



DALLAS COUNTY OFFICE OF BUDGET AND EVALUATION

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TO: Commissioners Court
Dallas County Sheriff's Office Administration

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SUBJECT: FY2026 Proposed Budget for the Dallas County Sheriff's Office

BACKGROUND

The Dallas County Sheriff's Department continues its mission to provide the citizens of Dallas County with quality law enforcement, detention, and support services. Historically, the Office of Budget and Evaluation (OBE), in consultation with the Sheriff's Department, has prepared the department's budget based on operational needs across all cost centers, while also accounting for inflationary impacts and other external factors.

In prior fiscal years, the Sheriff's budget often required supplemental allocations throughout the year to cover significant overtime expenditures, detention-related costs, and employee benefit obligations tied to overtime usage. For FY2026, the Office of Budget and Evaluation (OBE) conducted a detailed review of historical spending patterns and operational cost drivers to "right-size" the budget. The proposed appropriations more accurately reflect the true costs of detention operations, overtime, and related benefits. This adjustment strengthens transparency, reduces reliance on mid-year supplements, and provides a clearer picture of the department's overall financial needs.

SENATE BILL 23

Senate Bill 23 requires that counties with populations exceeding one million may not implement a reduction or reallocation of law enforcement funding without first obtaining voter approval through an election held for that purpose. The law further stipulates that, in any fiscal year, a county's total law enforcement budget must be equal to or greater than the prior year's allocation. Local governments that fail to comply face significant consequences, including tax rate limitations, restricted access to certain revenue streams, and additional budgetary constraints.

Dallas County remains committed to full compliance with Senate Bill 23. As reflected in the financial summary below, the proposed FY2026 budget for the Dallas County Sheriff's Office not only maintains but increases funding levels compared to FY2024 and FY2025, demonstrating the County's continued investment in public safety and adherence to state requirements.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The FY2026 Proposed Budget for the Dallas County Sheriff's Office totals \$237,664,746, reflecting an increase of \$31,585,054 (15.3%) over the FY2025 Adopted Budget of \$206,079,692, and an increase of \$37,223,474 (18.6%) compared to the FY2024 Adopted

Budget of \$200,441,272. This reflects a net increase of \$15 million to the General Fund budget, as allocations previously funded through reserves and contingency for the Sheriff’s Office have now been incorporated directly into its operating budget.

The increase is primarily driven by:

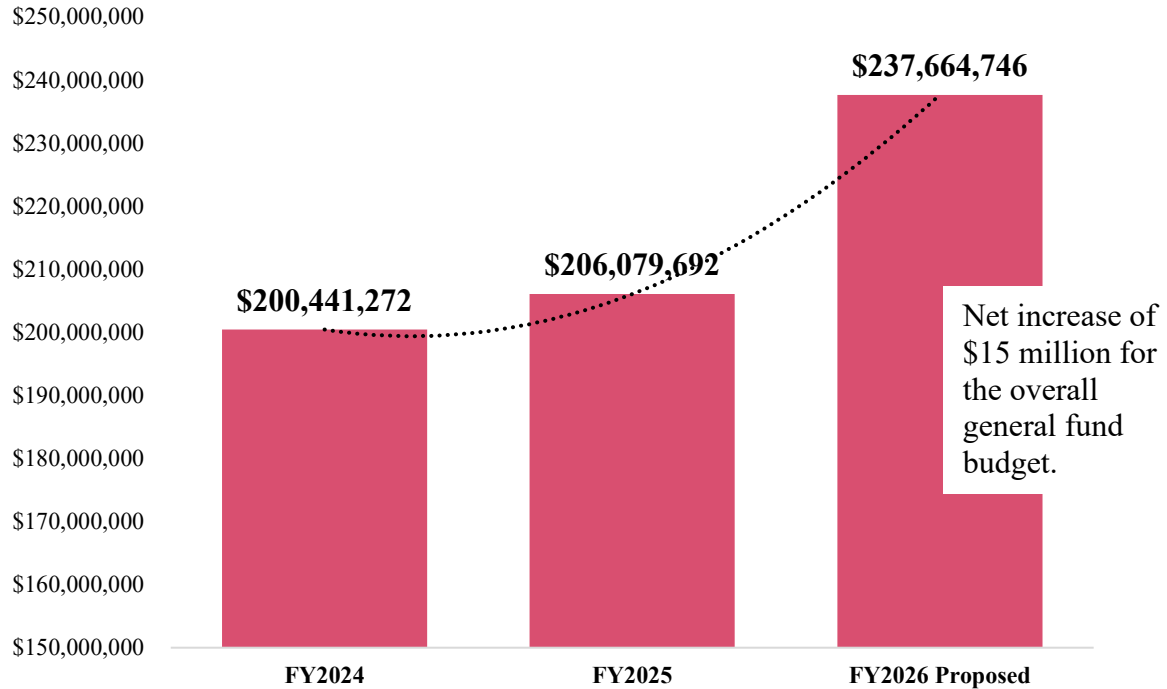
- Right-sizing overtime and benefit costs to reflect historical trends and anticipated staffing needs in detention facilities.
- Aligning detention service costs with actual operational requirements.
- Ensuring budget transparency by reducing reliance on mid-year supplemental funding requests.

