

Response to Questions on the FY 2013 Budget

Request By: Supervisor Cook

Question: What is the average number of police officers on duty during each shift? How does that number compare with each of the five prior fiscal years?

Response: The Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) establishes minimum staffing standards for each shift and station based upon calls for service as well as geographical and demographical data (e.g., time of day, natural barriers, traffic, travel time, and crime rates). While minimum staffing standards are reviewed each year to determine required changes due to budget or other factors, the following minimum staffing standards have been in effect since June 2006:

Division	Station	Day	Evening	Midnight
I	Fair Oaks	8	8	7
I	Reston	8	8	7
I	Sully	8	8	7
II	Mason	11	11	10
II	McLean	11	11	9
III	Franconia	11	11	10
III	Mt. Vernon	10 (9 Sat/Sun)	10	10
III	West Springfield	10	10	10
County Totals		77 (76)	77	70
Evening & Midnight Overlap Totals			147	

In addition to these minimum staffing standards, each station assigns additional police officers to shifts as needed and when staffing levels allow to meet mandated training requirements and to cover expected and unexpected leave without backfill overtime. It should be noted that FCPD has also developed emergency staffing plans for major events and disasters.