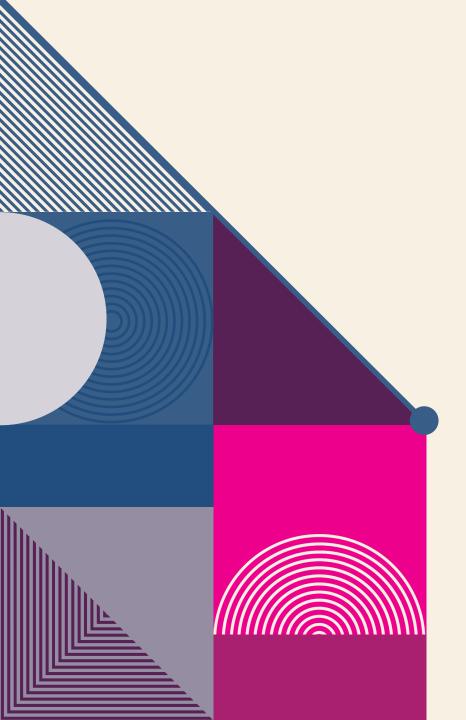
# **PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDING UPDATE** Samuel Schultz Management and Budget Deputy Director



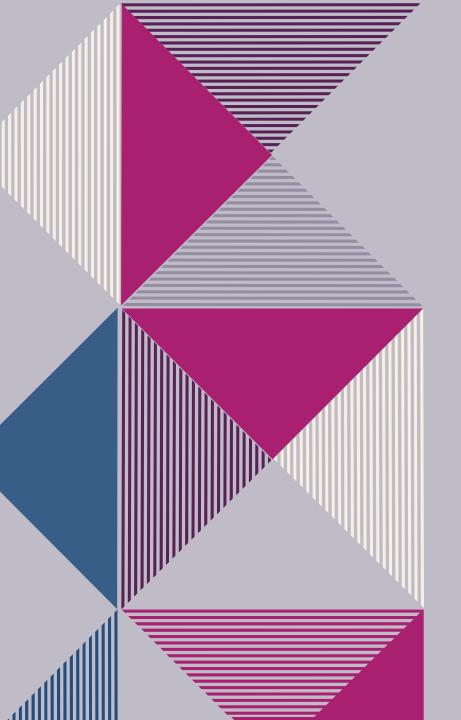
# CONTINUED AND PRIORITIZED SUPPORT

In 2018, voters of Mesa approved a 0.25% increase of the City's sales tax rate to *support Mesa Police and Mesa Fire & Medical services*, personnel, equipment, training, and related costs.

The City of Mesa has committed and will continue to prioritize support for Public Safety.

Primary Funding Sources for Public Safety include:

- -General Fund
- -Quality of Life Sales Tax
- -Public Safety Sales Tax (PSST)
- -Public Safety Bonds
- -Federal Funds and other Grants



#### PUBLIC SAFETY HIGHLIGHTS: FIRE AND MEDICAL

- STAFFING FOR 4 FIRE STATIONS
- STAFFING FOR 2 X 12 HR DAYTIME MEDICAL RESPONSE TEAMS
- IMPLEMENTED AN AMBULANCE SERVICE
- IMPLEMENTED AN INHOUSE PARAMEDIC SCHOOL

## AGILE FIRE AND MEDICAL RESPONSE

### FIRE AND MEDICAL RESPONSE IS EVOLVING EACH DAY THROUGH CHANGING NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY AND MESA'S GROWTH

- Implemented 2 x 12 hour daytime Medical Response Units\* for medical response coverage 8 FTE per unit (16 FTE total)
- Continued station expansion with new crews
  - Station 221\* in FY 20/21 6 Firefighters, 3 Engineers, and 3 Captains
  - Station 222\* in FY 22/23 6 Firefighters, 3 Engineers, and 3 Captains
  - Station 223\* in FY 23/24 6 Firefighters, 3 Engineers, and 3 Captains
  - Station 224\* est. FY 24/25 6 Firefighters, 3 Engineers, and 3 Captains
- Added 4 additional 12-hour Firefighter rovers

<sup>\*</sup>Public Safety Sales Tax Funded

### IMPLEMENTATION OF AN AMBULANCE PROGRAM

#### PROVIDING CITIZENS A MORE EFFICIENT AND COORDINATED MEDICAL RESPONSE

- Continued expansion of the program to support the needs of the community
- Adopted Budgeted Positions for FY 23/24 104 FTE
  - Emergency Medical Technicians 36 FTE
  - Paramedics 44 FTF
  - Billing 10 FTE
  - Other Support Positions 14 FTE

