

Budget Priority Area: Public Safety

Board of Supervisors Budget and Finance Committee

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Budget & Legislative Analyst's Office



Public Safety Areas of Interest

- SFPD staffing levels
 - Academy classes and civilianization
- Crime prevention and response
 - Vehicle break-ins
- Community approaches to public safety
- Gun violence restraining orders
- Youth and vocational services
- Muni driver security
- Vision Zero
- Narcotics arrests and convictions
- The jails

SFPD Staffing and Civilianization

- As of 4/19/2019: 1,886 full-duty sworn officers
- Charter mandates 1,971
- FY 2018-19 budget: three academy classes of 50

Academy Class	Number of Hires	Status	Anticipated Date of Academy Graduation
September 2018	52	Still in Academy	May 2019
December 2018	40	Still in Academy	July 2019
March 2019	37	Still in Academy	October 2019
June 2019 lateral	8 planned	Planned	August 2019
Total	137		

Source: San Francisco Police Department

SFPD Staffing and Civilianization

- Sworn separations peaked in FY 2016-17; declined in FY 2017-18 and so far in FY 2018-19

	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19* thru Feb 2019
Retirements	78	74	72	84	21
Terminations	29	13	34	24	11
Academy/FTO	47	69	87	63	52
Deaths	4	2	2	1	0
Total	158	158	195	172	84

Source: San Francisco Police Department

*Through February 2019.



SFPD Staffing and Civilianization

- Budgeted 25 positions to civilianize in FY 2018-19:
 - 6 positions have been filled
 - 5 positions have selected candidates in background checks
 - 2 positions have an examination that is being administered (announcement closed in March 2019)
 - 6 positions: hiring manager is working on examination materials
 - 6 (April 2019 funding): recruitment not begun
- A civilianization study is underway at the Controller's Office and expected to be released by June 2019

Response Times

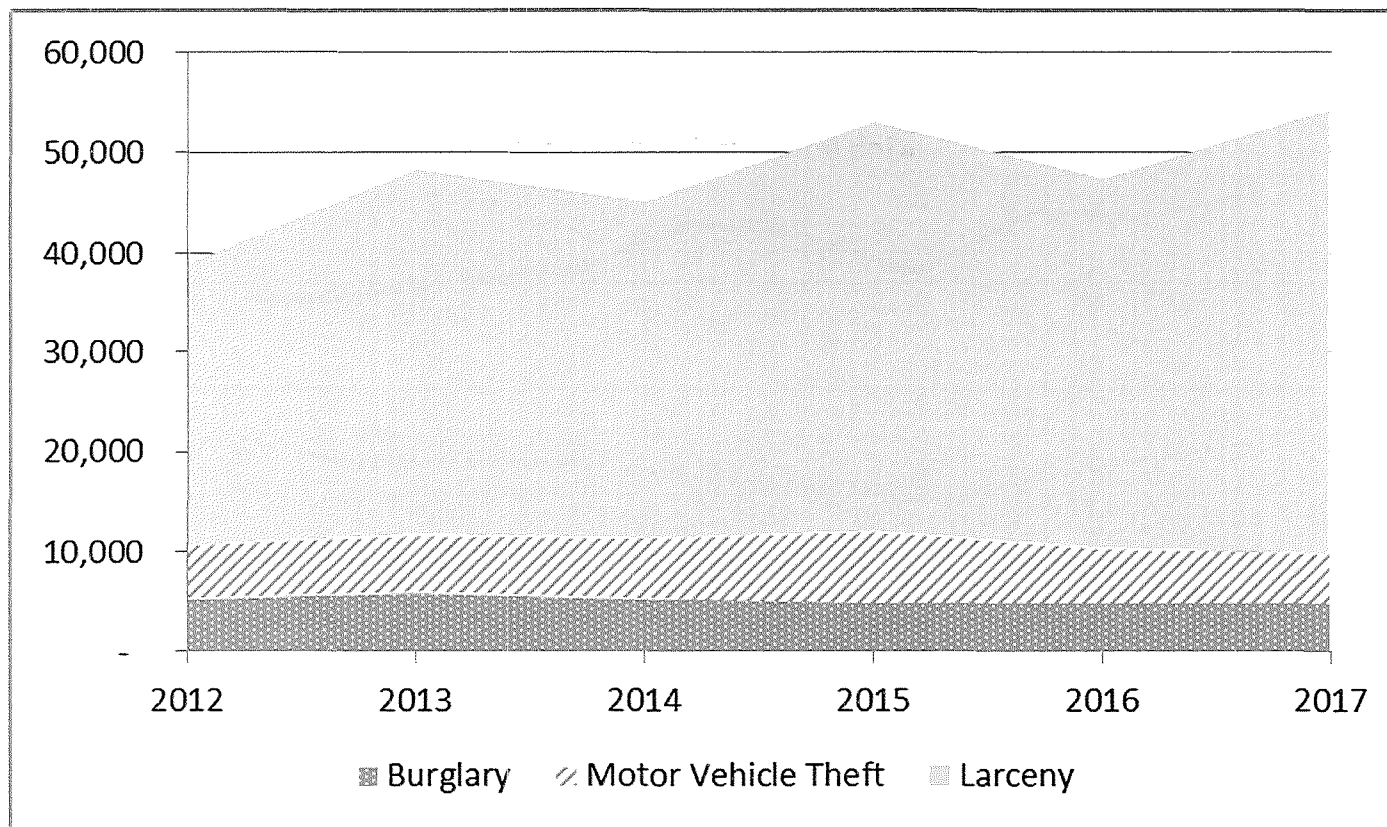
Response Time to Priority A Calls in Seconds, by Fiscal Year

