

City of Portsmouth
Fiscal Year 2012 Adopted Budget

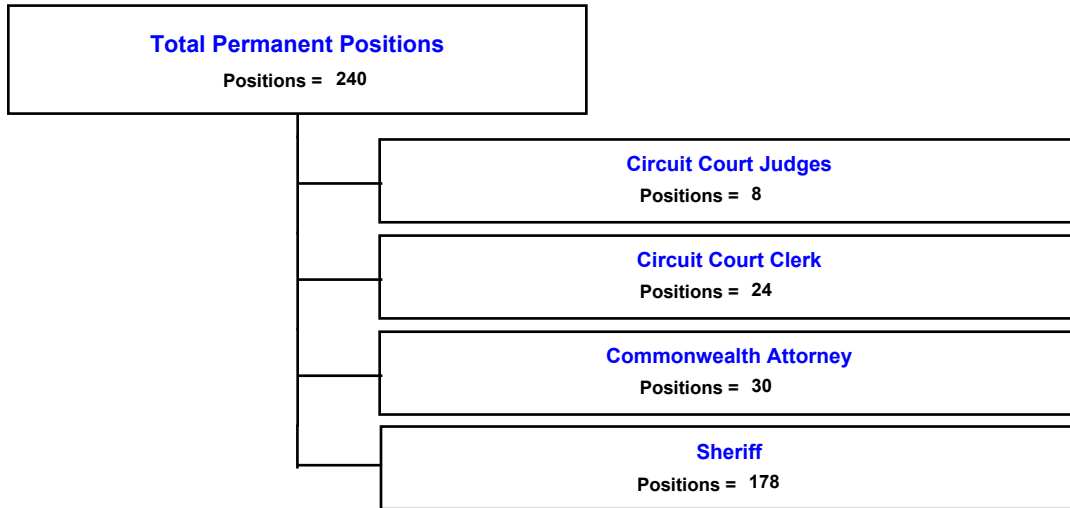
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Business Center Organizational Chart



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Description of Services Provided

This business center includes civil and criminal agencies pertaining to the prosecution and adjudication including the Circuit Court Judges, Circuit Court Clerk, Magistrate, General District Court, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, Juvenile Court Services, the Sheriff and the Commonwealth Attorney. Services provided include the provision of a judicial procedure for the enforcement of State laws and City ordinances; assisting the Circuit Court Judges; maintaining and preserving court documents; hearing criminal; traffic and civil cases; and protecting the welfare of children and families. Prevention and reduction of juvenile delinquency and the provision of constitutional and municipal services for the City of Portsmouth is also included.

Business Units	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Adopted	FY 2011 Amended	FY 2012 Adopted	FY 2013 Planned
Commonwealth Attorney	2,421,567	2,248,762	-	2,311,010	2,332,391
Magistrate	9,261	14,096	-	10,243	10,127
Juvenile And Domestic Relations Court	19,271	25,693	-	28,099	48,123
Circuit Court Judges	528,211	572,511	-	528,228	547,699
Sheriff	12,181,078	12,099,360	-	10,261,353	10,304,437
General District Court	33,401	51,052	-	48,896	70,793
Juvenile Court Services	1,123,756	1,188,306	-	1,180,621	1,198,656
Circuit Court Clerk	1,272,517	1,211,352	-	1,385,847	1,407,375
Total Budget	17,589,062	17,411,132	-	15,754,297	15,919,601
Total Permanent Positions	249	240	240	240	240

Funding Sources	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Adopted	FY 2011 Amended	FY 2012 Adopted	FY 2013 Planned
100 General Fund	17,589,062	17,411,132	-	15,754,297	15,919,601
Total Funding	17,589,062	17,411,132	-	15,754,297	15,919,601

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**Judicial
Circuit Court Judges**

Business Unit Mission Statement

The Circuit Court Judges have the primary responsibility of providing a judicial procedure for the enforcement of state laws and city ordinances.

