

As you are aware, the Austin Police Department underwent a Patrol Utilization Study conducted by the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) in 2012 at the request of and funded by the Austin City Council. In June 2012, PERF issued their report outlining their findings. A few of their key findings were:

- PERF’s review found the APD to be a very busy Department, struggling somewhat to keep up with calls for service response and the incoming flow of criminal cases that need investigation.
- Overall, by 2017, the Department should add 155 officers, 78 detectives, and 24 sergeants, for a total department increase of 257.
- Austin’s patrol officers-per-thousand is the second lowest among benchmark agencies.
- Most of APD’s investigatory units need additional staffing.
- If the Department and City want more patrol officer time for community engagement, problem solving and/or responding to “hot spots” discovered by the CompStat process, positions will need to be added to the sector patrol.
- APD officers have a higher percentage of their time spent on calls-for-service than other agencies PERF has studied, including two benchmark cities.
- PERF conducted a survey of Austin residents and found less than half of the respondents believed that APD has enough officers on the streets to maintain a low crime rate.
- Survey respondents were evenly split on whether APD has enough detectives to effectively solve crimes.
- While the focus of the study was on commissioned personnel, the report did identify a few areas where civilians should be added.

APD will begin addressing the PERF findings in our FY14 Budget preparation. The schedule below identifies major steps in our proposed timeline and specific presentations to the Public Safety Commission. This schedule will allow for the Public Safety Commission to be informed of APD’s needs prior to their participation in the FY14 Budget Process:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ITEM</u>
January	
February	Presentation to Public Safety Commission on Civilian needs within APD
March	Presentation to Public Safety Commission on Commissioned needs within APD
April	Discuss DRAFT Proposal-Civilian/Commissioned FY 14 Budget Request
May	Open
June	Proposed Budgets Due
July	Dry Run of Budget Overview
August	City Council Budget Work Sessions
September	FY 14 Budget Adoption