

## Town of Fountain Hills Law Enforcement Services Fact Sheet

*Compiled by the Town of Fountain Hills in collaboration with MCSO*

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- Communities incorporate to have a greater level of local control.
- The community of Fountain Hills was incorporated as a Town in December of 1989.
- After a community incorporates, the County discontinues some previously provided services, such as law enforcement, maintenance of streets, public improvements and drainage. However, it becomes eligible for State Shared Revenue and other funds to help offset the costs of its new responsibilities.
- An incorporated city or town **must** provide its own police protection through employment of a police force or by contract with a law enforcement agency.
- The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office has the responsibility to provide law enforcement throughout all of Maricopa County, while this **responsibility in incorporated cities is that of their local police.**
- Communities outside of Fountain Hills do not contribute toward the law enforcement services paid within the Contract for Fountain Hills.
- Maricopa County property taxes are paid by all property owners whether in cities, towns or unincorporated areas. Many entities are funded through this revenue stream by Maricopa County, **even as residents of cities and towns fund their own services locally.** \*
- Maricopa County taxes paid by property owners in Fountain Hills do go toward Sheriff's Office operations, such as search and rescue, County jails, law enforcement within the County Superior Courts, law enforcement at County parks and lakes, judicial process for the Courts, etc.
- Additionally, the Sheriff's Office serves all people who are victimized in areas outside of municipalities no matter where they live.
- The Sheriff's Office has the jurisdictional authority to assist all. These are law enforcement services that impact every community member in Maricopa County. **If Fountain Hills created their own law enforcement agency, the taxes paid into the Maricopa County would not change.** Community members of all incorporated cities and towns are impacted by County services provided throughout Maricopa County.

- The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office has statutory obligations to recover costs associated with all contract law enforcement it provides. **These services are above and beyond the services provided to other noncontract incorporated cities and towns.**
- **Fountain Hills is NOT paying for law enforcement services being provided to unincorporated communities outside of Fountain Hills.**
- Deputies assigned to complete tasks not associated with a specific "beat" are still providing law enforcement services to Fountain Hills and are included in the cost of the contract. An example of this would be the school resource deputies.
- **Contractual vehicle costs do not include miles and expense associated with providing services to unincorporated areas outside of Fountain Hills.**
- Any vehicles designated for unincorporated response can be identified and the mileage is not included in the mileage calculation.
- MCSO is not charging Fountain Hills for "special operations" costs. **There is nothing MCSO provides without charge to other municipalities that Fountain Hills is missing out on.**
- MCSO is charging the Town of Fountain Hills for law enforcement services associated with the contract. MCSO does not itemize cost from supporting divisions and staffing outside of the contract employees, nor do those expenses get charged to Fountain Hills.
- When significant events occur within a community, law enforcement assigned often work additional hours. Contract employees who work additional hours and have additional cost associated with such an event would be charged as part of the contract. **Sheriff's Office employees from outside of Fountain Hills who respond to assist or assume an investigation are not currently charged to Fountain Hills.**
- Historically the Sheriff's Office has provided additional staff to both satisfy the contractual needs as well as provide law enforcement services to community members in unincorporated areas. The following tables represent personnel and calls for service that **included Sheriff's Office staff not included in the contract at no additional cost to Fountain Hills:**

## Personnel

Division	2017	2018	2019
Aviation Services	25	3	6
Command			2
Criminal Intelligence Division	4	2	5
District I	3	4	
District IV	13	25	21
District V	46		5
Enforcement Support	3	1	
Judicial Enforcement Division	91	114	41
Major Crimes	80	96	42
Special Investigations Division	18	4	
Support Services Bureau	7		
Tactical Support Division	17	21	10
Watch Commander	1	11	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>133</b>

## Calls for Service and On View

Division	2017	2018	2019
Aviation Services	8	1	2
Command			2
Criminal Intelligence Division	4	2	2
District I	1	2	
District IV	5	17	7
District V	33		1
Enforcement Support	1	1	
Judicial Enforcement Division	87	107	33
Major Crimes	24	31	18
Special Investigations Division	5	2	
Support Services Bureau	7		
Tactical Support Division	8	10	5
Watch Commander	1	8	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>71</b>

***MCSO and the government of Fountain Hills continuously work together in an open and transparent manner to ensure contractual needs are met and expectations are appropriate.***

