

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Senate Finance

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Budget Summary

DPS General Revenue Budget Summary

FY 2025

| | FY 2025 Enacted Budget | FY 2025 Department's Request | FY 2025 Governor's Revised Request | Notes: |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Central Management | \$13.3M | \$13.2M | \$13.2M | Re-Appropriation for SBWC. Central Management increased allocation to Indirect Cost Recovery. Re-allocation of expenses to Indirect Cost Recovery and COLA |
| Security Services | \$30.7M | \$29.5M | \$30.9M | Hired 4 Capitol Police Officers and expect to graduate 16 Sheriffs in April. Savings generated from Sheriff turnover, Re-Appropriations, Outright Purchase of Vehicles. Union Contract Provisions included in Governor's Budget |
| Municipal Police Training Academy | \$0.3M | \$0.3M | \$0.3M | No Material Changes. |
| State Police | \$91.1M | \$94.0M | \$93.7M | Expected to Graduate 16 Trooper Trainees in June. Re-Appropriations, Outright Purchase of Vehicles, Civilian COLA |
| TOTAL | \$135.4M | \$137.0M | \$138.1M | |

DPS General Revenue Budget Summary

FY 2026

| | FY 2026 Base Budget | FY 2026 Constrained Request | FY 2026 Unconstrained Request | FY 2026 Governor's Revised Request | Notes: |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Central Management | \$1.7M | \$1.5M | \$1.7M | \$1.9M | +1 FTE for PSGAO from Uniformed Sheriffs. Union Contract Provisions included in Governor's Budget |
| Security Services | \$31.3M | \$30.2M | \$31.3M | \$33.7M | +1 Screener FTE – State House -1 Sheriff for PSGAO. Union Contract provisions included in Governor's Budget |
| Municipal Police Training Academy | \$0.3M | \$0.0M | \$0.3M | \$0.4M | Equipment necessary for RMS Training for MPTA. Union Contract Provisions included in Governor's Budget |
| State Police | \$92.2M | \$86.2M | \$92.2M | \$90.6M | Moved Motor Vehicle Purchases to State Fleet Revolving Loan Program. Civilian Contract Provisions included in the Budget. |
| TOTAL | \$125.5M | \$117.9M | \$125.5M | \$126.6M | |

Priorities

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Department Priority Updates – State Police

FY 2025

- Graduation of the 2025 State Police Training Academy; Estimated at 16 Troopers
- Phase I Implementation of the Statewide Public Safety Computer Aided Records Management System in accordance with R.I. Gen Law § 42-28.10.
- Groundbreaking of the Southern Public Safety Complex occurred in the Fall of 2024.
- Aquidneck Island Study – Assess benefits of renovations of Portsmouth Barracks
- Feasibility Study for Field House Completed
- COPS – Anti-Heroin Task Force Program \$4.0 Million total award

FY 2026

- Phase II and III Implementation of the Statewide Public Safety Computer Aided Records Management System in accordance with R.I. Gen Law § 42-28.10.
- Continued commitment to training and wellness – \$100,000 to enhance retainment of Troopers.
- Continued commitment to community outreach and recruitment through the State Police Community Policing Outreach Unit.
- Southern Public Safety Complex opening projected for June 2026.
- Year 2 of the COPS – Anti-Heroin Task Force Program

Department Priority Updates - DPS

- Sheriff
 - Continue to recruit Sheriffs to provide Judiciary courtroom security, extraditions, and civil processing.
- Capitol Police
 - Continue to recruit Capitol Police Officers to maintain security presence at State Office and Judicial Buildings.
 - Additional Screener FTE approved in the Governor's Budget will be stationed at the State House.
- E-911
 - Recruitment remains a priority. We currently have five (5.0) vacancies with six (6.0) candidates in background investigation phase. Once fully staffed we will be conducting a study to determine if an increase in staff is necessary.
 - Upgraded all partner dispatch agencies with IP based "responder phones" to replace outdated copper lines. All installations have been completed except for one agency, which is planned to take place shortly.
 - Capital Budget-replacement of end-of-life call handling hardware equipment including video wall

