

FY 2026-2027 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT(S): Austin Police;

CBQ NO.: 115

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REQUEST:

Can you please explain the rationale on reducing Internal Affairs by \$840K and any impacts this may have on officer-involved incident investigations and complaints? (p.403 Volume I)

RESPONSE: During the development of the FY26 Budget, the city was migrating to new human capital management and timekeeping systems (Workday and UKG) which led to some placement errors during the “Personnel Allocation” step in APD’s budget development process. This placement error incorrectly accounted for 21 sworn personnel in the Internal Affairs Activity for FY26. The FY27 budget corrects this allocation to 15 sworn personnel in Internal Affairs. The personnel and benefits related to this error account for the reduction in the FY27 budget.

There have not been any staffing or programmatic changes to these Activities and this decrease trues-up the error from the FY26 personnel allocation. APD remains committed to ensuring the Internal Affairs Activity remains fully staffed to continue transparent investigations regarding officer involved investigations and complaints.