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- ADULT PROBATION
- JUSTICE COURTS
- JUVENILE PROBATION
- SUPERIOR COURT
- BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIST 1-5
- ASSESSOR
- CALL CENTER
- CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
- COUNTY ATTORNEY
- ELECTIONS
- CONSTABLES
- RECORDER
- COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
- TREASURER
- SHERIFF
- CLERK OF THE BOARD
- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
- FINANCE
- COUNTY MANAGER
- HUMAN SERVICES
- INTERNAL AUDIT
- CORRECTIONAL HEALTH
- MEDICAL EXAMINER
- PARKS AND RECREATION
- HUMAN RESOURCES
- PUBLIC FIDUCIARY
- ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY
- PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
- NON DEPARTMENTAL, *such as Waste Management*
- GENERAL FUND COUNTY IMPROVEMENTS
- BUDGET
- PUBLIC DEFENDER
- LEGAL DEFENDER
- LEGAL ADVOCATE
- PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES
- PUBLIC ADVOCATE
- TRANSPORTATION
- FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
- PROCUREMENT SERVICES
- EQUIPMENT SERVICES
- REAL ESTATE
- ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL
- AIR QUALITY
- PUBLIC HEALTH
- ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
- ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER 940
- ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER 950

### Comparative for East Valley - FY 2018-19

	Total Costs*	Number of Personnel	Cost Per Employee	Population**	Cost per capita
Police					
Paradise Valley	\$9,290,951	49	\$189,611	14,293	\$650
Tempe	\$94,680,784	502	\$188,607	185,038	\$512
Scottsdale	\$103,958,692	659	\$157,673	249,950	\$416
Mesa	\$186,371,141	1208	\$154,281	496,401	\$375
Chandler	\$76,048,283	503	\$151,189	253,458	\$300
Gilbert	\$56,101,700	406	\$138,352	242,354	\$231
Queen Creek	\$8,902,307	52	\$171,198	39,184	\$227
<b>Fountain Hills</b>	<b>\$4,090,928</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>\$120,321</b>	<b>24,583</b>	<b>\$166</b>
<b>Average</b>			<b>\$158,904</b>		<b>\$360</b>

### Comparative for West Valley - FY 2018-19

	Total Costs*	Number of Personnel	Cost Per Employee	Population**	Cost per capita
Police					
Tolleson	\$5,496,515	49	\$112,174	7,205	\$763
Glendale	\$98,347,265	567	\$173,452	203,054	\$484
Buckeye	\$23,411,373	132	\$177,359	68,453	\$342
Goodyear	\$25,594,300	154	\$166,197	79,858	\$320
Avondale	\$25,139,989	186	\$135,161	84,025	\$299
Peoria	\$50,239,400	303	\$165,807	168,181	\$299
El Mirage	\$8,481,000	65	\$131,488	35,216	\$241
Surprise	\$28,475,800	204	\$139,930	134,085	\$212
<b>Fountain Hills***</b>	<b>\$4,090,928</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>\$120,321</b>	<b>24,583</b>	<b>\$166</b>
<b>Average</b>			<b>\$155,025</b>		<b>\$370</b>

### Comparative for East Valley - FY 2019-20

	Total Costs*	Number of Personnel	Cost Per Employee	Population**	Cost per capita
<b>Police</b>					
Paradise Valley	\$9,339,059	49	\$190,593	14,502	\$644
Tempe	\$99,092,331	511	\$194,013	192,364	\$515
Scottsdale	\$108,759,634	663	\$164,109	255,310	\$426
Mesa	\$193,764,000	1,211	\$160,003	508,958	\$381
Chandler	\$77,739,419	503	\$154,552	257,165	\$302
Gilbert	\$59,942,830	426	\$140,876	248,279	\$241
Queen Creek	\$8,293,582	49	\$169,257	42,503	\$195
<b>Fountain Hills</b>	<b>\$4,675,701</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>\$137,521</b>	<b>24,987</b>	<b>\$187</b>
<b>Average</b>			<b>\$163,865</b>		<b>\$361</b>

### Comparative for West Valley - FY 2019-20

	Total Costs*	Number of Personnel	Cost Per Employee	Population**	Cost per capita
<b>Police</b>					
Tolleson	\$6,237,225	49	\$127,290	7,299	\$855
Glendale	\$100,922,311	570	\$177,057	250,702	\$403
Buckeye	\$23,064,103	136	\$169,589	74,370	\$310
Goodyear	\$25,594,300	153	\$167,283	82,835	\$309
Peoria	\$51,082,164	304	\$168,033	172,259	\$297
Avondale	\$25,154,587	186	\$135,240	85,835	\$293
El Mirage	\$9,217,000	69	\$133,580	35,670	\$258
Surprise	\$29,953,900	209	\$143,664	138,161	\$217
<b>Fountain Hills***</b>	<b>\$4,675,701</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>\$137,521</b>	<b>24,987</b>	<b>\$187</b>
<b>Average</b>			<b>\$157,415</b>		<b>\$368</b>