Description of Services Provided

- Trial of Appeals from the General District Court and Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.
- Set bonds in criminal cases.
- Trial of Appeals of grievability relative to City employees' grievances.
- Hear certain appeals for Virginia Employment Commission.
- Issue Capias' (Warrants) for those persons failing to appear for court hearing dates.
- Trial Support and Custody matters relative to divorce actions and on appeal from Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.
- Prepare Venire Facias (list of potential jurors) on a monthly basis.
- Preside over Grand Jury which meets monthly.
- Hear Mental/Incompetence Petitions (appoints guardians, etc.).
- Appoint and Swear-In Magistrate, Probation Officers and Special Police Officers.
- Appoint members of the Board of Zoning Appeals, Equalization Board, Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel Commission and Electoral Board.
- Appoint Judges and substitute Judges of the General District Court and the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court when a vacancy occurs and the Legislature is not in session.
- Appoint Marriage Commissioners.
- Appoint Commissioners in Chancery to hear evidence and report finding to the Court in divorce cases.
- Appoint Trustees of religious congregations.

Expenditure Categories	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Adopted	FY 2011 Amended	FY 2012 Adopted	FY 2013 Planned
Salaries	350,800	360,429	-	329,820	329,820
Benefits	114,915	123,665	-	122,505	122,505
Other Operating Expenses	36,234	58,074	-	58,074	58,074
Internal Service Charges	26,262	30,343	-	17,829	37,300
Net Budget	528,211	572,511	-	528,228	547,699
Total Budget	528,211	572,511	-	528,228	547,699
Total Permanent Positions	8	8	8	8	8

Funding Sources	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Adopted	FY 2011 Amended	FY 2012 Adopted	FY 2013 Planned
100 General Fund	528,211	572,511	-	528,228	547,699
Total Funding	528,211	572,511	-	528,228	547,699

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**Judicial
Circuit Court Clerk**

Business Unit Mission Statement

The Clerk of Circuit Court is a constitutional officer elected for a term of eight years. This office is responsible for assisting the five Circuit Court Judges as well as maintaining and preserving all court documents. All pleadings and orders relating to civil claims, criminal cases, and appeals are filed with the Clerk of Circuit Court. Land records, judgments, gun permits, UCC financial statements, fictitious names, bonds, marriage licenses, military discharges, registration of ministers, oaths of office, notaries, elections and referenda are recorded in this office. The Clerk of Circuit Court is responsible for processing all probate and estate records as well as issues relating to the appointment of guardians and conservators.

Description of Services Provided

- Recording and indexing deeds
- Executing bonds and probating wills
- Recording charters and partnerships
- Issuing notaries
- Qualifying ministers to perform marriage ceremonies
- Administering oaths
- Issuing concealed weapon permits
- Recording and indexing judgments
- Processing and administering garnishments
- Issuing marriage licenses
- Processing all adoption proceedings
- Record UCC and Finance Statements
- Preparing records for the Virginia Court of Appeals, Supreme Court of Virginia, United States District Court and United States Supreme Court
- Processing indictments and bench warrants in criminal cases
- Processing warrants in misdemeanor cases
- Keeping minutes and preparing court orders in court proceedings
- Processing payments for fines and cost in criminal cases
- Record DD214 Military Discharges
- Record Plats and maps
- Process all divorce proceedings
- Collection of Tax Set Off • Escheatment of Funds to State
- Record Fictitious Names •
- Process all documents associated with civil proceedings
- Administer trust accounts for the court
- Payment of restitution in criminal cases

Expenditure Categories	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Adopted	FY 2011 Amended	FY 2012 Adopted	FY 2013 Planned
Salaries	757,955	716,673	-	789,922	789,922
Allowances	37,196	37,000	-	37,000	37,000
Benefits	294,021	269,646	-	370,783	370,783
Other Operating Expenses	131,250	140,074	-	140,074	140,074
Internal Service Charges	52,095	47,959	-	48,068	69,596
Net Budget	1,272,517	1,211,352	-	1,385,847	1,407,375
Total Budget	1,272,517	1,211,352	-	1,385,847	1,407,375
Total Permanent Positions	24	20	20	24	24
Funding Sources	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Adopted	FY 2011 Amended	FY 2012 Adopted	FY 2013 Planned
100 General Fund	1,272,517	1,211,352	-	1,385,847	1,407,375
Total Funding	1,272,517	1,211,352	-	1,385,847	1,407,375

