



ARP FUNDING PROPOSAL

ERIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

\$6M



**CRISIS
CAR**

Reinstate officers specially-trained to deal with crisis situations:

- Add 9 officers
- 2-officer Crisis Car, working 24/7
- Work with homeless population and deal with issues in Downtown Erie
- Work with SafeNet on domestic dispute calls
- Work with social service and mental health partners when responding to calls with mental health issues/transport

\$4M



**JUVENILE
UNIT**

Reinstate specially-trained detectives to work directly with the juvenile justice system:

- Add 6 detectives
- Work with school police/juvenile probation on minor crimes to get youth into juvenile diversion programs
- 15 years without juvenile detectives has resulted in an increase in shootings and gang activity
- Detectives will also assist with unassigned criminal cases

\$4M



**CAPACITY
BUILDING**

Add additional officers to work high crime hours (8 p.m. to 4 a.m.) and increase community outreach efforts:

- Add 4 officers to the Neighborhood Action Team (NAT), which has lost 5 officers since 2015
- NAT would attend neighborhood watch meetings and focus on drug activity & gang/gun violence
- Hire 2 PAL/COP officers for full-time community outreach, recruitment, and trust-building initiatives

\$419K



**EQUIPMENT
AND
VEHICLES**

Outfit additional officers and detectives with needed equipment and vehicles:

- \$3K to outfit each officer (\$63K total)
- \$1K for taser and gun (\$21K total)
- 1 crisis car police interceptor with Axon dash cam (\$65K total)
- 3 cars for detectives (\$75K total)
- 3 cars for capacity building (\$195K)

HOW HAVE WE CUT COSTS?

\$4.5M

RECEIVED IN GRANTS & INITIATIVES SINCE 2018

- Byrne Grant for East Bayfront
- PAL/Recruitment Grant
- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) designation
- Gang Violence Reduction Strategy (Unified Erie Call-in)
- Safe Driving DUI Grants
- Juvenile School Program Grants
- Body-worn Cameras
- Domestic Violence and Child Predator Grants

\$6M

IN PAYROLL SAVINGS

- Significantly decreased pay increases in 8-year FOP contract
- Extended pay increment for new hires from 3 years to 6 years

9 OFFICERS

PAID FOR BY
OTHER SOURCES

CAPACITY CONCERNS

90%

OF CASES DO NOT GET ASSIGNED

1,425

UNASSIGNED CASES IN 2020

1,615

UNASSIGNED CASES IN 2021 (TO-DATE)

373

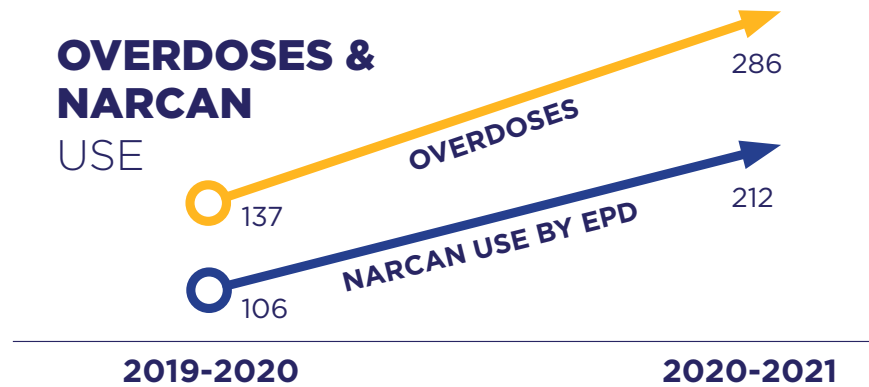
AVERAGE CASES TO INVESTIGATE PER DETECTIVE

WHY DO WE NEED TO ADD OFFICERS?

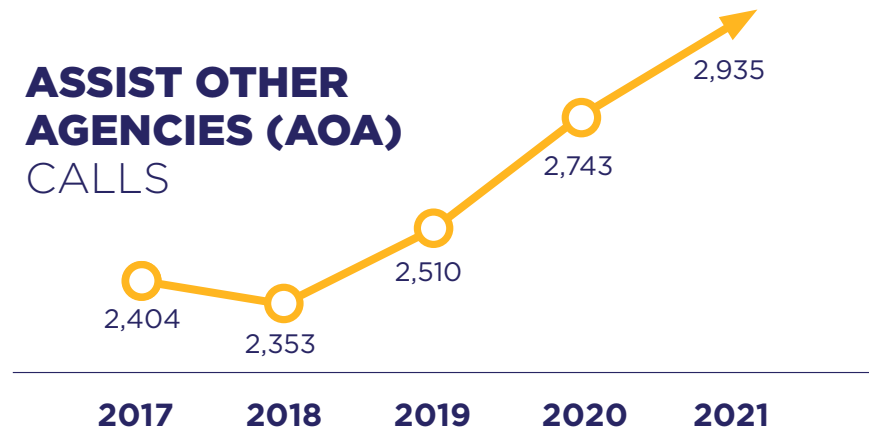
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OVERDOSES & NARCAN USE



ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES (AOA) CALLS



STAFFING ISSUES

CURRENT STAFFING

Budgeted Officers	166
Housing Authority	6
Insurance Fraud	1
Auto Theft Investigator	1
PAL/Recruitment	1
Total	175

POLICE OFFICERS PER 1,000 RESIDENTS*

(2018 statistics from PFM study)

Allentown	1.89
Erie	1.75
Reading	1.91
Scranton	1.92
Bethlehem	2.05

*National Average is 2.4

140 OFFICERS FILL 200 ROLES

across 13 Task Forces and the PAL and COP programs, **in addition to their regular duties.**

In 2005, due to budget cuts, **40 officers were cut**, including the Juvenile Unit and Crisis Car.