

Hennepin County

Sheriff's Office



2027 budget presentation

Sheriff Dawanna Witt

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Agenda

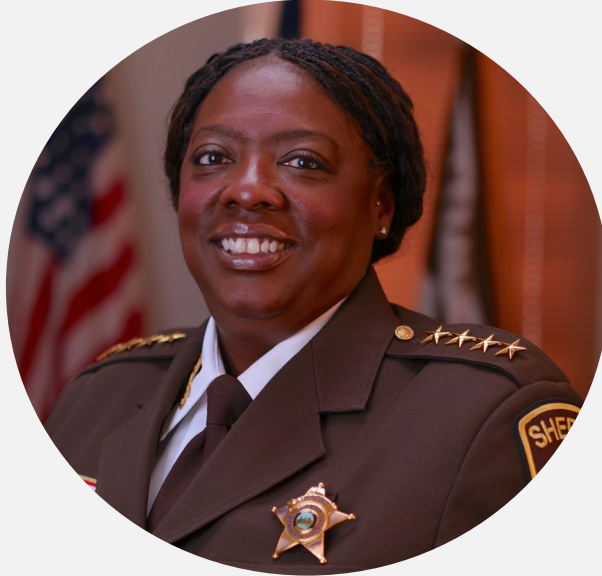
Serving residents

2027 proposed budget

Office priorities

Discussion

Presenters



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Hennepin County Sheriff



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Chief



Rick Byzewski
Director of Finance

Leaders



Major Spencer Bakke
Administrative Services Bureau



Major Matthew Hollihan
Public Safety Services Bureau



Major Dan Kurtz
Court and Field Services Bureau



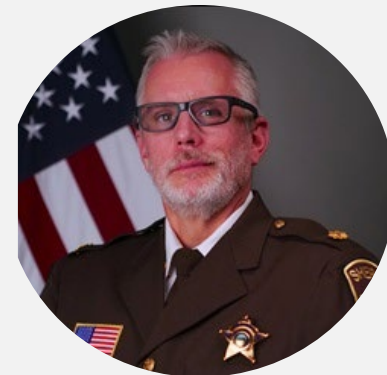
Tim Stout
Chief of Staff



Major Shane Magnuson
Investigations Bureau



Major Kristen Tomlinson
Public Affairs Bureau



Jail Administrator Joel Field
Detention Services Bureau

Serving residents

545,086

DISPATCH EVENTS RECEIVED

Hennepin County's Emergency Communications Facility received over half a million Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) events in the first eight months of 2026.

8,482

CISA REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

The Hennepin County Criminal Intelligence Division operates the Criminal Information Sharing and Analysis Unit, which helps solve thousands of cases every year across Minnesota.

782

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATOR RESPONSE REQUESTS

Crime Scene Investigators with the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office provide crime scene processing 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year.

Budget Overview

Sheriff's Office budget summary

Staffing study implementation is a central investment in the 2027 proposal, adding 18 FTEs to better align staffing with workload, mandated responsibilities, operational needs, and service demands.

	2026 adjusted	2027 proposed	Percent change
Operating Budget	182.9 million	204.3 million	11.7%
Property Taxes	162.6 million	183.8 million	13.0%
FTEs	883.0	901.0	2.0%

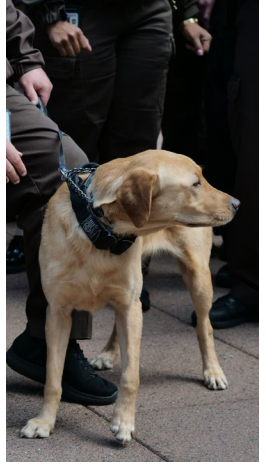
Radio Communications enterprise fund budget summary

This program is not funded by property tax.

	2026 adjusted	2027 proposed	Percent change
Operating Budget	4.8 million	4.9 million	2.6%
Property Taxes	0	0	0
FTEs	0	0	0



