

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mission Statement

In partnership with our community, we will ensure a safe and peaceful city. We are committed to providing proactive police enforcement and high quality police services to our diverse community.

Department Description

The Police Department provides law enforcement services and addresses quality of life issues in Glendale. Specific responsibilities include 911 emergency response; proactive law enforcement; traffic enforcement and collision investigation; crime investigation and case preparation; community and school policing; and administration of a the city jail facility.

Relationship to City Strategic Goals Safe Community

The Police Department is committed to working in collaboration with other City Departments to create a safe community. This will be accomplished through the use of a quality of life, community policing philosophy. By focusing on neighborhoods, partnerships, and long term problem solving, the Police Department will maintain its ranking of one of America's top ten safest cities with a population over 100,000 and continue to reduce our resident's fear of crime.

Trust in Government

The department is committed to providing realistic open and transparent services to the Glendale community including enhanced community relations and public education; enhanced partnerships with the city council and other city departments; department-wide

community policing; and a renewed commitment to recruit candidates that represent our diverse community in terms of ethnicity, gender, cultural background and language skills.

Transportation & Mobility

In conjunction with the City's Traffic Engineering Department, the Traffic Bureau has developed innovative and flexible traffic management strategies. These strategies have helped mitigate the impact of the huge traffic volume associated with holiday shopping in the Central Business District.

Technology

The department continually searches for ways of improving services levels by integrating new technologies that improve efficiencies. This proactive approach is in part responsible for Glendale's continued status as one of America's safest cities despite staffing per population ratios and police cost per resident ratios that are considerably less than surrounding communities.

Major Accomplishments

1. Purchased state of the art forensic hardware and updated software for the computer lab, bringing our lab closer to national certification. The new equipment cut the time to complete a typical forensic case by approximately 3% which translates into a savings of between 15 to 20 hours of OT in a typical case.
2. Attained a 100% clearance rate on 2008 homicides (5) and solved all 2008 bank/ATM robberies (9).
3. Made 236 financial crimes arrests from 721 assigned cases including:
 - a. Arrested and successful prosecution of a Crip gang member who was the head of a large identity theft ring and recovered over 125 counterfeit drivers licenses, social security cards and credit cards.
 - b. Arrested a husband and wife team who had been running a Craigslist scam, collecting money from victims under the false pretense that they were owners of an apartment for rent.
 - c. Recovered 1250 pounds of copper wire, one of the largest seizures of copper wire in the county according to LAPD's specialized unit that deals solely in copper thefts.
4. Issued 864 citations and arrested 5 suspects for DUI violations over a 3 month period in a targeted Patrol traffic enforcement effort in identified areas around the city.
5. Providing enhanced traffic and pedestrian safety in and around our city schools, all in a joint effort between patrol, traffic and COPPS personnel to provide more safety for our students around schools.
6. Reduced pedestrian collisions from 129 in 2007 to 84 in 2008 through directed enforcement, outreach programs and grant funded task forces.
7. In partnership with the City of Los Angeles, the Police Department and City Attorney engaged in obtaining a court injunction regulating the conduct and activities of known gang members and their associates.
8. Consolidation of the Air Support Unit with Burbank PD and exploration of further consolidation with Pasadena PD, savings of \$300K per year.
9. Completed a Department wide strategic plan
10. Completed the Department Policy Manual update and automation
11. Technology Improvements
 - a. Installed in-car video cameras
 - b. Updated the Departments CAD system and installed associated GPS equipment
 - c. Updated and improved the Department's digital audio recorders and retention system

Changes from Prior Year

Budget Changes:

The department budget reflects an increase primarily due to cost of living adjustments.

Staffing Changes:

No staffing changes are incorporated into the budget. However, several changes in various management level staff during the fiscal year 2010 are anticipated.

Organizational / Program Changes:

Due to budget reductions, the police department eliminated or significantly reduced 4 programs entering 2008-09. The middle school SRO program, Public Safety Academy and Citizens Police Academy were eliminated and the COPPS (Community Oriented Policing Program) was reduced by 36% with the loss of 4 police officers and a CSO.

POLICE - GENERAL FUND			
	Actual Expenditures 2007-08	Original Budget 2008-09	Proposed Budget 2009-10
Salaries & Benefits	45,175,729	49,182,447	50,124,316
Maintenance & Operations	7,388,704	6,273,058	6,904,206
Capital Outlay	18,837	157,000	-
Charges - Other Departments	(47,267)	(45,000)	-
Total Appropriations	52,536,004	55,567,505	57,028,522

POLICE - OTHER FUNDS			
	Actual Expenditures 2007-08	Original Budget 2008-09	Proposed Budget 2009-10
Salaries & Benefits	4,137,263	5,356,062	5,565,444
Maintenance & Operations	4,083,290	5,017,039	4,752,073
Capital Outlay	632,945	2,033,450	192,800
Projects	38,105	-	-
Total Appropriations	8,891,603	12,406,551	10,510,317

Future Outlook

Glendale's status as one of America's safest cities is in jeopardy due to increasing fiscal constraints. Recent budget reductions have required the Police Department to reduce staffing and reduce programs. The reductions have come in areas relating to proactive

crime fighting. As these preventative measures are eroded, the City is exposed to a potential increase in crime activity and the resulting social blight that accompanies long term crime increases.