

Public Safety

Public Safety activities are designed to protect the safety of Guilford County residents and visitors. Whether is it 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.

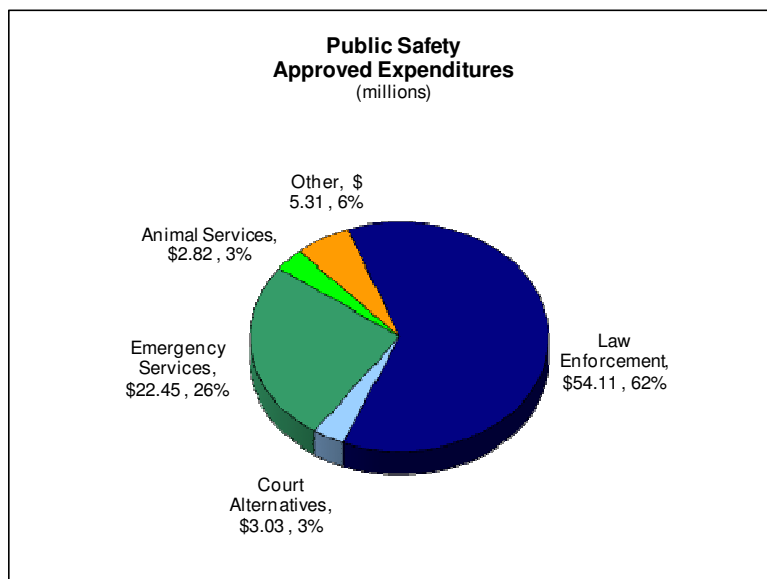
Public Safety expenditures include:

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

Expenditures

Guilford County will spend \$87,724,576 for Public Safety in fiscal year 2009-10, a decrease of -0.8%, or \$933,869, from last year's adopted budget. Public Safety accounts for approximately 15% of the total expenditures for the County.

The largest decrease in Public Safety expenditures is for the Inspections Department. Funding for this department will decrease by nearly \$695,000 as a result of the elimination of 10 positions in the spring. These positions were eliminated through a Reduction in Force action taken by the County in response to the slowing economy and the associated decrease in demand for inspection and permitting services.

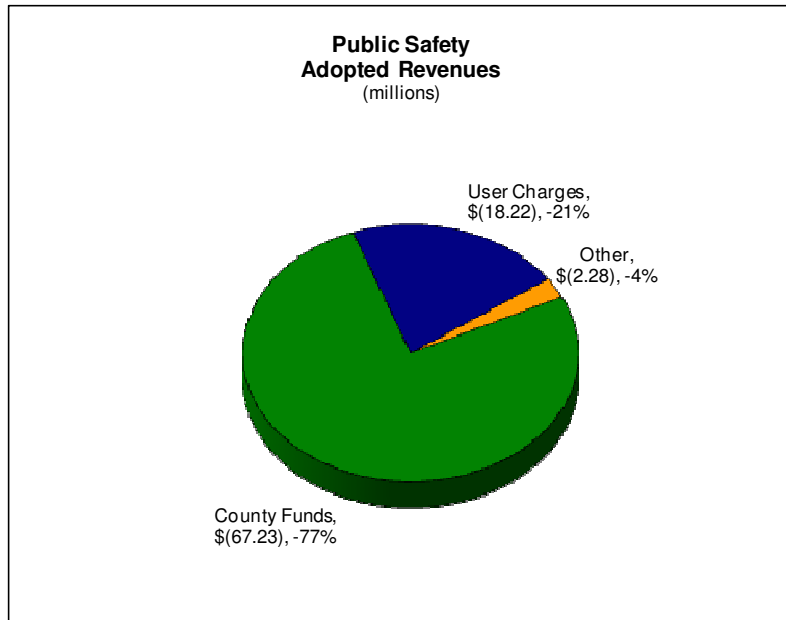


In addition to the elimination of Inspections positions, the County eliminated three positions in Court Alternatives/Juvenile Detention, three in Animal Services, and two in Security.

The reductions in the departments fully offset the increase in funding for Law Enforcement for the purchase of replacement vehicles per the County's fleet replacement schedule and increases in the contract cost for the operation of the Guilford County Animal Shelter.

Revenues

Most (77%) of Public Safety services are funded from general County funds. User fees and charges, primarily from charges for ambulance service and various Sheriff Department fees, will generate 21% of Public Safety revenues. The remaining funds will come from the federal and state governments and miscellaneous revenues.



	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Adopted	FY 2009 Amended	FY 2010 Adopted	Change vs. Adopted	
					\$	%
Department						
Animal Services	\$2,365,676	\$2,824,094	\$2,825,933	\$2,818,026	(\$6,068)	-0.2%
Court Alternatives	\$2,959,731	\$3,148,223	\$3,111,881	\$3,032,248	(\$115,975)	-3.7%
Emergency Services	\$20,623,982	\$22,775,838	\$23,373,587	\$22,449,761	(\$326,077)	-1.4%
Inspections	\$2,777,457	\$2,939,690	\$2,869,675	\$2,244,892	(\$694,798)	-23.6%
Law Enforcement	\$49,476,234	\$53,714,028	\$55,527,797	\$54,112,271	\$398,243	0.7%
Other Protection	\$894,045	\$1,306,782	\$1,568,271	\$1,306,966	\$184	0.0%
Security	\$1,822,142	\$1,949,790	\$1,908,738	\$1,760,412	(\$189,378)	-9.7%
Total	\$80,919,266	\$88,658,445	\$91,185,882	\$87,724,576	(\$933,869)	-0.8%
Revenues						
Federal & State Funds	(\$1,174,419)	(\$456,023)	(\$1,312,973)	(\$540,969)	(\$84,946)	18.6%
User Charges	(\$17,780,168)	(\$16,973,867)	(\$16,973,867)	(\$18,216,502)	(\$1,242,635)	7.3%
Investment Earnings	(\$56,123)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	--
Other	(\$2,602,602)	(\$1,665,943)	(\$1,768,743)	(\$1,540,404)	\$125,539	-7.5%
Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	--
Fund Balance	(\$1,520,882)	(\$26,103)	(\$493,008)	(\$195,000)	(\$168,897)	647.0%
County Funds	(\$57,785,072)	(\$69,536,509)	(\$70,637,291)	(\$67,231,701)	\$2,304,808	-3.3%
Total	\$ (80,919,266)	\$ (88,658,445)	\$ (91,185,882)	\$ (87,724,576)	\$933,869	-0.8%