



Ensuring Safety and Service: SMC Transit Police Bureau

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Background & Partnership Overview



- Sheriff's Office has partnered with the Transit District for 23 years - since 2002.
- 20-hour contract
- 77 miles of track, 32 stations
- 76 bus routes throughout San Mateo County and into parts of San Francisco and Palo Alto
- Services: patrols, investigations, rapid response, high visibility, and special events (i.e. Giants games, Bay 2 Breakers).
- Strong collaboration with SamTrans and Caltrain ensuring safe and reliable transit.

Impact & Outcomes

- Established positive working relationships between deputies and conductors and bus operators during high visibility enforcement.
- Increased safety visibility enhances community confidence

Cost Efficiency & Value



- Shared resources reduce costs across jurisdictions. allows for collective training, technology, and dispatch systems, reducing overhead



- Proven operational success. Response times can be monitored and improved with one contracted agency.



- Seamless coordination enhances overall efficiency.

Fiscal Impact

Assigned Positions	# of FTE
Lieutenant – Bureau Commander	1
Sergeants	2
Detective	1
Deputies	7
K9 Deputies	3
Community Service Officers	4
Management Analyst	1
TOTAL ASSIGNED FTE	19

The personnel costs for FY25-26 totals \$6,875,608. Operating costs of \$1,857,595 and the augmented services (supplemental overtime for special events) totaling \$900,000 brings the overall adjusted cost of basic law enforcement services to **\$9,633,203**.

This amount has been included in the Sheriff's Office FY2025-26 budget.

Recommendation & Next Steps

- • Renew agreement to ensure continuity of law enforcement services through 2030.
- • Maintain safety, reliability, and trust across the transit system.
- • Strengthen interagency collaboration between SamTrans, Caltrain, and the Sheriff's Office.
- • Recommended Action: Approve the contract amendment and extension.