

POLICE – METRO AVIATION UNIT

DESCRIPTION

In 1986, Henrico and Chesterfield Counties, along with the City of Richmond, established a multi-jurisdictional agreement to enable the shared use of police aircraft across all three jurisdictions, leading to the creation of the Metro Aviation Unit. Under this agreement, the Henrico Police Division is responsible for housing the aircraft, supervising the pilots, managing finances, and organizing training for the Unit.

OBJECTIVES

- The Unit will offer aerial observation and support to local jurisdictions as needed.
- The Unit will conduct patrols targeting identified high-crime areas.
- The Unit will facilitate the transportation of prisoners to and from other jurisdictions upon request.
- The Unit will capture and provide aerial photographs of locations within the metropolitan area upon request.
- The Unit will perform routine and specialized aerial patrols throughout the tri-jurisdictional area.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Henrico Police Division oversees the fiscal management and operations of the Metro Aviation Unit. The combined budget for Metro Aviation and Extradition amounts to \$602,500.

The FY26 budget includes \$105,000 for prisoner extradition, with all associated costs fully reimbursed by the State Supreme Court. The balance of the budget, \$497,500, is divided equally between Chesterfield County, the City of Richmond, and Henrico County.

ANNUAL FISCAL PLAN SUMMARY

Description	FY24 Actual	FY25 Original	FY26 Proposed	Change 25-26
Personnel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
Operation	444,782	532,500	532,500	0.0%
Capital	1,337,340	70,000	70,000	0.0%
Total	<u>\$ 1,782,122</u>	<u>\$ 602,500</u>	<u>\$ 602,500</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Personnel Complement	NA	NA	NA	-

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	<u>FY24</u>	<u>FY25</u>	<u>FY26</u>	<u>Change 25-26</u>
Workload Measures				
Metro Aerial Transports	47	55	65	10
Metro Flight Hours	164	210	240	30
Extraditions Flying	20	35	40	5
Extraditions - Driving	13	25	30	5

DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Metro Aviation Unit remains an invaluable and highly effective crime-fighting resource for the participating localities and the surrounding region. The Unit comprises ten pilots: three each provided by Richmond and Chesterfield, and Henrico, which also supplies a supervisor to oversee daily operations. In FY24, the Unit upgraded its fleet with the acquisition of a 2019 Piper M350, replacing the aging 1979 Cessna 182RG transport plane. Between December 14, 2023, and December 6, 2024, the Unit completed 55 prisoner extraditions and 5 personnel flights using the new aircraft.

The three participating jurisdictions collectively own four aircraft:

- 2021 Cessna T206 (Air 1)
- 2000 Cessna 172 (Air 2)
- 2006 Cessna 182 (Air 3)
- 2019 Piper M350 (Transport Plane)

Air 1 and Air 3 are equipped with advanced Electro-Optical (EO) and Infra-Red (IR) camera systems, as well as video downlink capabilities, allowing the aircraft to transmit live footage to various locations across the three jurisdictions.



**Department Operating Budget
Henrico County, Virginia
FY2025-26
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Account Description		Prior Year Actual	Approved Budget	Proposed Budget	Dollar Inc/Dec	Percent Inc/Dec
50200	Medical Services	755	900	900	0	0.0%
50207	Professional Education Services	0	0	2,000	2,000	100.0%
50209	Other Professional Services	996	3,000	0	-3,000	-100.0%
50210	Maintenance and Repairs	186,713	213,000	0	-213,000	-100.0%
50212	Vehicle Repair	0	0	210,450	210,450	100.0%
50213	Maintenance Service Contracts-Computers	5,675	5,500	0	-5,500	-100.0%
50221	Lease/Rent Of Buildings	70,000	71,000	72,000	1,000	1.4%
50280	Janitorial	7,256	5,400	4,000	-1,400	-25.9%
50400	Electric Services	6,548	6,000	6,600	600	10.0%
50402	Water Service	585	600	600	0	0.0%
50403	Sewer Service	650	700	700	0	0.0%
50404	Refuse Service	694	700	800	100	14.3%
50412	Telecommunications	6,847	7,000	7,000	0	0.0%
50431	Education and Training	19,493	0	0	0	0.0%
50432	Travel (Extradition Of Prisoners)	62,476	105,000	109,000	4,000	3.8%
50450	Dues And Association Memberships	570	600	600	0	0.0%
50453	Freight Charges	0	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
50459	Other Charges Miscellaneous	114	100	100	0	0.0%
50500	Office Supplies	112	250	250	0	0.0%
50501	Food Supplies and Food Service Supplies	68	0	0	0	0.0%
50504	Laundry, Housekeeping, and Janitorial Supplies	492	250	500	250	100.0%
50506	Repair and Maintenance Supplies	11	0	0	0	0.0%
50507	Gasoline	69,813	101,000	101,000	0	0.0%
50509	Vehicle and Powered Equipment Supplies	957	3,000	2,000	-1,000	-33.3%
50511	Uniforms/Wearing Apparel/ITEMS	1,340	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%
50512	Books and Subscriptions	829	3,800	0	-3,800	-100.0%

