

Budget Focus Areas and Priorities

DURHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26



Priority One: \$3,280,878

Vehicle Replacement – Manager’s Recommendation



34 - SUV EcoBoost

1 - Heavy Duty Truck

2 – Investigative Vehicles

1 - Motorcycle

Vehicles - \$2,355,000

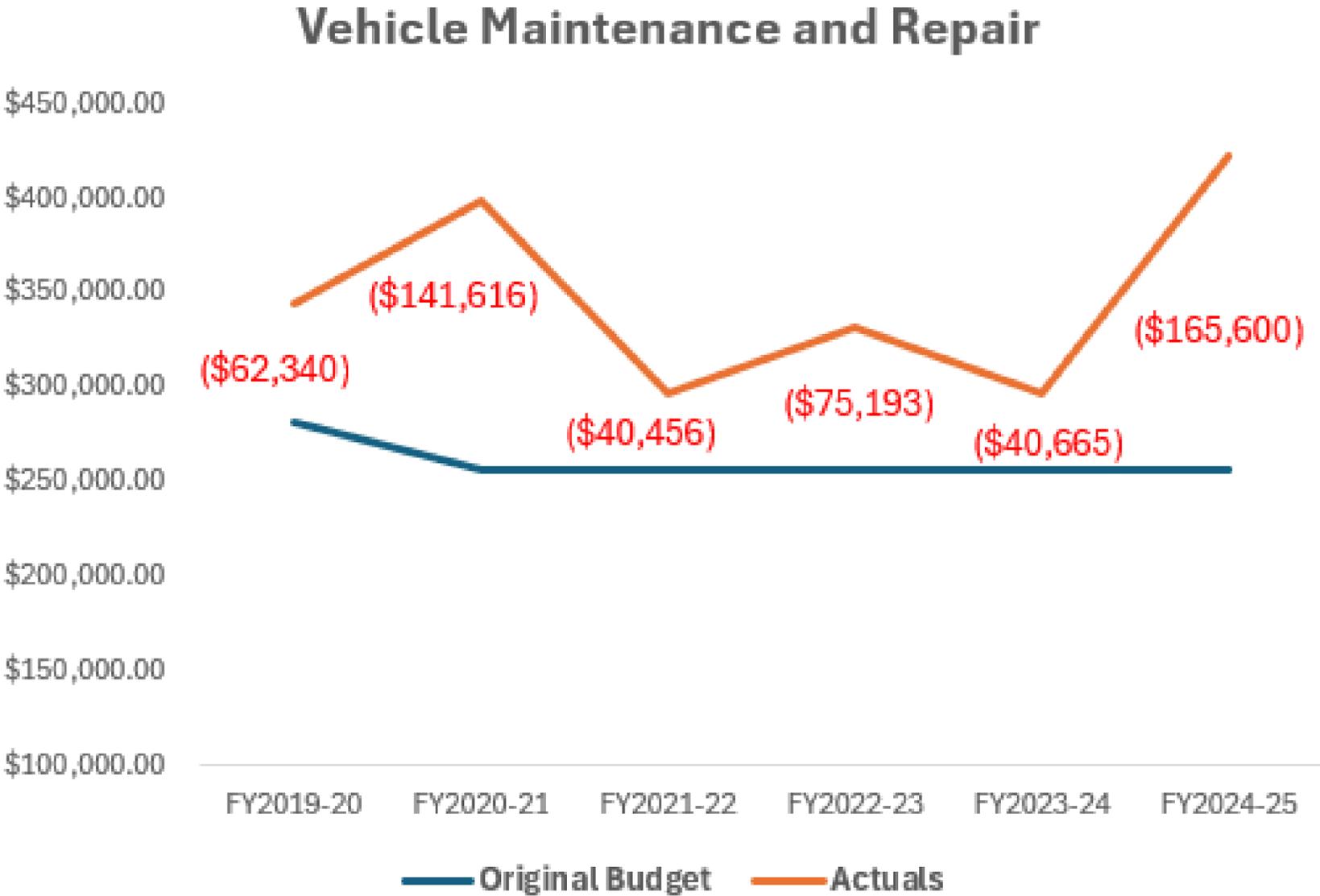
Upfits - \$925,878

Priority Two: \$343,200 Maintenance and Repair – Manager’s Recommendation

Vehicle Maintenance and Repair



M & R has been under-funded for several years now. In the FY20-21 Budget Process our request for replacement vehicles was cut by 50%. This is one example of the agency keeping older vehicles on the road longer, increasing the need for repairs.



Priority Three: \$992,024

(5) New Deputies for Research Triangle Park (RTP) – Manager's Recommendation

How do we continue to provide level emergency services to the growing population in RTP?

The next generation of RTP is evolving to help companies reimagine their campuses, enhance research and development (R&D) efforts, attract talent, meet new workforce demands and create inviting communities.

Public safety is the keystone to the success of this transformation and the Sheriff's Office is the primary agency responsible for responding and providing emergency services to businesses, residents and patrons of RTP.

The Research Triangle Foundation (RTF) has started collecting a new public safety tax within RTP that will offset the financial needs of Durham County to ensure that services keep pace with this thriving community.

This is a phased approach to an area that is transitioning from an 8 -5 corporate model to a 24/7 Live -Work-Play community.

Priority Eight: \$370,588

Kitchen Equipment – Phase 1 of new Countywide Equipment Replacement Capital Project

Durham County Detention Center Kitchen Equipment

The Detention Center continues to experience equipment failures throughout the kitchen.

This has created meal service delays, menu changes (cold sandwiches) and has precluded training detainees for food service certifications and jobs.

Several pieces of kitchen equipment were manufactured in 1993, transferred from the previous jail to the new facility in 1996.

Several pieces of critical equipment are inoperable.



Priority Five: \$126,000

Protective Vests for Detention Officers – Identified Alternative Funding

Emergency Personal Protective Equipment