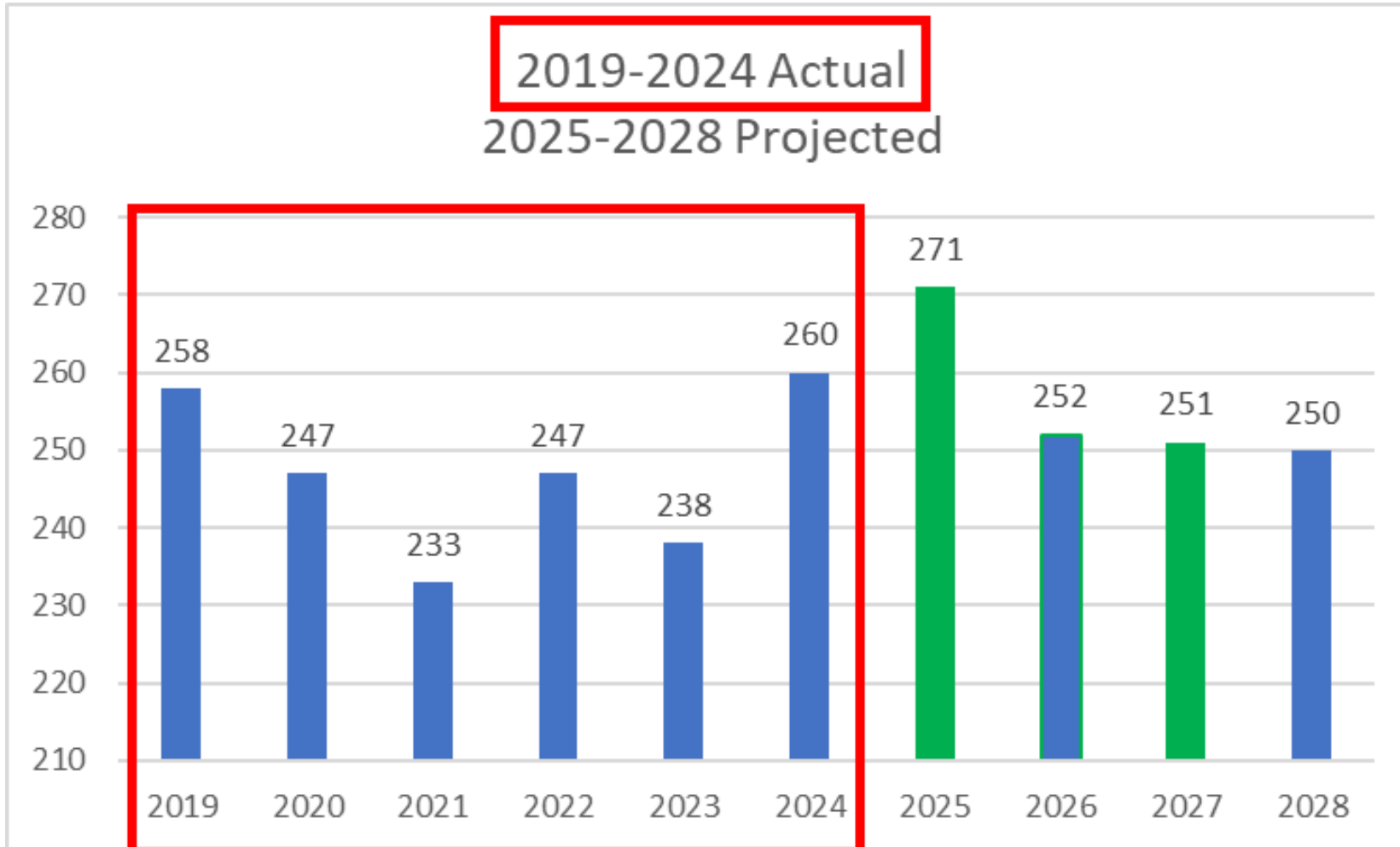
Challenges

DPS Personnel - FTEs

| | FY 2025 Enacted | Filled 3/11/2025 | Vacancies | FY 2025 Gov Revised | Change to FY 2025 Enacted | FY 2026 Gov Request | Change to FY 2026 Revised |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| State Police* | 328.0 | 318.0 | 10.0 | 328.0 | - | 328.0 | - |
| Sheriffs | 180.0 | 139.0 | 41.0 | 179.0 | -1.0 | 179.0 | - |
| Capitol PD | 53.0 | 49.0 | 4.0 | 53.0 | - | 54.0 | +1.0 |
| E-911 | 56.0 | 51.0 | 5.0 | 56.0 | - | 56.0 | - |
| Central Management | 14.0 | 14.0 | - | 15.0 | +1.0 | 15.0 | - |
| Municipal Police Training Academy | 2.0 | 2.0 | - | 2.0 | - | 2.0 | - |
| TOTAL | 633.0 | 573.0 | 60.0 | 633.0 | - | 634.0 | +1.0 |

*Includes 16 Trooper Trainees

State Police Personnel (Calendar Year)



- Current = **257** Sworn (282 Authorized Gov 2025)
- **34** eligible to retire at any time (1997 & 2000 Classes)
- **1** of **34** MANDATORY retire in CY25 (age/military purchase)