Judicial
Circuit Court Clerk

Strategic Goals

- To develop a mechanized method of storage for all documents.
- To preserve the historical records.
- To eliminate paper files for court cases
- To provide remote access to case files for officers of the court

Outcomes and Accomplishments

- Improving the storage of records by converting documents to digital format.
- Improving customer service by installing a user friendly computer system.
- Informing the community of probate process by conducting workshops.
- Providing notary service to the general public at no cost.

Major Budget Variances

- This budget request reflects a request for a slight increase. The allowance other supplements needs to be increased because this line item includes the supplement for the officer and staff. The Compensation Board restored funding in FY2011 which allowed for the hiring of four new deputy clerks. Additional funding is requested to allow for salary supplements for all staff.
- Contractual Court Appointed Attorney line item needs to be increased to accomodate the increase in the number of misdemeanor charges being written under City Code and representation is provided by the Public Defender's Office. The Commonwealth of Virginia requires that the cost for the Public Defender be reimbursed by the locality.
- Contractual Other line item needs to be increased to cover the cost for providing ORCA and the Logan System. This line item also covers maintenance for all hardware that is not provided by the Supreme Court of Virginia such as microfilm readers and card readers purchased from Imagex.
- Contractual jurors needs to be increased due to the additional cost for postage to mail jury questionnaires. Also, in FY2013 the Circuit Court will have five courtrooms equipped for jury trials. This will result in an increase in payments for jury service.
- Dues - Membership line items needs to be increased to accomodate the increase in Dues by VALECO and VCCA.

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**Judicial
Magistrate**

Business Unit Mission Statement

The Office of the Magistrate traces its development through centuries of English and American history in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The magistrates are part of the Judicial System and act as a buffer between law enforcement and society. Our principle function is to provide independent, unbiased review of complaints.

Description of Services Provided

The primary goal for the Office of the Magistrate is to provide courteous, efficient, unbiased professional services to law-enforcement officers, mental health professionals, medical doctors and citizens. The Magistrate's Office is open seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day. Our daily functions include: the issuance of warrants of arrest; search warrants; summonses; subpoenas; bail bond; civil and criminal temporary detention orders; medical temporary detention orders; and emergency protective orders.

When a person is arrested in this jurisdiction, they are either admitted to bail or committed to jail. The Magistrate's Office takes guilty pleas and prepayments of traffic infractions and Class 4 misdemeanors. The Magistrate's Office serves the Portsmouth City Jail and the Hampton Roads Regional Jail, which houses inmates for the Hampton Roads area.

Expenditure Categories	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Adopted	FY 2011 Amended	FY 2012 Adopted	FY 2013 Planned
Other Operating Expenses	2,487	5,239	-	5,239	5,239
Internal Service Charges	6,774	8,857	-	5,004	4,888
Net Budget	9,261	14,096	-	10,243	10,127
Total Budget	9,261	14,096	-	10,243	10,127
Funding Sources	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Adopted	FY 2011 Amended	FY 2012 Adopted	FY 2013 Planned
100 General Fund	9,261	14,096	-	10,243	10,127
Total Funding	9,261	14,096	-	10,243	10,127

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**Judicial
General District Court**

Business Unit Mission Statement

The Portsmouth General District Court has primary responsibility for hearing criminal, traffic and civil cases within the Third Judicial District of Virginia. The General District Court does not conduct jury trials. A judge hears all cases in this court. Fines collected for violations of City ordinances are paid to the City Treasurer. All fines collected for violation of State law are paid to the State Treasury. Court costs are set by the State Legislature. The court cannot suspend or waive costs.

Description of Services Provided

CIVIL CASES: The General District Court decides civil suits involving amounts of money up to \$15,000. A suit is begun by filing a civil warrant or motion for judgement with the clerk of the court and paying a fee. Small claims are those civil suits involving amounts of money of \$1,000 or less and are within the exclusive jurisdiction of this court.