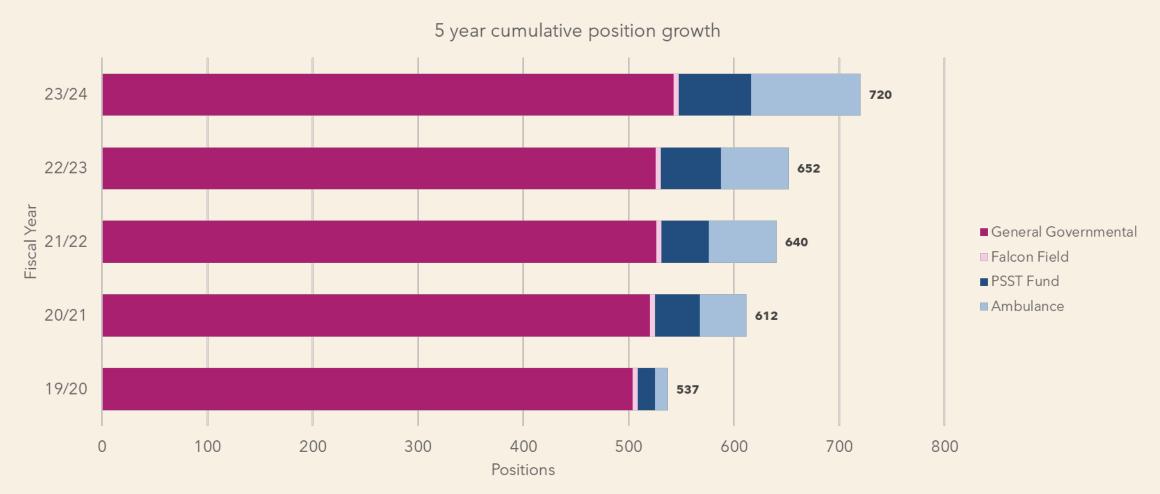
### SUPPORTING NEEDS OF EMPLOYEES AND CITIZENS

#### HEALTHY AND TRAINED EMPLOYEES PROVIDE A SAFE AND RESILIENT COMMUNITY

- Additional funding for cancer abatement and ongoing screenings\*
- Additional Training\* and Peer Support Captains to support employee growth
- Alternative Response Crew\* to support coverage for employees to attend training during the week and provide additional overtime coverage during the weekend 8 FTE
- Instituted a full-time training opportunity for paramedic certification training 11 FTE
- Additional Diversity Captain to promote outreach for opportunities to represent Mesa's community
- Additional Fire Inspectors and support staff to keep up with growth and promote fire safe practices
   5 FTE

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## POSITIONS - FIRE AND MEDICAL 34% INCREASE OVER 5 YEARS



# FINANCIALS FIRE AND MEDICAL PSST

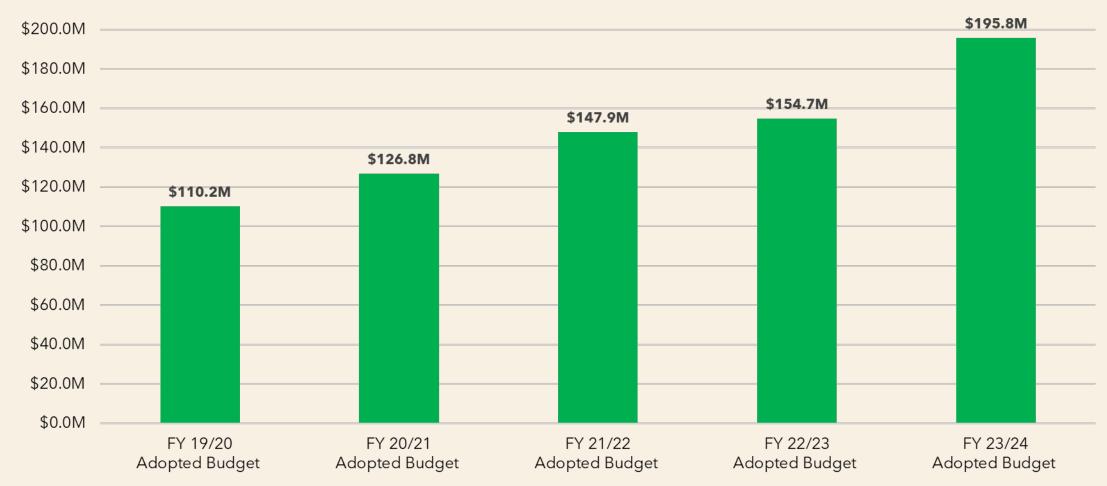
	Actuals	Projected	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 26/27	FY 27/28	FY 28/29
Beginning Reserve Balance	\$16.3	\$22.4	\$27.7	\$23.9	\$19.7	\$15.8	\$12.1
Total Sources	\$16.7	\$16.9	\$15.8	\$15.7	\$16.1	\$16.5	\$17.0
Total Uses	\$10.6	\$11.6	\$19.7	\$19.8	\$20.0	\$20.2	\$20.6
Net Sources and Uses	\$6.2	\$5.3	(\$3.8)	(\$4.1)	(\$3.9)	(\$3.7)	(\$3.7)
Ending Reserve Balance	\$22.4	\$27.7	\$23.9	\$19.7	\$15.8	\$12.1	\$8.4