- 2025 = Projected mandatory retirements (50% of 1997 Class) + 16 member academy
- 2026 = Projected retirements (50% of 1997 Class)

State Police Recruitment & Academies

State Police - 2025 RISP Recruit Class Timeline

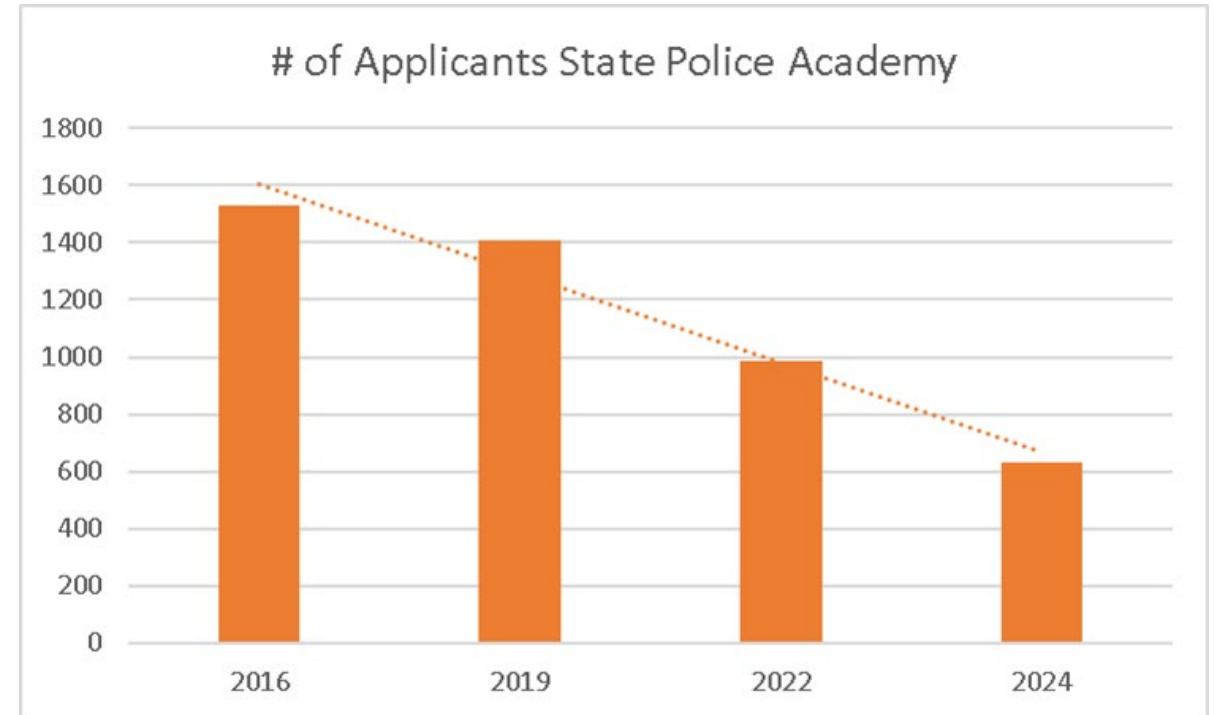
- July 1, 2024 – August 31, 2024 – Application Period (2 months)
 - 456 Applicants (Instructed to RSVP the scheduled physical fitness assessment)
- July-September – Physical Fitness Assessment (of the 415 that RSVP and were scheduled: 204 appeared and 143 passed)
- July-September – Written Examinations
- August-October – Oral Boards
- September-November – Background Investigations
- November-December - Psychological Tests
- November-December – Conditional Offers of Employment
- December – Physical/Medical Exams
- December – Final Offer to candidates
- December – January - Mentorship/Orientation
- January 2025 – Recruit Class
 - Commenced with 22 Trooper Trainees Given Appointments to the Academy
- June 2025 – Graduation scheduled
 - Expected to Graduate 16 Troopers

