

Backgrounder

Saskatoon Police Service

The Saskatoon Police Service (SPS) provides service in a number of core areas: Emergency Response, Quality Investigations, Traffic, and Community Involvement. SPS reduces crime and victimization by working in partnership with the community to develop collaborative strategies.

Strategic Outcomes for 2017

- Reduce street crime
- Complete an operational review of the entire SPS
- Increase the safety of all in custody individuals, providing proper medical assessment and 24/7 emergency medical care
- Reduce overtime relating to special events
- Reduce underlying issues that often lead to police involvement

Operating Budget Overview

- 2017 total expenditure budget of \$96.1 million
- Funding sources: 91% property taxes, 8% Provincial and Federal Governments, 1% user fees

Summary of Operating Changes

The 2017 budget proposes an increase of \$2.8 million over the 2016 expenditure level. The increase is made up of:

- \$2.3 million in inflationary increases including contractual and payroll cost increases
- \$133,000 increase is the 2017 budget impact of the four constables hired in 2016
- \$321,000 increase to the MD Ambulance agreement in the Detention Centre to 24 hour EMT monitoring and the addition of a Commissionaire
- \$70,000 increase for philological support for SPS members encountering traumatic events
- The increase in service level costs are offset by a decreased cost of \$873,400 related to funding reductions from the provincial and federal governments; the net result is an overall service level decrease of \$477,200

Funded Capital Budget

The 2017 Saskatoon Police Service Budget includes \$4 million of funded capital projects. Nine projects totalling \$2.65 million are to address a number of asset replacements including technology upgrades, radio and equipment replacements and facility renovations projects. An additional \$1.4 million is budgeted for additional equipment and vehicles. \$1.13 million of the funding for the capital projects is funded from external government agencies with the remaining \$2.9 million is coming from Police Capital Reserves.