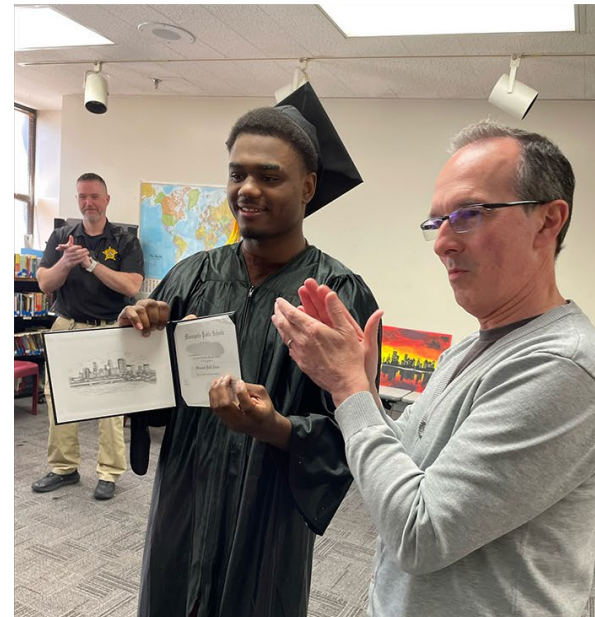
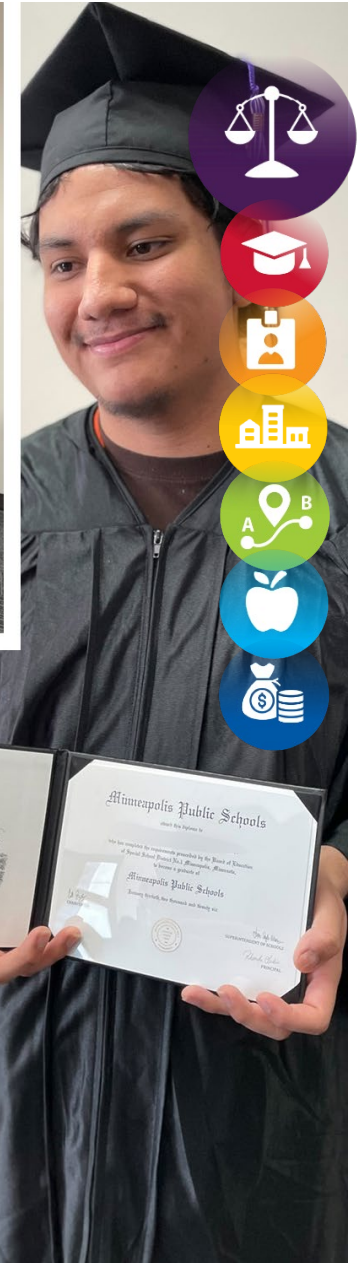
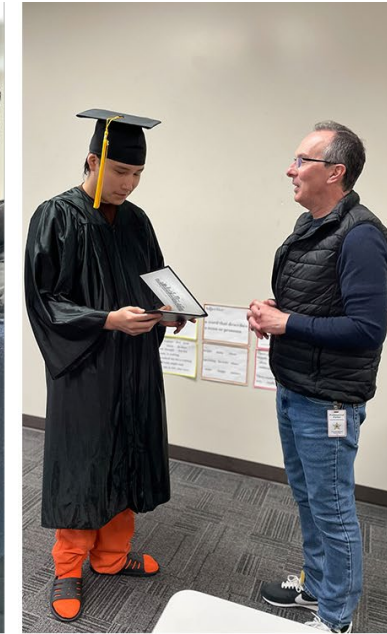
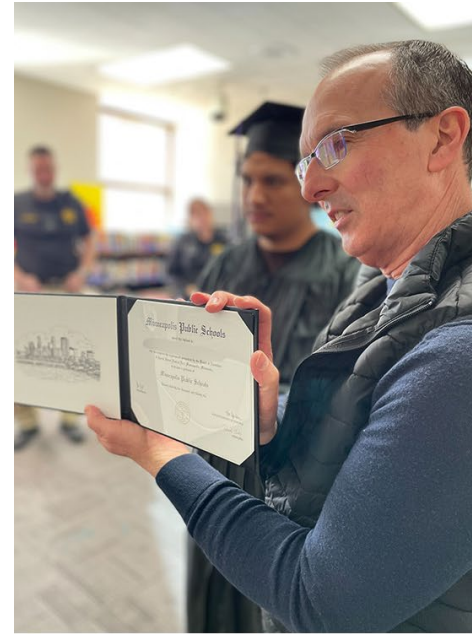
Achieving countywide priorities through education, health, and safety.



Health & Education

Continued expansion of rehabilitation, education, and life-skills training in the Hennepin County ADC

- **Comprehensive substance use treatment access:** Continue medications for opioid use disorder programming, along with **expansion** of integrated mental health care, substance use treatment and recovery supports.
- **Support beyond custody:** HCSO HOPE program will continue to connect individuals to education, employment, and financial guidance both during incarceration and after release.
- **Enhanced facility safety:** A second narcotics detection K9 team was added to the ADC, protecting the safety of those in custody. The K9 teams also support other DOCCR facilities (JDC, ACF)



Education

Community engagement and education programming

- **Relationship building within community:** Community Engagement Team (CET) continues to build relationships with the community and has expanded education programming
- D.A.R.E.
- Youth Leadership Academy
- Community Engagement
- Community Meetings
- Youth Community Advisory Board
- Community Advisory Board
- Law Enforcement Explorer Program
- Volunteer Special Deputies



Challenges and opportunities – violent crime

Challenge

While the rest of the United States has reached record low levels in homicides, and some other violent crimes, Hennepin County remains above pre-pandemic levels in homicide and other violent crimes.

Opportunity

Targeted, intelligence-led enforcement focused on violent offenders, illegal firearms, and individuals driving disproportionate levels of crime. Resource a dedicated special assignments unit going after auto theft.

Challenge

Violent crime and organized criminal activity increasingly cross municipal boundaries, requiring agencies to coordinate investigations, intelligence, and resources.

Opportunity

Leverage HCSO's countywide role to strengthen partnerships with municipal law enforcement agencies to coordinate investigations, intelligence, and resources.

Challenges and opportunities – technology

Challenge

Responsible use of technology requires more active oversight than ever. Data sharing capabilities can lead to breaches if systems are improperly configured.

Opportunity

The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office can lead from the front and provide model policies for how to responsibly utilize technology without allowing data to be used for unintended purposes.

Challenge

The nature of criminal behavior is constantly evolving with utilization of new technologies.

Opportunity

Updating existing software and obtaining new tools is crucial in prevention and response to criminal threats to our residents.

Challenges and opportunities – jail population

Challenge

Length of stay, time to trial, and violent crime are all contributing to a high daily jail population and sometimes requiring annexation.

Opportunity

Work with jail population oversight committee and justice partners to expedite criminal proceedings. Continue to ensure the Hennepin County jail is adequately staffed for our population.

Challenge

Detainees entering our facility continue to require high levels of medical care with roughly 70% of jail population requiring jail health services.

Opportunity

The HCSO, in partnership with Hennepin Health, can enact positive and sustained change for detained individuals by leaning into rehabilitative programming, efficient medical care, and implementing the 1115 Waiver.

Discussion

Thank you

