisor
- 1 Police Technician

# Police Department

- Enhanced patrol services
- Increased traffic safety and violence reduction efforts
  - Allows for expansion of Downtown Enforcement Team-including the DET substation in the downtown Transit Mall
  - Sideshow enforcement/prevention
  - Ghost guns seizures

# Police Department

- Increased community engagement and collaboration with the Santa Rosa Violence Prevention Partnership
- Dedicated Lieutenant overseeing special events, Traffic, Incident Management, and Citywide homeless response
  - Country Summer, Sonoma County Fair, Wednesday Night Market

# VPP

## Measure O Funded Positions

### **4 FTE**

- 1 Program Manager
- 1 Administrative Analyst (CHOICE)
- 1 Community Outreach Specialist (Outreach & Training)
- 1 Senior Administrative Assistant

## Non-Measure O Positions

### **2 FTE**

- 2 Community Outreach Specialists (Limited Term)
  - Sonoma County Probation (GPS Program)
  - PG&E Settlement Funds (Street Outreach & Crisis Response)

# VPP

## Current Programming

- Guiding People Successfully (funded by Probation)
  - FY 22-23: 20 Probation youth and 119 non-Probation youth served
- CHOICE Grant Program
  - 8 agencies funded at \$750,000/year
  - 9 mini-grants provided





# VPP

## Current Programming, cont.

- Crisis Response
  - Montgomery High School
  - Community Wellness Popups
- Street Outreach
  - Life Skills Classes
- Outreach and Training
  - Seminar



# Questions?