

2019-2020 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT(S): Austin Police Department

REQUEST NO.: 40

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REQUEST: What are the 30 new officer positions within the Austin Police Department being used for? What ranks, activities, and divisions are they proposed for? At what point in FY 2019-20 will the 30 new proposed officer positions start? Are they budgeted for full year or part of the year? What will the costs be in FY 2019-20 & FY 2020-21 for the 30 proposed positions?

RESPONSE: Austin Police Department will add 30 sworn positions (20 Officers, 2 Corporals, 2 Sergeants and 6 Detectives) to the police force in the FY 2019-20 Proposed Budget. These positions will be added to the following areas: 20 Officers, 2 Corporals and 2 Sergeants to Patrol, 2 Detectives to Sex Crimes, and 1 Detective to each of the following units: Robbery, Digital Forensics, Aggravated Assault and Violent Crimes Task Force.

The 20 Officer positions will be filled based on attrition and training. Three of the Detective positions are effective October 1, 2019, and the remaining three are effective January 1, 2020 and will be filled according to the department's promotional schedule.

All 30 positions are funded for 6 months in FY 2019-20 and will be fully funded in the FY 2020-21 budget.

Item	FY 20 NEW Costs	FY 21 NEW Costs	Total Ongoing Costs
Salary and benefits	\$1.8 million	\$1.4 million	\$3.2 million
Ongoing equipment	\$145,000		\$145,000
One-time equipment	\$184,000	(184,000)	

The capital budget also includes \$1.8 million in associated one-time funding for officer vehicles and related equipment.