	2011- 12	2012- 13	2013- 14	2014- 15	2015- 16	2016- 17	2017- 18
Response time	261	294	260	302	297	312	328
Seconds exceeding 240	21	54	20	62	57	72	88

Source: Source: San Francisco Performance Scorecard Measures via DataSF

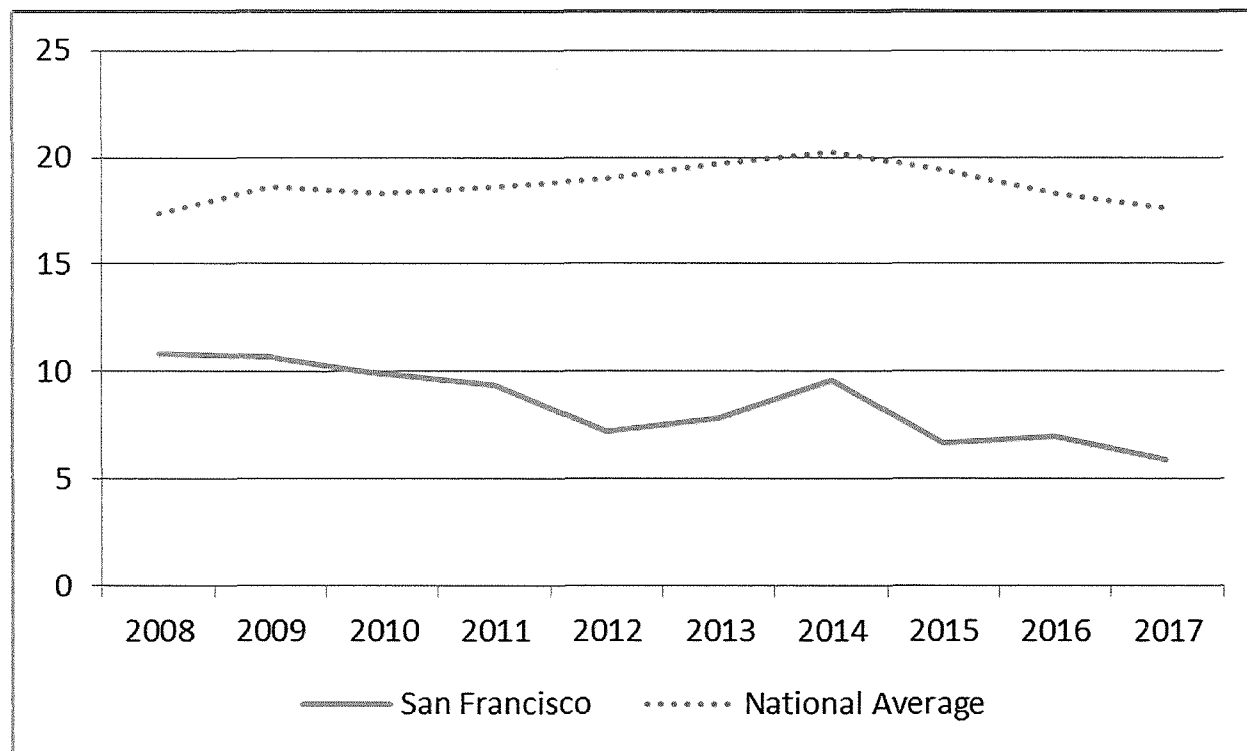
- ❑ Increase in 911 calls
- ❑ Increase in traffic/congestion