| Applicant Demographics | |
|------------------------|-----|
| White | 188 |
| Black | 77 |
| Hispanic | 115 |
| No Response | 46 |
| Other | 30 |
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| Male | 383 |
| Female | 63 |
| No Response | 10 |

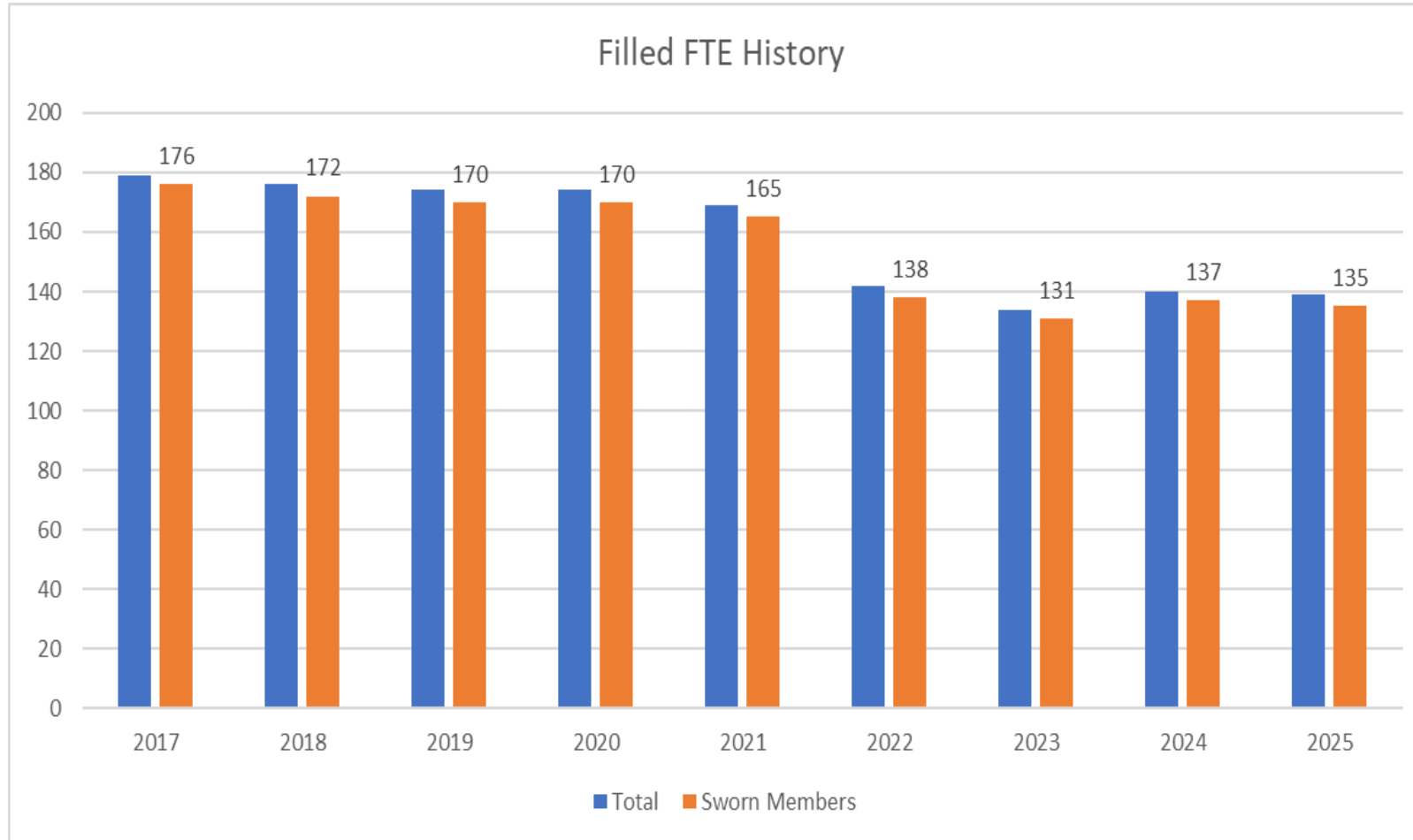
State Police Recruitment Difficulties

State Police - 2025 RISP Recruit Class

- Physical Assessment
 - 70% Passed Physical Agility
- Competing with regional law enforcement agencies who have begun offering:
 - Sign on Bonuses
 - Lateral transfers – not required to attend a secondary academy



Sheriff Personnel



- Recruit Classes from 2013-2024 = **107.0** Graduates Hired
- Total **43.0** Resigned (40.1% loss)
- Exit Interviews:
 - Salary
 - Opportunities in Municipal Police Departments
 - Lack of Promotion Opportunities (>10 Yrs.)
- FY 2025 Mini Contract Allowed for Lateral Hires as well as a standard class of 16.
- Authorized FTEs 179.0 Revised Budget
 - 175.0 Sworn
 - 4.0 Civilian

DPS – Recruitment & Academies

Sheriffs

- **Recruitment Resources Utilized:**
 - Digital Advertisement including re-branded website, Facebook, Cox Communications, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter and YouTube
 - Radio Advertisement including minority outreach
 - Posted job on Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy website, State of RI and DOA LinkedIn pages, Handshake, and shared with RI Judiciary, RIDOT, Office of Equity, Diversity & Opportunity, NAACP, and RI Army National Guard.
 - Print Advertisement and In-Person Career Fairs
