

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. 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 local area 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

Henrico’s Police Division fiscally manages and supervises the Metro Aviation Unit. The combined budget for Metro Aviation and Extradition totals \$602,500.

The FY25 proposed Budget includes \$105,000 for the extradition of prisoners. Extradition costs are fully reimbursable from the State Supreme Court. The balance of the budget, \$497,500, is divided equally between Chesterfield County, the City of Richmond, and Henrico County.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 SUMMARY

Annual Fiscal Plan

Description	FY23	FY24	FY25	Change
	Actual	Original	Proposed	24 to 25
Personnel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
Operation	393,193	532,500	532,500	0.0%
Capital	79,017	70,000	70,000	0.0%
Total	\$ 472,210	\$ 602,500	\$ 602,500	0.0%
Personnel Complement	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY24</u>	<u>FY25</u>	<u>Change 24 to 25</u>
Workload Measures				
Number of Aerial Transports	24	26	28	2
Flight Hours for Aerial Transports	95	126	157	31
Extraditions (commercial carriers)	26	8	25	17

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Metro Aviation Unit continues to be a valuable and effective crime fighting tool to the participating localities and the region. A total of three pilots are assigned to the Metro Aviation Unit, with each locality providing a pilot.

The three participating jurisdictions own four aircraft:

- 2021 Cessna T206
- 2019 Piper M350
- 2006 Cessna 182
- 2000 Cessna 172

All aircraft, except for the transport plane, 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 for viewing at varying locations within the three jurisdictions.

In FY24, Metro Aviation acquired a 2019 Piper M350 transport aircraft to replace the aged 1979 Cessna Transport. The Piper plane has a service ceiling of 25,000 feet, cruises around 200 knots, seats six, and is certified for flight into known icing. This allows the aircraft to climb higher to avoid weather / turbulence and complete extraditions and personnel transports quickly. The larger cabin space allows for multiple transports during a roundtrip flight, allowing for more efficient operations. This aircraft assists the participating agencies in completing extraditions in a timely manner.



**Department Operating Budget
Henrico County, Virginia
FY2024-25
POLICE - METRO AVIATION**

Account Description	Prior Year Actual	Approved Budget	Proposed Budget	Dollar Inc/Dec	Percent Inc/Dec
50200 Medical Services	450	900	900	0	0.0%
50209 Other Professional Services	18,296	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%
50210 Maintenance and Repairs	129,863	210,000	213,000	3,000	1.4%
50213 Maintenance Service Contracts- Computers	4,914	5,200	5,500	300	5.8%
50221 Lease/Rent Of Buildings	67,917	70,000	71,000	1,000	1.4%
50280 Janitorial	5,191	6,200	5,400	-800	-12.9%
50400 Electric Services	6,035	6,000	6,000	0	0.0%
50402 Water Service	584	600	600	0	0.0%
50403 Sewer Service	649	600	700	100	16.7%
50404 Refuse Service	628	400	700	300	75.0%
50412 Telecommunications	6,793	9,000	7,000	-2,000	-22.2%
50432 Travel (Extradition Of Prisoners)	86,048	105,000	105,000	0	0.0%
50450 Dues And Association Memberships	570	550	600	50	9.1%
50453 Freight Charges	555	1,500	1,000	-500	-33.3%
50459 Other Charges Miscellaneous	0	100	100	0	0.0%
50500 Office Supplies	0	250	250	0	0.0%
50504 Laundry, Housekeeping, and Janitorial Supplies	90	1,000	250	-750	-75.0%
50506 Repair and Maintenance Supplies	1,153	0	0	0	0.0%
50507 Gasoline	60,587	101,280	101,000	-280	-0.3%
50509 Vehicle and Powered Equipment Supplies	0	3,500	3,000	-500	-14.3%
50511 Uniforms/Wearing Apparel/ITEMS	968	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%
50512 Books and Subscriptions	439	3,700	3,800	100	2.7%
50514 Other Operating Supplies	1,113	1,220	1,200	-20	-1.6%
50517 Small Tools	350	500	500	0	0.0%
50801 Machinery and Equipment-New \$10,000 and Over	51,189	0	0	0	0.0%
50804 Motor Vehicles and Equipment-New \$10,000 and Over	3,595	0	0	0	0.0%

Account Description	Prior Year Actual	Approved Budget	Proposed Budget	Dollar Inc/Dec	Percent Inc/Dec
50812 Furniture and Fixtures-New Less Than \$10,000	6,386	0	0	0	0.0%
50831 Machinery and Equipment- Replacement Less Than \$10,000	304	0	0	0	0.0%
50842 Motor Vehicles and Equipment- Rehabilitation	17,543	70,000	70,000	0	0.0%
Total Department	472,210	602,500	602,500	0	0.0%



**Operating Line Item Budget By Cost Center
Henrico County, Virginia
FY2024-25
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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	450	900	900	0	0.0%
50209 Other Professional Services	18,296	3,000	3,000	0	0.0%
50210 Maintenance and Repairs	129,863	210,000	213,000	3,000	1.4%
50213 Maintenance Service Contracts- Computers	4,914	5,200	5,500	300	5.8%
50221 Lease/Rent Of Buildings	67,917	70,000	71,000	1,000	1.4%
50280 Janitorial	5,191	6,200	5,400	-800	-12.9%
50400 Electric Services	6,035	6,000	6,000	0	0.0%
50402 Water Service	584	600	600	0	0.0%
50403 Sewer Service	649	600	700	100	16.7%
50404 Refuse Service	628	400	700	300	75.0%
50412 Telecommunications	6,793	9,000	7,000	-2,000	-22.2%
50432 Travel (Extradition Of Prisoners)	2,241	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
50450 Dues And Association Memberships	570	550	600	50	9.1%
50453 Freight Charges	555	1,500	1,000	-500	-33.3%
50459 Other Charges Miscellaneous	0	100	100	0	0.0%
50500 Office Supplies	0	250	250	0	0.0%
50504 Laundry, Housekeeping, and Janitorial Supplies	90	1,000	250	-750	-75.0%
50506 Repair and Maintenance Supplies	1,153	0	0	0	0.0%
50507 Gasoline	60,587	101,280	101,000	-280	-0.3%
50509 Vehicle and Powered Equipment Supplies	0	3,500	3,000	-500	-14.3%
50511 Uniforms/Wearing Apparel/ITEMS	968	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%

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50512 Books and Subscriptions	439	3,700	3,800	100	2.7%
50514 Other Operating Supplies	1,113	1,220	1,200	-20	-1.6%
50517 Small Tools	350	500	500	0	0.0%
50801 Machinery and Equipment-New \$10,000 and Over	51,189	0	0	0	0.0%
50804 Motor Vehicles and Equipment-New \$10,000 and Over	3,595	0	0	0	0.0%
50812 Furniture and Fixtures-New Less Than \$10,000	6,386	0	0	0	0.0%
50831 Machinery and Equipment- Replacement Less Than \$10,000	304	0	0	0	0.0%
50842 Motor Vehicles and Equipment- Rehabilitation	17,543	70,000	70,000	0	0.0%
Total Cost Center	388,403	502,500	502,500	0	0.0%
12037 Henrico Extraditions					
50432 Travel (Extradition Of Prisoners)	83,807	100,000	100,000	0	0.0%
Total Cost Center	83,807	100,000	100,000	0	0.0%