

**2019-2020 BUDGET QUESTION**  
***Response to Request for Information***

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**DEPARTMENT(S):** Austin Fire

**REQUEST NO.:** 68

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**REQUEST:** Provide the details behind the \$1.3 million Austin Fire Department overtime calculation caused by the command tech program added in the FY 2019-20 Proposed Budget.

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**RESPONSE:**

The conversion of 27 firefighter positions to 27 Command Tech positions will require \$1.3 million in backfill costs. This will provide the ability to continue 4-person staffing on all apparatus.

The detail regarding the \$1.3 million in overtime expense for the Command Tech Program is below:

<b>Estimated Cost of backfill for Command Techs</b>	
Total # of Positions	27
Annual scheduled work hours per position	2,756
Total annual regular hours for 27 positions	74,412
Historical percent of time worked	0.7
Hours estimated to be backfilled	52,088
Estimated OT rate for FY 20	\$25.00
Cost of overtime to backfill	\$1,302,210