- **2025 Recruitment Results:**
 - Recruitment June through September 2024
 - 367 Applicants (Previous applicants – 421)
 - 91 Candidates appeared for physical agility, 45 passed, 12 passed second agility test, and 13 passed physical agility tests outside of Sheriffs (MPTA, DOC and Fit 2 Serve)
 - April Graduation of 16: **25 vacancies remain**

Capitol Police

- Utilized State Minority Office, State Talent Management team, and reached out to universities and professional organizations.
- 244 Applicants, 105 Invited to Physical Assessment, 87 no shows and 9 passed
- Graduated 4.0
- Currently, 3.0 Sworn vacancies, 1 Civilian vacancy

Sheriffs and Capitol Police:

- Mini-contract allows for hiring of lateral hires from POST certified law enforcement agencies
- Sheriffs hired 5.0 POST certified candidates in phase 1 in February
- New POST Certified lateral hiring is underway

DPS – Recruitment & Academies

E-911 – Recruitment of Telecommunicators

- RI E-911 exhausted its list of eligible applicants in CY 2024.
 - **Results from December 2023 Recruitment:**
 - Hired eleven (11.0) new employees in 2024 from the December recruitment process from the 229 applicants.
 - We have six (6.0) candidates in background for five (5.0) vacancies
 - **Turnover:**
 - Lost six (6.0) FTEs to resignation/retirement
- The new recruitment commenced on March 21, 2025. The methods employed to advertise the job announcement included the following:
 - Print Ads
 - Social Media
 - Participation at college job fairs
 - Announcement on NEOGOV website

