
Budget Summary

FY 2024 Proposed Budget

Quartermaster Program: In June 2019, the SAFD Safety Division initiated the Quartermaster Program to enhance the health and safety of personnel by providing fire fighters with clean Personal Protective Equipment after a fire event. The FY 2024 Proposed Budget includes \$967,000 and 10 positions to continue the Quartermaster Program.

Medic Officer (MOF) 6: The FY 2024 Proposed Budget includes \$435,000 and four new Medic Officer (Lieutenant) positions to continue the existing MOF 6 Unit. This will continue the current oversight and support of paramedic units in the field. Medic Officers inspect all EMS units weekly, distribute medications considered "controlled substances", and are on-scene incident commanders.

Fire Investigation Unit: The FY 2024 Proposed Budget includes \$275,000 and three positions for the Fire Investigations Division. These positions serve as the investigations branch of the Incident Command System and would be responsible for determining the origin and cause of fires and tracking the associated statistical data.



Opioid Program Crisis Response: The FY 2024 Proposed Budget adds \$488,000 in funding to continue existing programs. The Fire Department receives funding from the State for two Opioid Programs: the Opioid Program Crisis Response and the Poly-Opioid Program Crisis Response. The State has indicated that a funding decrease is anticipated in FY 2024. The funding in the FY 2024 Proposed Budget will continue these programs. These programs respond to multiple types of opioid overdoses with immediate services with the goal of connecting patients to a detox bed and/or treatment.

San Antonio International Airport Fire/EMS Support: The FY 2024 Proposed Budget recommends four uniform positions to be added to the Fire Station located at the San Antonio International Airport to keep up with the growth in fire and EMS calls at the Airport.

Safe Baby Boxes: Under the Safe Haven Law, Texas gives parents the option to legally surrender an infant to authorities at a designated safe place, including Fire or EMS stations. Effective September 1, 2023, Texas law will permit the use of Newborn Safety Devices, or "Baby Boxes" to surrender newborns. The FY 2024 Proposed Budget adds \$438,000 in funding to purchase and install Safe Baby Boxes. The Fire Department is currently researching how other cities have implemented the installation of these boxes.