

Public Safety

Summary

Public Safety activities are designed to protect the safety of Guilford County residents and visitors. Whether it is through the provision of emergency medical transportation in times of crisis, animal control services, or the enforcement of criminal and civil laws and ordinances, all of Guilford County's public safety activities are organized to safeguard our residents' and visitors' well-being.

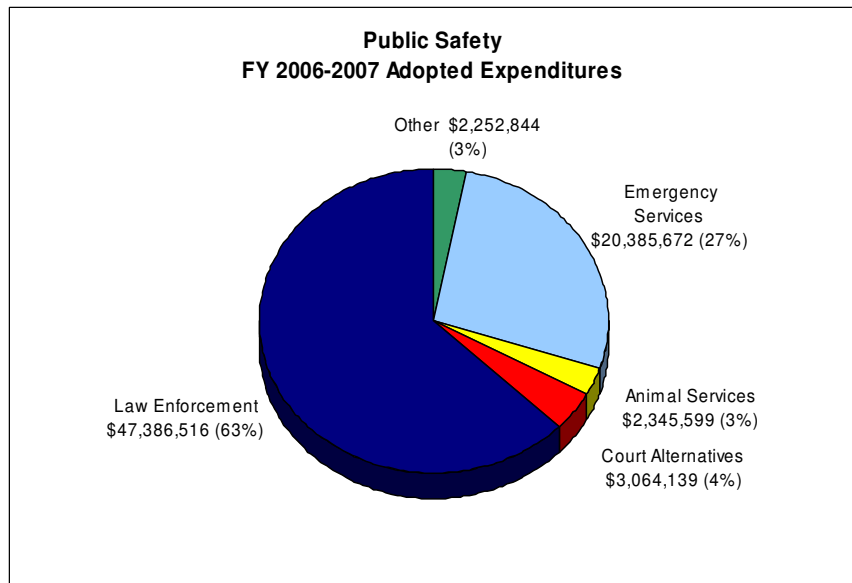
Public Safety expenditures include:

- Emergency Services
- Court Alternatives
- Other Protection
- Law Enforcement (Sheriff)
- Animal Services
- Security

Expenditures

Guilford County will spend \$75,434,770 for Public Safety expenditures in the 2006-2007 fiscal year, an increase of 4.3%, or about \$3.1 million, over last year's adopted budget. Public Safety accounts for approximately 14% of the total expenditures for the County. Most of the increase in Public Safety will be used to fully fund the new positions for Law Enforcement and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) approved by the Board during FY 2005-2006.

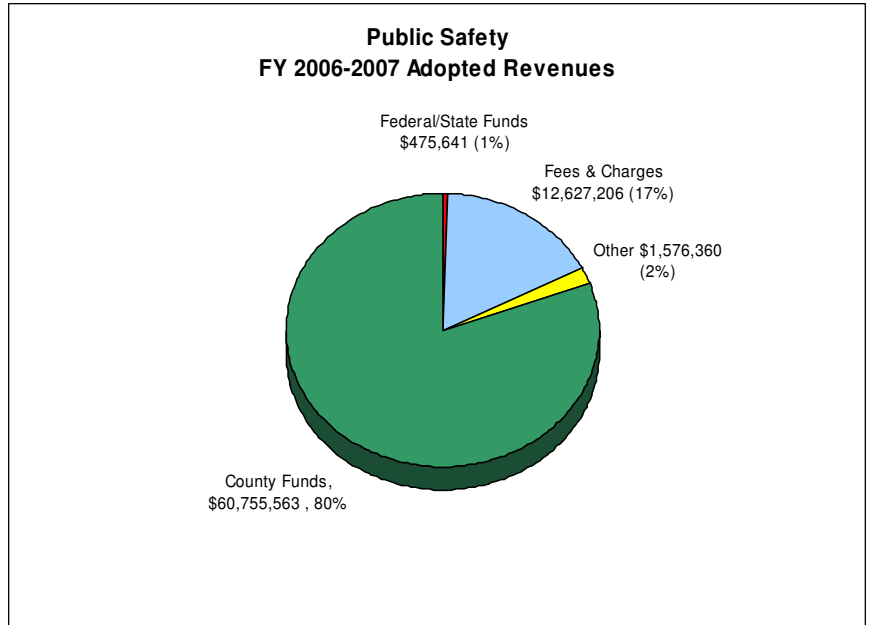
In response to a study commissioned last year by the Board of Commissioners that recommended increased staffing at the County's detention centers, the Board agreed to fund an additional 33 detention officer positions in FY 2005-2006 (eight in the adopted budget and 25 more added during the year). The budget for FY 2006-2007 fully funds those positions.



In addition, the budget includes partial year funding for nine new positions for Emergency Medical Services. These positions will be used to staff the County's new EMS base on Rock Creek Dairy road.

Revenues

Most (81%) of Public Safety services are funded from general County funds. As a result of the staffing increases discussed, the County will contribute nearly \$3.0 million more to the Public Safety service area next year. User fees and charges, primarily from charges for ambulance service and various Sheriff Department fees, will generate 16% of Public Safety revenues. The remaining funds will come from the federal and state governments and miscellaneous revenues.



	FY 04-05		FY 05-06		FY 06-07		Change from Adopted		
	Expenditures		Adopted Budget		Adopted		\$	%	
Departments									
Emergency Services	\$	17,787,912	\$	19,661,381	\$	20,385,672	\$	724,291	3.7%
Court Alternatives	\$	2,766,565	\$	3,436,290	\$	3,064,139	\$	(372,151)	-10.8%
Other Protection	\$	369,740	\$	380,832	\$	425,830	\$	44,998	11.8%
Law Enforcement	\$	39,444,352	\$	44,707,368	\$	47,386,516	\$	2,679,148	6.0%
Animal Services	\$	2,007,338	\$	2,346,606	\$	2,345,599	\$	(1,007)	0.0%
Security	\$	1,550,416	\$	1,826,366	\$	1,827,014	\$	648	0.0%
Total	\$	63,926,323	\$	72,358,843	\$	75,434,770	\$	3,075,927	4.3%
Revenues									
Federal/State Funds	\$	1,858,566	\$	733,630	\$	475,641	\$	(257,989)	-35.2%
Fees & Charges	\$	12,733,277	\$	12,066,864	\$	12,627,206	\$	560,342	4.6%
Other	\$	1,125,258	\$	160,500	\$	1,576,360	\$	1,415,860	882.2%
Fund Balance	\$	916,755	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	--
County Funds	\$	47,292,467	\$	59,397,849	\$	60,755,563	\$	1,357,714	2.3%
Total	\$	63,926,323	\$	72,358,843	\$	75,434,770	\$	3,075,927	4.3%