On average, detention officers are locating and seizing 20 homemade weapons per month. This equates to a minimum of 240 life-threatening or deadly encounters with detainees annually. Detention officer have never been provided any type of protective equipment to protect them from these types of assaults.

This request was initially submitted during the FY24-25 Budget Process.



Priority Six: \$98,822

Cellbrite/GreyKey – Identified Alternative Funding

Investigative Software and Hardware Platforms

Almost every criminal and civil investigation involves digital forensics to access cellphones.

Cellebrite is the hardware needed to extract cellphone data and the current system has reached end of life.

GreyKey is a software used to defeat sophisticated passwords and security features once probable cause has been granted.

Our current technology has become obsolete.



Priority Four: \$60,000

Detention and Law Enforcement Uniforms

Uniforms

The Sheriff's Office conducts both Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) and Basic Detention Officer Training (BDOT) Academies.

We have increased the number of academies over the last five years to address staffing shortages.

Officers becoming BLET and BDOT certified have been a primary driver.



Priority Seven: \$31,134

Beyond Trust

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Currently, deputies are required to drive to the courthouse to receive IT support. This takes deputies from the field where they are depended upon to respond to calls for service.

The current system has extremely limited features and doesn't meet the needs of our modernized community

This will cut response and resolution times up to 50%, reduce gasoline costs and increase the efficiency and effectiveness of operations.



Priority Nine: \$80,000 Agency-wide Training

Training

The Sheriff's Office is comprised of nearly 500 FTEs, all with specific and recurring training needs. Sworn employees are certified through regulatory agencies and require recertifications.

This does not include the five specialized teams comprised of 73 on-call officers and currently budgeted at \$181/per officer annually. Grant funds have been exhausted and are in jeopardy for future years.

Many of these teams are mandated to train multiple times throughout the month or will be at risk of losing their charter with the federal government.



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Questions?