Property Crime Rates



Source: Department of Justice Uniform Crime Reporting data

Property Crime Clearance Rates



Sources: CA Open Justice and Uniform Crime Reporting data

Thefts from Vehicles

Annual Thefts from Vehicles

	2016	2017	2018
Total thefts from vehicles	20,661	29,812	24,555
Avg. thefts per day	57	82	67

Source: City Performance Scorecards and Police Department

- DA's Office: of the auto burglary incidents that were reported in 2018, less than two percent led to an arrest
- SFPD Neighborhood Crimes Units and Crime Prevention Operation



Community Approaches

- SF SAFE
 - Crime prevention, education, and public safety services
 - Neighborhood Watch Program (block safety groups)
 - Annual budget approximately \$910,000
- Community Ambassadors Program
 - Community safety and neighborhood engagement job training program
 - Annual budget approximately \$1 million
- Ratio of SFPD foot patrols to car sector patrols has increased since 2016

Foot Patrols

Foot and Car Sector Patrols, 2016 to 2019

	March 2016			March 2019		
	Sector	Footbeat	Ratio	Sector	Footbeat	Ratio
Bayview	64	9	0.14	79	10	0.13
Central	76	12	0.16	72	13	0.18
Ingleside	79	0	0.00	74	4	0.05
Mission	80	0	0.00	76	12	0.16
Northern	82	8	0.10	70	17	0.24
Park	44	10	0.23	43	21	0.49
Richmond	50	4	0.08	50	6	0.12
Southern	83	0	0.00	81	7	0.09
Taraval	62	2	0.03	63	5	0.08
Tenderloin	58	4	0.07	83	49	0.59
Total	678	49	0.07	691	144	0.21

Source: Police Department

Community Ambassadors

Community Ambassador Program Demographic Profile

	Ambassadors with Language Ability		Race/Ethnicity of Ambassadors	
Current Team (March 2019)	Mandarin or Cantonese	5	African American	4
	Tagalog	5	Asian	5
	Samoan	2	Latinx	7
	Spanish	8	Native American	1
	Vietnamese	1	Pacific Islander	10
			White/Caucasian	2
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Source: Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs



Gun Violence

- Gun violence restraining orders
 - Implementation policy under development

- Domestic violence restraining orders
 - Proposition 63
 - Sheriff's Department Firearms-Compliance-to-Court-Orders Policy
 - Implemented on overtime



Youth and Vocational Services

- Office of Economic and Workforce Development
 - Youth services and support
 - Vocational training, pathway programs, and skill certification
- Recreation and Parks
 - Workreation
 - Apprentice and Trainee Programs
- Children, Youth, and Their Families
 - Youth services and support
 - Direct grants and work orders
 - Vocational training, pathway programs, skill certifications



Muni Driver Safety

- SFMTA Strategic Plan
 - Goal: achieve a 5% decrease per year in security incidents involving SFMTA employees (from a 12.7 per month average baseline)
- SFMTA has completed the installation of operator enclosures on all buses
- SFMTA is currently working on technology improvements that will allow the agency to view footage from a surveillance camera in the fleet in real time
- SFPD Muni Surge Program: \$1.3 million (grant)



