

ARLINGTON COUNTY FISCAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD

FY2018 PROPOSED BUDGET

BUDGET AREA:	Police Dept.
FAAC REVIEWERS:	Kevin Yam, John Schoenecker, Patrick Bogenberger
DATE OF FAAC ACTION:	March 16, 2017

**FAAC Opinion**

The proposed budget increases expenditures by 3% over the FY2017 adopted budget. There is no increase in FTEs from 2017 (the Department received an additional 6 FTEs in the FY 2017 budget). The Department discussed a gradual increase in the number of FTEs, to reestablish the staffing level from 10 years ago. The Department's other concerns/priorities are restoring training from a significant reduction imposed several years ago; armory needs – guns, ammunition, Tasers; and recruiting quality people.

FAAC looks forward to results of the ongoing Northwestern staffing study that will be available in the next budget cycle.

The recommendations included in this FAAC report were made without the benefit of the County Manager's proposal for the 1 cent reduction. FAAC recommendations may change when presented with that information.

**FAAC Recommendation # 1**

**FAAC** The FAAC recommends that the County Board approve the County Manager's FY 2018 proposed budget for the Police Dept.

Vote:	Yes: 9	No: 0	Abstain: 0
Comment:			

**FAAC Recommendation # 2**

The FAAC recommends that the County Board direct the County Manager to work with the Police Chief to prioritize the development of guidelines/policies with the goal of finding the appropriate overtime/FTE balance.

Vote:	Yes: 9	No: 0	Abstain: 0
Comment:			

## **Future Considerations**

- Overtime
- Recruiting quality personnel
- Northwestern staffing study results to be released soon
- Nationwide increase in assaults on police officers – impacts on officers in Arlington.
- Performance Measures
- Continuing to increase number of Police Officers with Crisis Intervention Training