Dollars in Millions

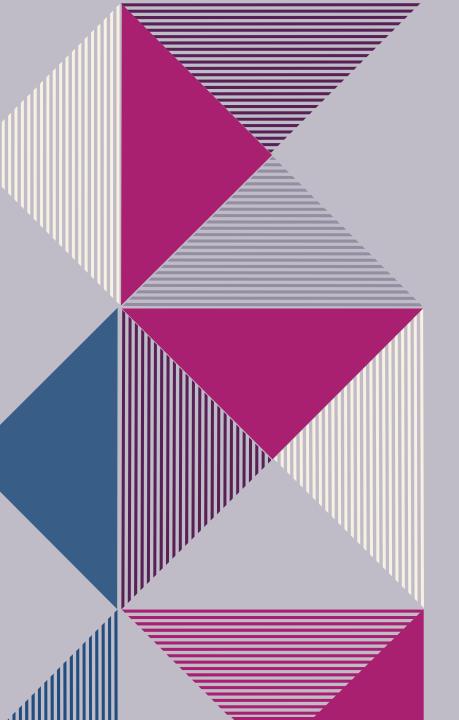
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data as of January 2024

# FIRE AND MEDICAL: OPERATIONS & CAPITAL - 78% INCREASE



<sup>\*</sup>Includes Mesa Fire and Medical Department costs and other supporting expenses



### PUBLIC SAFETY HIGHLIGHTS: POLICE

- SINCE FY 19/20, 88 NEW SWORN POSITIONS AND 112 NEW CIVILIAN POSITIONS
- IMPLEMENTED A REAL TIME CRIME CENTER
- CONSTRUCTION AND STAFFING FOR A NEW SUBSTATION
- REMODEL OF MESA FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER

#### **EXPANDED SERVICE**

### AS THE CITY OF MESA CONTINUES TO GROW, THE MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT IS EXPANDING TO MEET THE DEMANDS AND NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY

- Increase of 200 FTE in the Police Department since FY 19/20
  - 88 new sworn FTE (includes 58 FTE new sworn patrol positions\*)
  - Staffing of the Northeast Public Safety Facility 14 FTE (Civilian)
  - Increased positions for dispatchers and 911 call takers to account for growth 17 FTE
  - To support transparency, the City increased the positions for records to assist with meeting the demand for requests - 25 FTE (2 PSST Funded)

#### **INNOVATING CRIME RESPONSE**

### WITH NEW TECHNOLOGIES, THE CITY IS ABLE TO ENHANCE RESPONSE AND SUPPORT TO ADDRESS CRIMINALITY

- Established a new Real Time Crime Center\* which allows for immediate observations of potential crime scenes to support arriving officers
  - Software funded using Federal dollars and ongoing support will be funded with Public Safety Sales Tax Funds
  - Includes 10 positions which are a mix of sworn (4 FTE) and civilian (6 FTE) to support to video monitoring
- Expanding the Mesa's downtown closed circuit video network\* (2 FTE) and implementing a new ambassador program to provide a safe environment for residents and businesses (4 FTE/8 parttime position)