Budget Initiative Updates

PSGAO – SFRF and CESF Update

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF): Funding Expires December 31, 2026

- \$10.5 Million Funding for the following projects:

| Agency and Project | Award | Expended | Percentage Expended |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Sojourner House | \$5,233,728 | \$1,528,006 | 29.2% |
| Blackstone Advocacy Center | \$2,211,961 | \$1,433,614 | 64.8% |
| Crossroads RI | \$1,224,425 | \$117,234 | 9.6% |
| Family Services of RI | \$1,097,336 | \$48,080 | 4.4% |
| McAuley Corporation | \$406,611 | \$94,086 | 23.1% |
| Administration- PSGAO | \$325,939 | \$37,683 | 11.6% |
| Total | \$10,500,000 | \$3,258,703 | 31.0% |

PSGAO – SFRF and CESF Update

State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF): Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence

- Provides multi-year solution for transitional housing for families
- Provides wraparound services for eligible participants in addition to housing
- As of December 31, 2024:
 - Total # of victims of Domestic Violence (DV) and Sexual Assault (SA) receiving services by program non-profits: 11,320
 - Total # of victims of DV and SA receiving housing assistance: 5,379
 - Total # of victims of DV and SA receiving clinical/mental health services: 687
 - Three (3) multifamily properties purchased by non-profits to address housing needs.

PSGAO – SFRF and CESF Update

Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funds (CESF): Funding Expires September 30, 2024

- \$3.0 Million Funding for the following projects:

| Agency and Project | Award | Expended |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| BHDDH - Intake and Investigation | \$113,247 | \$113,247 |
| DCYF - Training School Medical Records | \$255,672 | \$279,572 |
| Attorney General - VPN and IT Improvement | \$208,494 | \$208,494 |
| Judiciary - Wireless Upgrade and Records Backlog | \$533,967 | \$516,720 |
| URI Crime Lab - Physical Improvement | \$41,042 | \$41,042 |
| DPS - Statewide Records Management | \$1,000,000 | \$1,000,000 |
| MPTA - Responder Wellness | \$100,000 | \$100,000 |
| PSGAO - Justice Data Integration | \$75,000 | \$76,395 |
| Various DOC requests | \$567,204 | \$527,642 |
| Administration- PSGAO | \$322,644 | \$322,644 |

PSGAO – Family Services RI GO Team

Family Services of RI Go Team Funded at \$400,000 in FY 2025

- Program began with Providence Police Department in 2004 and has expanded to Pawtucket, Central Falls, Woonsocket, Newport, Barrington, as well statewide response through the State Police.
- Nationally recognized co-response model pairing clinicians with law enforcement in a collaboration that is built on community relations and access to services.
- The Go Team has had an impact on thousands of children and families who have been exposed to traumatic events that normally would derail them from their healthy functioning. By following up with victims, clinicians and police officers create meaningful relationships that make families more willing to contact the police for future issues.
- Until the general revenue appropriation in FY 2025, the program has been almost entirely reliant on federal funding, which has been inconsistent and the availability of which has been reduced in recent years.
- Approximately \$100,000 has been expended to date.
- Budget Bill has a provision for automatic re-appropriation if program has balance remaining
- Funding Requested for FY 2026 at \$400,000.

State Police – Anti-Heroin Task Force Program

Abstract – Operation Secure Shield (\$4.0 Million – Multi-Year Grant)

Funding provided for:

- Investigate and arrest high level suppliers and distributors of Heroin, Fentanyl, Opioids
- Increase Surveillance Techniques
- Acquire Advanced Equipment
- Allocate Additional Overtime
- Advanced Training

Goals:

- Reduce the number of overdose deaths and hospitalizations as supply of these substances decrease from this operation

RISKS

To date there has been no interruption in access to awards that are already obligated to Rhode Island. The U.S. Attorney General issued a memo to Department of Justice employees on February 5, 2025, regarding sanctuary city directives that may eventually have an impact on some or all funding received through the Office of Justice Programs. That includes some Justice Assistance Grants that were part of litigation from 2017-2021 and which are set to run out on September 20, 2025. There is a spending plan underway for these funds, but they could be impacted by the Directives.

