

POLICE – METRO AVIATION UNIT

DESCRIPTION

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

OBJECTIVES

- Provide aerial observation and support for local area jurisdictions.
- Conduct patrols of identified high crime areas.
- Provide prisoner transportation to and from other jurisdictions upon request.
- Take aerial photographs of any location in the metropolitan area upon request.
- Provide routine and special aerial patrol within the tri-jurisdictional area.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The combined FY2021-22 budget for Metro Aviation and extradition totals \$487,000. The Metro Aviation portion totals \$382,000, and is divided equally between Chesterfield County, the City of Richmond, and Henrico County, with each share remaining constant at \$127,333. The prisoner extradition budget totals \$105,000 and is reimbursable from the State Supreme Court.

FISCAL YEAR 2022 SUMMARY

Annual Fiscal Plan

Description	FY20 Actual	FY21 Original	FY22 Proposed	Change 21 to 22
Personnel	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
Operation	374,981	447,000	447,000	0.0%
Capital	36,909	40,000	40,000	0.0%
Total	\$ 411,890	\$ 487,000	\$ 487,000	0.0%
Personnel Complement	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	<u>FY20</u>	<u>FY21</u>	<u>FY22</u>	<u>Change 21 to 22</u>
Workload Measures				
Number of Aerial Transports	67	55	55	0
Flight Hours for Aerial Transports	280	230	230	0
Extraditions (commercial carriers)	44	20	46	26

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

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

The three participating jurisdictions own three aircraft:

- 2006 Cessna 182
- 2000 Cessna 172
- 1979 Cessna 182RG (Transport Aircraft)

The 2006 Cessna 182 and 2000 Cessna 172 are equipped with a spotlight, a forward looking infra-red (FLIR) camera, and a video downlink that permits the aircraft to broadcast images while flying.

During FY2019-20, the unit responded to 825 calls for service, conducted 89 surveillances, with a total of 1,278 flight hours. In addition, aircraft assisted with 88 apprehensions, 67 aerial transports, and 129 aerial pictures.

While the number of extraditions in FY2019-20 decreased due to travel restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Metro Aviation unit provided 110.6 hours of coverage for the civil unrest in Richmond, Henrico, and Chesterfield.

In September 2019, the Henrico County Board of Supervisors approved an amendment totaling \$2,100,000 to purchase a third patrol aircraft which, along with its downlink system, is currently in the procurement process. The new aircraft will be added to the fleet assisting primarily with patrol and making the total complement four planes, three primarily for patrol and one primarily for transport. The cost of the plane was split equally among the regional partners with Henrico's share totaling \$700,000. The plane will be available to the unit in 2022.



Department Operating Budget
 Henrico County, Virginia
 FY2021-22
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Account Description	Prior Year Actual	Approved Budget	Proposed Budget	Dollar Inc/Dec	Percent Inc/Dec
50200 Medical Services	750	900	900	0	0.0%
50209 Other Professional Services	3,059	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%
50210 Maintenance and Repairs	109,672	120,000	120,000	0	0.0%
50213 Maintenance Service Contracts- Computers	3,633	3,923	3,923	0	0.0%
50221 Lease/Rent Of Buildings	65,000	65,001	65,001	0	0.0%
50280 Janitorial	3,120	3,500	3,500	0	0.0%
50400 Electric Services	5,199	6,000	6,000	0	0.0%
50402 Water Service	513	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%
50403 Sewer Service	570	500	500	0	0.0%
50404 Refuse Service	338	350	350	0	0.0%
50412 Telecommunications	336	9,960	9,960	0	0.0%
50432 Travel (Extradition Of Prisoners)	122,885	105,000	105,000	0	0.0%
50450 Dues And Association Memberships	520	550	550	0	0.0%
50453 Freight Charges	660	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%
50459 Other Charges Miscellaneous	42	100	100	0	0.0%
50504 Laundry, Housekeeping, and Janitorial Supplies	498	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
50507 Gasoline	56,220	113,001	113,001	0	0.0%
50509 Vehicle and Powered Equipment Supplies	0	3,500	3,500	0	0.0%
50511 Uniforms/Wearing Apparel/ITEMS	1,278	2,500	2,500	0	0.0%
50512 Books and Subscriptions	193	3,577	3,577	0	0.0%
50514 Other Operating Supplies	331	1,338	1,338	0	0.0%
50517 Small Tools	164	500	500	0	0.0%
50811 Machinery and Equipment-New Less Than \$5000	3,580	0	0	0	0.0%
50842 Motor Vehicles and Equipment- Rehabilitation	33,329	40,000	40,000	0	0.0%
Total Department	411,890	487,000	487,000	0	0.0%



Operating Line Item Budget By Cost Center
Henrico County, Virginia
FY2021-22
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Cost Center	Prior Year Actual	Approved Budget	Proposed Budget	Dollar Inc/Dec	Percent Inc/Dec
12035 Metro Aviation					
50200 Medical Services	750	900	900	0	0.0%
50209 Other Professional Services	3,059	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%
50210 Maintenance and Repairs	109,672	120,000	120,000	0	0.0%
50213 Maintenance Service Contracts- Computers	3,633	3,923	3,923	0	0.0%
50221 Lease/Rent Of Buildings	65,000	65,001	65,001	0	0.0%
50280 Janitorial	3,120	3,500	3,500	0	0.0%
50400 Electric Services	5,199	6,000	6,000	0	0.0%
50402 Water Service	513	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%
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50404 Refuse Service	338	350	350	0	0.0%
50412 Telecommunications	336	9,960	9,960	0	0.0%
50432 Travel (Extradition Of Prisoners)	5,378	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
50450 Dues And Association Memberships	520	550	550	0	0.0%
50453 Freight Charges	660	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%
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50517 Small Tools	164	500	500	0	0.0%
50811 Machinery and Equipment-New Less Than \$5000	3,580	0	0	0	0.0%
50842 Motor Vehicles and Equipment-Rehabilitation	33,329	40,000	40,000	0	0.0%
Total Cost Center	294,383	387,000	387,000	0	0.0%
12037 Henrico Extraditions					
50432 Travel (Extradition Of Prisoners)	117,507	100,000	100,000	0	0.0%
Total Cost Center	117,507	100,000	100,000	0	0.0%