This adjustment provides a more accurate representation of the Sheriff’s Office operating needs and promotes better long-term financial planning for the County.

Dallas County Sheriff's Office FY2025 Budget vs. FY2026 Proposed Budget			
FY2024 Budget	FY2025 Budget	FY2026 Proposed Budget	Variance from 2025
\$200,441,272	\$206,079,692	\$237,664,746	\$31,585,054

FY2024 Budgeted Positions	FY2025 Budgeted Positions	FY2026 Budgeted Positions
2,024	2,102	2,237

Dallas County Sheriff's Office Yearly Budget Comparison



APPROVED EQUIPMENT REQUESTS

In addition to baseline funding, the following departmental requests were approved as part of the FY2026 budget process:

Cost Center	Item Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Sheriff-Compliance	HP Officejet Pro 9130b All-iOne	6	\$350	\$2,100
Sheriff-General Services	Phone APP NCITE Mobile Detective	9	\$300	\$2,700
Sheriff-Training	OSS is an on-line training platform for TCOLE mandated training	1	\$42,854	\$42,854
Sheriff-Training	Texas Criminal & Traffic Law Manuals for next Basic Peace Officer Class	50	\$85	\$4,250
Sheriff-Training	Two 10x20 canopy shades for the gun range and training academy	2	\$809	\$1,618
Sheriff-Training	Blue Shield training batons and training handcuffs	15	\$105	\$1,575
Sheriff-Training	Texas Criminal & Traffic Law Manuals for Academy Staff	7	\$85	\$595
Sheriff-Fiscal	FileOnQ Software	1	\$25,000	\$25,000
Sheriff-Fiscal	New Cameras for Quartermaster & Photo Lab	1	\$25,000	\$25,000
Sheriff-Fiscal	Additional Cameras, Repositioning of Cameras & Wiring of Cameras	1	\$8,000	\$8,000
Sheriff-Fiscal	Wiring & repositioning of cameras in Fiscal Department	1	\$7,000	\$7,000
Sheriff-Fiscal	New Camera in Administrative Mailroom	1	\$2,000	\$2,000
Sheriff-Bailiff	Body Armor	40	\$850	\$34,000
Sheriff-Fugitive	Smith & Wesson Model 100-1 Nickel Handcuffs	45	\$26	\$1,170