Future awards may also be impacted in relation to services provided by non-profits that do not align with the Administration's Directives. The risk is unknown currently.

Tariffs on wood products, cement, steel, aluminum, and appliances among other products will increase costs of current and planned Capital projects.

| Agency and Project | Award/Contract | At Risk |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Capital Projects - Tariffs | | |
| JAG 2019 - 2022 | 2020-2022 | \$2,397,264 |

Capital Budget Initiative Updates

Southern Public Safety Complex

Budget

Budget Status (all \$ values in thousands)

| | Budget | Committed to Date | Planned Cost | Committed plus Planned | Surplus/(Deficit) |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Fees and Expenses | \$4,536,505 | \$4,019,000 | \$517,505 | \$4,536,505 | |
| Construction | \$33,643,459 | \$33,456,903 | \$299,525 | \$33,756,428 | (\$112,969) |
| FF&E | \$1,536,300 | \$0 | \$1,536,300 | \$1,536,300 | \$0 |
| Owner Contingency | \$1,583,736 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,583,736 |
| Total Project | \$41,300,000 | \$37,475,903 | \$2,353,330 | \$39,829,233 | \$1,470,767 |

- Owner's contingency will be utilized for change orders required for design changes for permitting, change orders during inspections, and pricing changes during construction from tariffs.

RICAP Updates

State Police Asset Protection:

- Design for the Richard Rhodes House and Radio Bureau are complete, and the construction cost remains within budget.
- Construction expected to be completed in May 2025.

Training Academy:

- Projects completed in FY 2024 included Replacement of Generator, Electric Upgrade, Fence Replacement, and Grounds improvement.
- Feasibility Studies for EVOC and Field House are budgeted in FY 2025.
 - Field House Feasibility Study was completed in January 2025 with a cost estimate of \$23.5 million.
 - Feasibility Study for EVOC cannot continue until a parcel of land is identified to conduct the study.
 - Future Projects include upgrading classrooms, and LED lighting.

Statewide Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-28.10-1 et seq.

- Beginning in July 2021, the Director of the Department of Public Safety has been authorized and empowered to provide for the installation, operation, and maintenance of a Statewide Public Safety Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System.
 - Maintenance of the system shall be the responsibility of the agencies participating in the Statewide CAD/RMS
- Current Contract Price (Five Years) - \$17,023,484
 - Implementation \$4,550,000 Maintenance \$12,473,484
 - Note: Upon completion of year two (2), a change order will be executed to remove any non-participating agencies from the contract, eliminating state liability for maintenance costs for non-participants.
- Current contractor (Senior Project Manager) was converted to FTE in FY 2025 to complete installation and manage the project post implementation.
- State Police Implemented March 18, 2025
- 10 Public Safety agencies will be implemented prior to June 30, 2025 (Phase 1)
- 16 Agencies have signed MOUs and will be implemented in FY 2026 (Phase II and Phase III)
- 17 Agencies intend to participate but haven't signed MOU

Statewide Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management

Implementation and Budget Considerations

- FY 2025 funding in the amount of \$3,059,086 has been secured through various non-general revenue sources, including:
 - E-911 Restricted Receipts - \$1,656,946
 - National Highway Traffic Safety Administration - \$795,599
 - Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding - \$606,541
- FY 2026 projected expenditures total \$3,053,922 for second phase implementation (\$1,535,959):
 - E-911 Restricted Receipts - \$1,033,425
 - National Highway Traffic Safety Administration - \$227,534
 - Judiciary - \$275,000
- FY 2026 operating expenses (\$1,517,963) funded through, restricted (\$919,353), and DPS general revenue (\$598,610) fundings sources.

