

## **Police**

The FY 2027 Proposed Budget for the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) includes a total General Fund Police budget of \$676.5 million, a 7.0% increase over the FY 2026 Adopted Budget.

**South Flores Police Substation:** The FY 2027 Proposed Budget includes \$710,000 to add seven police support civilian positions to support the South Flores Substation (an additional two positions will be added to the Facility Services Fund to maintain the building). The South Flores Police Substation is being built at 8811 S. Flores as part of the 2022 Bond Program and is anticipated to be completed in Spring 2027.

### **Transition of Vacant Park Police Positions to SAPD:**

In May 2025, the City announced the transition of law enforcement responsibilities for parks and the airport under SAPD. This decision comes after continued recruitment challenges in Parks and Airport Police, and a desire to enhance and provide more consistent public safety services across the City. Today, Parks and Airport Police provide limited services compared to SAPD and attend different training. Their academy courses are shorter, and their curriculum is not as comprehensive as SAPD. Consequently, Parks and Airport Police Officers do not perform the same duties as SAPD.



In FY 2026, the funding equivalent to 65 vacant parks and airport police positions was moved to SAPD to create positions for additional SAPD officers. The FY 2027 Proposed Budget continues this transition by moving funding equivalent to 22 vacant Park Police positions to SAPD to create positions for additional SAPD officers. These positions will require the standards applicable to SAPD and will begin SAPD cadet classes in FY 2027. As positions continue to be vacated in Parks, those positions will continue to transition to SAPD to be filled with SAPD Trained Officers. Current Park Police and Airport Police officers will remain in their limited roles during this transition, with opportunities to apply for full-time positions with SAPD. The enhanced services of SAPD will create a higher level and more consistent public safety response citywide. A unified SAPD presence at parks and the airport means faster response times, standardized training, and improved services for residents and visitors alike. Coverage will remain uninterrupted throughout the transition.