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50514	Other Operating Supplies	1,039	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%
50517	Small Tools	749	500	500	0	0.0%
50521	Computer Software	0	0	9,300	9,300	100.0%
50824	Motor Vehicles and Equipment- Replacement \$10,000 and Over	1,314,961	0	0	0	0.0%
50831	Machinery and Equipment- Replacement Less Than \$10,000	8,129	0	0	0	0.0%
50833	Telecommunications Equipment – Replacement Less Than \$10,000	14,250	0	0	0	0.0%
50842	Motor Vehicles and Equipment- Rehabilitation	0	70,000	70,000	0	0.0%
Total Department		1,782,122	602,500	602,500	0	0.0%



Operating Line Item Budget By Cost Center

Henrico County, Virginia

FY2025-26

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12035 Metro Aviation						
50200	Medical Services	755	900	900	0	0.0%
50207	Professional Education Services	0	0	2,000	2,000	100.0%
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50210	Maintenance and Repairs	186,713	213,000	0	-213,000	-100.0%
50212	Vehicle Repair	0	0	210,450	210,450	100.0%
50213	Maintenance Service Contracts- Computers	5,675	5,500	0	-5,500	-100.0%
50221	Lease/Rent Of Buildings	70,000	71,000	72,000	1,000	1.4%
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50400	Electric Services	6,548	6,000	6,600	600	10.0%
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50412	Telecommunications	6,847	7,000	7,000	0	0.0%
50431	Education and Training	19,493	0	0	0	0.0%
50432	Travel (Extradition Of Prisoners)	7,714	5,000	9,000	4,000	80.0%
50450	Dues And Association Memberships	570	600	600	0	0.0%
50453	Freight Charges	0	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
50459	Other Charges Miscellaneous	114	100	100	0	0.0%
50500	Office Supplies	112	250	250	0	0.0%
50501	Food Supplies and Food Service Supplies	68	0	0	0	0.0%
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50506	Repair and Maintenance Supplies	11	0	0	0	0.0%
50507	Gasoline	69,813	101,000	101,000	0	0.0%
50509	Vehicle and Powered Equipment Supplies	957	3,000	2,000	-1,000	-33.3%
50511	Uniforms/Wearing Apparel/ITEMS	1,340	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%
50512	Books and Subscriptions	829	3,800	0	-3,800	-100.0%
50514	Other Operating Supplies	1,039	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%
50517	Small Tools	749	500	500	0	0.0%
50521	Computer Software	0	0	9,300	9,300	100.0%
50824	Motor Vehicles and Equipment- Replacement \$10,000 and Over	1,314,961	0	0	0	0.0%
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50833	Telecommunications Equipment – Replacement Less Than \$10,000	14,250	0	0	0	0.0%
50842	Motor Vehicles and Equipment- Rehabilitation	0	70,000	70,000	0	0.0%
Total Cost Center		1,727,360	502,500	502,500	0	0.0%
12037 Henrico Extraditions						
50432	Travel (Extradition Of Prisoners)	54,762	100,000	100,000	0	0.0%
Total Cost Center		54,762	100,000	100,000	0	0.0%