

# POLICE DIVISION

## Metro Aviation Unit

### Description

In 1986 the Counties of Henrico and Chesterfield, and the City of Richmond entered into a multi-jurisdictional agreement, which facilitated the use of police aircraft in all three jurisdictions and created the Metro Aviation Unit. As a part of this agreement, the Henrico Police Division is charged with housing the aircraft; supervision of the pilots; fiscal management; and planning the training for the Unit.

### Objectives

- The Unit will provide aerial observation and support for all jurisdictions.
- The Unit will conduct patrols of identified high crime areas.
- The Unit will provide transportation of prisoners to and from other jurisdictions upon request.
- The Unit will provide aerial photographs of any location in the metropolitan area upon request.
- The Unit will provide routine and special aerial patrol within the tri-jurisdictional area.

### Budget Highlights

The FY2012-13 budget includes \$55,000 for the extradition of prisoners, which is fully reimbursable from the State Supreme Court. The remaining balance of the budget, \$406,687, is divided equally between Chesterfield County, the City of Richmond, and Henrico County. In FY2012-13, Henrico's share of the budget remains constant at \$135,561.

Henrico's Police Division manages the Metro Aviation Unit. This section of the Police Division also handles extradition of prisoners, which is entirely reimbursable from the State of Virginia. The combined budget for Metro Aviation and Extradition is \$461,687.

The Metro Aviation Unit continues to be a valuable and effective crime fighting tool to the participating localities and the region. The localities continue to increase their usage of the unit and each locality now assigns three pilots to the unit.

The three participating jurisdictions approved the purchase of an additional patrol plane, a Cessna 182, and in July 2006, the Board of Supervisors approved a budget amendment to increase the Metro Aviation Unit's budget for the purchase of the new aircraft. The aircraft is equipped with the latest

### Annual Fiscal Plan

Description	FY11 Actual	FY12 Original	FY13 Approved	Change 12 to 13
Personnel	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
Operation	372,966	431,687	431,687	0.0%
Capital	55,111	30,000	30,000	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 428,077</b>	<b>\$ 461,687</b>	<b>\$ 461,687</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Personnel Complement	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Metro Aviation (cont'd)*

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	<b>Performance Measures</b>			
	<b>FY11</b>	<b>FY12</b>	<b>FY13</b>	<b>Change 12 to 13</b>
<b>Workload Measures</b>				
Number of Aerial Transports	51	55	35	(20)
Flight Hours for Aerial Transports	218	220	140	(80)
Extraditions (commercial carriers)	37	38	39	1

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technology including an electronic instrument panel, an integrated spotlight, a forward looking infra-red (FLIR) system, and a video downlink that permits the aircraft to broadcast images while flying for viewing at varying locations within the three jurisdictions. The unit's three other aircrafts are of varying ages including a patrol plane and a transport plane, which

are each over twenty-five years old. The third aircraft is a patrol plane that is ten years old. With the purchase of the fourth plane, the unit uses the older patrol plane for training and as a reserve patrol plane that is used during maintenance and repairs to the other two patrol planes.