Statewide Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management

Implementation and Budget Considerations

- A total of 43 of 64 agencies intend to participate in the project:
 - 31 of the 38 Municipal Law Enforcement agencies intend to participate
 - 7 State Law Enforcement Agencies
 - 3 Fire/EMS only dispatch centers
 - RI Airport Police, New England Tech
 - This represents approximately 67% of sworn officers in Rhode Island

Statewide Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management

System Benefits

- Migration from on-premise hardware to a cloud hosted, vendor managed solution
- Replaces a near end-of-life product in a methodical and planned manner. Failure to do so may lead to an emergent, unbudgeted purchase.
- Ability for dispatch centers to easily assume operations for another community
- Enhanced integration with state and federal data sharing initiatives
- Online incident reporting for the public
- Online crime mapping for public transparency

Aquidneck Island Study

Needs analysis for the reoccupation of the Portsmouth Barracks and Presence on Aquidneck Island.

- Study prepared by Mission Critical Partners a Public Safety Consulting Firm
- Reviewed Volume of Visitors to Aquidneck Island Including Seasonal Population
 - Newport County had the largest number of visitors in the State at 8.7 million (*2023 Newport Chamber of Commerce Report*)
 - Receives the most tourists/visitors than any other region in the State
 - Traffic volume complicates public safety response during emergencies
- RISP Troop Deployment and Response to Aquidneck Island
 - Response time increased due to bridge choke points (*Jamestown Verrazzano, Claiborne Pell, Mount Hope, Sakonnet River Bridge*)
 - Wickford Barracks scheduled for decommission in July/August 2026. Expect increased response time from the new Southern Public Safety Complex in West Greenwich (Route 95 @ exit 21)
- Tiverton Casino (opened in 2017)
 - RISP GEU Detectives on-site from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (no prisoner processing at facility)
 - Response times from Wickford or Lincoln Woods Barracks may exceed 45 minutes

Aquidneck Island Study

Needs analysis for the reoccupation of the Portsmouth Barracks and Presence on Aquidneck Island.

- Newport County Criminal Offenses reported by all law enforcement agencies to the RISP UCR portal (2020 – 2024)
 - High of 2,927 in 2021; Low of 2,590 in 2024
 - Limited RISP proactive patrols in the region
- Conclusion
 - Reopen the Portsmouth Barracks with a cadre of fifteen (15.0) sworn members for 365-day coverage on the Island
- Obstacles
 - Portsmouth Barracks requires extensive renovations to reopen
 - State Police is losing twenty-two (22) members of the 1997 class by September 2026
 - No State Police Academy is scheduled for 2026 to replenish the ranks to reopen Portsmouth

Budget Performance Measures

Public Safety Performance Measures

| Division | Measure | FY 2025 Target | FY 2025 Actual Through February | 2024 Performance Actuals |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Capitol Police | Number of Calls For Service | 55,000 | 35,253 | 54,512 |
| Sheriffs | Civil Process/Writ Fees | 12,000 | 6,209 | 9,234 |
| Sheriffs | Inmate Transportation | 40,000 | 27,636 | 39,737 |
| E-911 | Medical Calls | 128,000 | 86,512 | 127,870 |
| E-911 | Avg Time for Medical Call | 3:45 (Minutes) | 3:53 (Minutes) | 3:47 (Minutes) |
| E-911 | Rate of Compliance to Protocols - EMD | 50% | 46.5% | 43% |
| PSGAO | Deployment of Body Worn Cameras | 1,700 | 1,864 | 1,864 |
| MPTA | Municipal Trainee Performance Eval | 93% | 89.4% | 91% |
| State Police | Accuracy of Traffic Stop Integrity | 100% | 99.78% | 100% |
| State Police | DUI Arrests | 800 | 662 | 974 |
| State Police | Speeding Citations | 16,000 | 8,993 | 11,824 |
| State Police | Drug Recognition Examiners | 10 | 10 | 8 |