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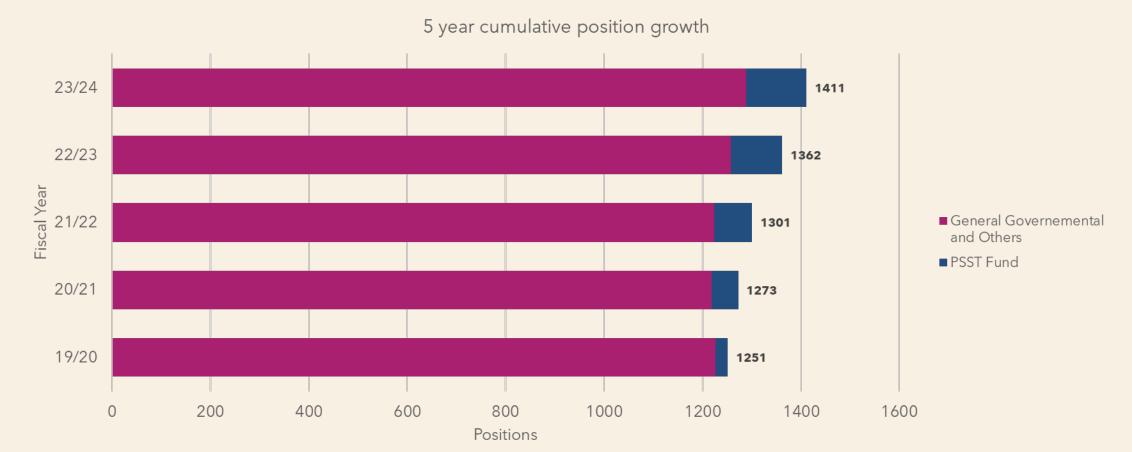
### INVESTMENT IN CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE

MAINTAINING AND REVITALIZING CURRENT ASSETS TO DIRECTLY SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY AND EMPLOYEES USING PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX FUNDS

#### How Mesa is meeting these needs using Public Safety Sales Tax:

- Support of the Public Safety Training Facility
  - Drive track reconstruction
  - Concrete/steel structure improvements for training
- Funding for the new evidence building start up such as new shelving, storgare, freezers, etc.
- Helicopter conversions
- Remodel of Mesa's Family Advocacy Center
- Reserving funds to support the remodel of the Police Headquarters

#### POSITIONS - POLICE 13% INCREASE OVER 5 YEARS



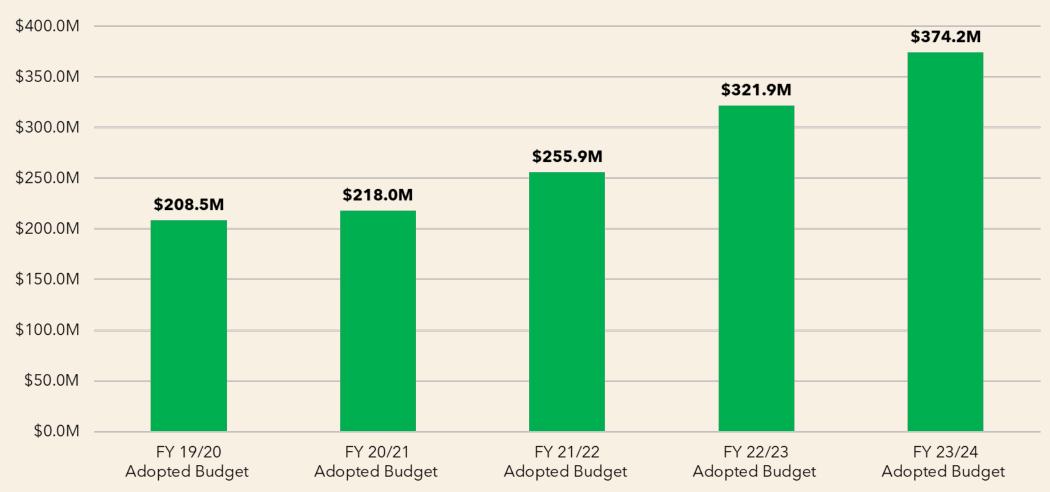
# FINANCIALS POLICE PSST

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	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 26/27	FY 27/28	FY 28/29
Beginning Reserve Balance	\$39.4	\$41.3	\$28.7	\$6.1	\$7.8	\$10.8	\$14.1
Total Sources	\$25.4	\$25.5	\$23.9	\$23.7	\$24.3	\$24.9	\$25.6
Total Uses	\$23.4	\$38.2	\$46.5	\$22.0	\$21.3	\$21.6	\$22.1
Net Sources and Uses	\$1.9	(\$12.7)	(\$22.6)	\$1.7	\$3.0	\$3.3	\$3.5
Ending Reserve Balance	\$41.3	\$28.7	\$6.1	\$7.8	\$10.8	\$14.1	\$17.6

Dollars in Millions

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# POLICE: OPERATIONS & CAPITAL - 79% INCREASE



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