Sheriff-Fugitive	Smith & Wesson Model 1900 Nickel Leg Irons	21	\$46	\$966
Sheriff-Fugitive	Chicago Model 3250 Oversized Belly Chain with Handcuffs (Flight Chains)	12	\$55	\$660
Sheriff-Fugitive	Chicago Model A800 Nickel Plated Waist Chains (Belly chains)	10	\$20	\$200
Sheriff- Investigation	Fuji X-T4 Forensic Cameras and accessories	2	\$4,740	\$9,480
Sheriff- Investigation	Drug Terminator w/Feeder, Drum Complete Assembled	1	\$6,905	\$6,905
Sheriff- Investigation	Wheel Dolly Set 1000 lbs. 2 piece	6	\$703	\$4,218
Sheriff- Investigation	Texas Criminal and Traffic Law Manuals 2025-2026 Edition	33	\$85	\$2,805
Sheriff- Investigation	VORTEX 10x50 Crossfire HD Binoculars	9	\$138	\$1,242
Sheriff- Investigation	Epson Perfection V850 Pro Photo Scanner	1	\$1,075	\$1,075
Sheriff- Investigation	American Forge & Foundry Auto Jack: Heavy Duty Floor Jack	1	\$698	\$698
Sheriff- Investigation	Hydraulic Wheel Dolly (4-piece set)	1	\$633	\$633
Sheriff- Investigation	Milwaukee M18 18-volt Lithium-Ion Cordless Rocket Dual Power Tower Lights	1	\$594	\$594
Sheriff- Investigation	Bulman Paper 4 Roll Cutter	1	\$394	\$394
Sheriff- Investigation	DEWALT Mechanics Tool Set (247 pieces)	1	\$182	\$182
Sheriff-North Tower	Motorola APX6000 700/800 MHz Model 2.5 Portable Radio Package includes one APX6000 700/800 MHz Model 2.5 Portable Radio, one IMPRES 2 Li-Ion Battery (IP68, 2550T), one Single-Unit IMPRES 2 Charger (3A, 115VAC, US/NA), and one IMPRES Remote Speaker Microphone (RSM).	30	\$5,116	\$153,480
Sheriff-North Tower	Radios	10	\$5,074	\$50,740
Sheriff-North Tower	Avon C50 First Responder Kit	40	\$832	\$33,280
Sheriff-North Tower	Boss Antimicrobial Guest Chair, 500 Lb. Weight Capacity	73	\$284	\$20,732
Sheriff-North Tower	Refrigerator, Silver, 84-14 in Overall H Manufacturer: Beverage-Air Part Number: HBR72HC-1	1	\$10,018	\$10,018
Sheriff-North Tower	Flash Furniture Big and Tall Mesh Executive Ergonomic Office Chair with Adjustable Lumbar - Black	16	\$527	\$8,432
Sheriff-North Tower	The Tennant Dust Control Burnisher, part number 9007349, features a 20-inch cleaning path, a maximum brush speed of 2,000 RPM, and operates on AC power.	2	\$3,278	\$6,556
Sheriff-North Tower	Desk	1	\$5,819	\$5,819
Sheriff-North Tower	BRUTE Utility Cart with Deep Lipped Plastic Shelves: 500 lb. Load Capacity, 36-3/8 in x 25 in, Black ITEM #4VZF9 MFR. Model FG452088BLA	13	\$263	\$3,419

Sheriff-North Tower	The Tennant Floor Scrubber, part number 9007336, features a 20-inch machine size, a maximum brush speed of 175 RPM, a 4-foot handle length, and a durable polyethylene construction.	2	\$1,588	\$3,176
Sheriff-North Tower	Premier Crown 906 Riot Duty Helmet	20	\$158	\$3,160
Sheriff-North Tower	Little Giant General-Purpose Steel-Deck Platform Truck	3	\$908	\$2,724
Sheriff-North Tower	Side by Side Refrigerator, 22.3 cu ft. Manufacturer: Frigidaire Part number: GRSS2352AF	1	\$1,824	\$1,824
Sheriff-North Tower	Folding Table, 29 H Manufacture: Approved Vendor Part Number:12F628	4	\$283	\$1,132
Sheriff-North Tower	10500 series double pedestal bow top desk, 72" W x 36", grade L1 standard laminates, mahogany	1	\$765	\$765
Sheriff-North Tower	Folding Table, 29 H Manufacture: Approved Vendor Part Number:4GE26	3	\$223	\$669
Sheriff-North Tower	Deluxe Mesh Chair – Red	1	\$305	\$305
Sheriff-West Tower	Chairs	12	\$234	\$2,808
Sheriff-West Tower	Desks	2	\$602	\$1,204
Sheriff-West Tower	Chairs	2	\$402	\$804
Sheriff-Central Kitchen	Key Tracking System for Cook Chill	1	\$14,033	\$14,033
Sheriff-CJIS Compliance	Strategic National Stockpile Point of Dispensing supplies (numerous items)	1	\$11,934	\$11,934
Sheriff-CJIS Compliance	Scanners for Conditions of Bonds	5	\$353	\$1,765
Sheriff-CJIS Compliance	New cameras for current Livescan machines	2	\$708	\$1,416
Sheriff-CJIS Compliance	Uniforms for 4 staff in Technology Section	4	\$275	\$1,100
Sheriff-CJIS Compliance	Office Supplies and Supply Cabinet	1	\$779	\$779
Sheriff-CJIS Compliance	Web Cameras for Technology Section staff	6	\$82	\$492
Sheriff-CJIS Compliance	Replacement lens for Livescan camera	1	\$81	\$81
Sheriff - Traffic	Annual Axon Payment	1	\$837,714	\$837,714

These investments support operational efficiency, staff safety, and service delivery within both law enforcement and detention operations.

RECOMMENDATION

The Office of Budget and Evaluation recommends that the Commissioners Court approve the FY2026 Proposed Budget of \$237,664,746 for the Dallas County Sheriff's Office. This budget reflects a more accurate assessment of detention and overtime-related costs, strengthens fiscal accountability, and incorporates necessary equipment and software upgrades to support critical public safety functions.