

Forensic Services



- The Austin Forensic Science Bureau is comprised of;
- Five analytical sections accredited by the ANSI National Accreditation Board (Certification # [FT-0325](#)) and the Texas Forensic Science Commission, including;
 - Crime Scene
 - Latent Prints
 - Firearms & Toolmarks
 - Toxicology
 - Seized Drugs
- Five forensic support units including Quality Assurance, Case Management, Multi-Media, Polygraph, and Evidence Management/Control



- In FY20, Forensics responded to more than 4,200 crime scene calls, processed nearly 12,000 forensic analysis requests, and managed over 1,000,000 items of forensic evidence and property
- The FY22 \$12.6million Forensic operating budget funds 86.75 highly-skilled, educated, and extensively trained forensic professional FTEs
- Consistent with HB 1900, the FY22 Forensic operating budget remains under the Austin Police Department

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- City Council approved ordinance No. 20210204-032 which authorized the City Manager to create an independent Forensic department
- Identified critical path steps necessary to transition the Forensic Science Bureau into an independent department
- Established agreements to maintain information systems access:
 - ✓ Management Control Agreement (MCA) to establish and enforce security control of CJIS under the authority of a Criminal Justice Agency (APD);
 - ✓ CABIS (finger/palm print database) Interlocal Agreement;
 - ✓ Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System Access Agreement;
 - ✓ Public Safety Radio System MOU; and
 - ✓ Electronic Data Access MOU
- City Manager's Office updated forensic director reporting structure to include reporting to the ACM of Public Safety (July 26th, [2021 MMAC](#))
- The Forensic Science Bureau is ready to transition to an independent department as deemed appropriate in accordance with State law