Vision Zero

- 6 fatalities in March 2019 and 10 fatalities January-March 2019
- Vision Zero’s “Safe People” strategic actions focus on human aspects of traffic safety and encourage safe behavior
 - Education campaigns and communications
 - High visibility enforcement
 - In need of additional resources and dedicated, reliable funding sources



Vision Zero and Traffic Company

- ❑ SFPD Traffic Company partners with Vision Zero by using focused enforcement to deter the main causes of traffic collisions
- ❑ Motorcycle patrol
- ❑ 2018 staffing: 5 sergeants and 41 motorcycle officers
- ❑ 2019 staffing: 5 sergeants and 51 motorcycle officers
- ❑ Announced in April 2019 that 15 officers will join a motorcycle training class in May 2019 to further increase Traffic Company staffing resources

Narcotics Arrests and Prosecutions

- Narcotics arrests: Misdemeanor Unit or General Felony Unit
- Neighborhood Prosecutors in the Crime Strategies Unit

Felony Drug Sales Arrests, Filings, and Convictions, FY 2013-14 to FY 2017-18

Felony Drug Sales	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	Pct. Chg.
Drug Sales Arrests ^a	1,106	859	885	772	747	-32%
Drug Sales Filings	496	366	375	474	601	21%
Drug Sales Convictions ^b	286	191	173	173	173	-40%
Arrest-Filing Ratio	0.45	0.43	0.42	0.61	0.80	79%
Filing-Conviction Ratio	0.58	0.52	0.46	0.36	0.29	-50%

Source: District Attorney's Office

a: HS 11378, 11379, 11351, 11352, 11351.5

b: To date as of 3/5/2019



County Jails

- County Jail #3 and County Jail #4 in Hall of Justice, a facility which is slated for closure by end of 2019
- January 2016: Board of Supervisors urged DPH Director & Sheriff to convene a workgroup to plan for permanent closure of CJ3 & CJ4
- December 2016: Workgroup presented final report to Board of Supervisors
- October 2018: Sheriff coordinated an additional workgroup status update
- Sheriff notes potential need to house inmates in a neighboring county
- Budget and Finance Hearing scheduled for May 22nd on incarceration spending



Policy Considerations

SFPD

- ❑ Civilianization study and plans to address its findings and recommendations.
- ❑ Allocation of new sworn officers to address areas of priority.
- ❑ Potential causes of, and solutions to, low and declining clearance rates for property crimes.
- ❑ Identify potential solutions to address the inability to meet target response times for Priority A calls.
- ❑ Continue to report on vehicle break-ins at each district station and in the City overall, as well as new strategies and other initiatives to address vehicle break-ins.

Mayor's Office

- ❑ Increase funding for community and neighborhood public safety programs like SF Safe and the Community Ambassadors Program pending input from the Public Safety and Neighborhood Service Committee.



Policy Considerations

SFPD & Sheriff

- Present the implementation strategy for gun violence restraining orders to the Board once it has been developed.

Board of Supervisors/Mayor

- Fund permanent staffing to continue support of the Sheriff's public safety efforts related to domestic violence restraining orders and firearm possession.

Mayor's Office

- Increase funding for youth services, vocational services, and skill certification programs as an early-intervention approach to public safety.

Multiple Departments

- Request DCYF, OEWD, and the Recreation and Parks Department to provide information on outcome data on youth and vocational services such as the number of credentials, certificates, and program completion by Supervisorial district



Policy Considerations

SFMTA

- Report annually on its strategic plan goal to achieve a five percent decrease in security incidents involving SFMTA employees

Mayor's Office

- Increase funding in the proposed budget for non-infrastructure Vision Zero strategies outlined in the Vision Zero 2019 Action Strategy

SFPD

- Ensure new staffing resources are allocated to address the Board's areas of priority, which may include Traffic Company staffing and targeted enforcement operations to achieve Vision Zero Action Strategy actions

Board of Supervisors

- Could take action based on the findings and recommendations in the forthcoming public hearing to be held by the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee on April 25, 2019 related to the City's response to open-air drug dealing in the Tenderloin, SOMA, and Mid-Market neighborhoods



Questions

