



Improving Safety and Efficiency in Police Department Are 2019 Budget Goals

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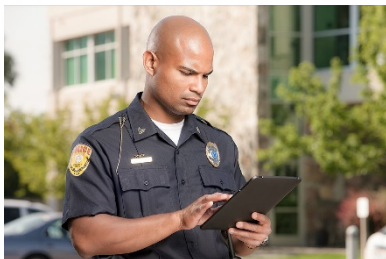
Mount Vernon Police Commissioner Shawn Harris has requested the 2019 Budget reflect increases for equipment, technology and improvements in infrastructure. The absence of adequate funding in past budgets has contributed to the necessity to replace defective equipment, improve technologies to improve efficient operations, improves officers' safety and communicate effectively. Enhancing security in Police Headquarters will provide a safer building for visitors and employees.

Equipment – The adopted 2018 budget allocated **\$0.00** for police equipment.



- Over 40 police patrol vehicles have more than 100k miles.
- Parts for vehicles, Mobile Terminals, and LPR (License Plate Readers) at key locations in city helps to reduce crime.
- Training equipment to support best practices with defensive tactics, firearms.

Technology –



- Record Management System is being replaced with software that allows Patrol Officers and Detectives with real-time information in the field on mobile devices.
- Over 70% of desktop workstations are over 10 years old which contributes to current software incompatibility.

Infrastructure – Updates and additions to building security, including access control system, video surveillance and visitor management.