CRIMINAL CASES: The General District Court decides cases in which a person is charged with a misdemeanor. A misdemeanor is any charge which carries a penalty of no more than one year in jail or a fine of up to \$2,500 or both. The General District Court holds preliminary hearings in felony cases. Any charge which may be punishable by more than one year in jail is a felony. Preliminary hearings are held to determine whether there is enough evidence to justify holding the defendant for a grand jury hearing. The grand jury determines whether the accused will be indicted and held for trial by the Circuit Court.

Each defendant in a criminal case is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. Upon consideration of evidence, the judge decides the question of guilt or innocence and on the finding of guilt determines which penalty, if any, is proper and lawful.

TRAFFIC CASES: The General District Court hears cases in which a person is charged with a traffic offense. Most traffic offenses are infractions, which are punishable by a fine but no jail penalty. (Cases involving awards to individuals for damages in connection with traffic violations are civil in nature.) If a traffic violator is convicted of certain traffic violations, the Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles will assess points against their driver's license. This is an administrative action by DMV and is in addition to any sentence imposed by the judge.

Expenditure Categories	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Adopted	FY 2011 Amended	FY 2012 Adopted	FY 2013 Planned
Other Operating Expenses	23,097	40,219	-	40,219	40,219
Internal Service Charges	10,304	10,833	-	8,677	30,574
Net Budget	33,401	51,052	-	48,896	70,793
Total Budget	33,401	51,052	-	48,896	70,793
Funding Sources	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Adopted	FY 2011 Amended	FY 2012 Adopted	FY 2013 Planned
100 General Fund	33,401	51,052	-	48,896	70,793
Total Funding	33,401	51,052	-	48,896	70,793

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Juvenile And Domestic Relations Court

Business Unit Mission Statement

The Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court is a component of the unified court system of the Commonwealth of Virginia subordinate to the Supreme Court and subject to the administrative supervision of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in accordance with Chapter 4.1 of Title 16.1 Code of Virginia. The purpose of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court is to protect the welfare of the child and family. This court provides impartial and timely services to litigants and the paramount concern is the protection of victims' rights and liberties in accordance with the Code of Virginia.

Description of Services Provided

The goal of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court is to protect the welfare of children and families. The court does this by exercising exclusive original jurisdiction over cases involving the following:

- Children alleged to be delinquent, abused, neglected, in need of services, supervision and status offender.
- Children charged with violating traffic laws.
- Children subject to entrustment agreements and proceedings seeking termination of residual parental rights.
- Proceedings filed pursuant to "The Psychiatric Inpatient Treatment of Minors Act".
- Under specific statutory provisions, judicial consent requisite that of a parent including emergency, surgical/medical treatment.
- Petitions seeking support, custody or visitation of a child.
- Petitions seeking spousal support.
- Petitions seeking emancipation, parentage determination, approval of standby guardians and judicial authorization of abortion without notice to an unauthorized person.
- Petitions and protective orders in cases of family abuse and the issuance of emergency protective orders.
- Prosecution of persons charged with offenses against children and offenses wherein a family or household member is the victim.
- Petitions for enforcement of administrative support orders and de novo appeals from the State Department of Social Services per Section 63.1-249 et. seq of the Code of Virginia.
- Presentation of driver's license to drivers under the age of 18.

Expenditure Categories	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Adopted	FY 2011 Amended	FY 2012 Adopted	FY 2013 Planned
Other Operating Expenses	14,278	20,325	-	20,325	20,325
Internal Service Charges	4,993	5,368	-	7,774	27,798
Net Budget	19,271	25,693	-	28,099	48,123
Total Budget	19,271	25,693	-	28,099	48,123

Funding Sources	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Adopted	FY 2011 Amended	FY 2012 Adopted	FY 2013 Planned
100 General Fund	19,271	25,693	-	28,099	48,123
Total Funding	19,271	25,693	-	28,099	48,123

Strategic Goals

- Clients receive a speedy and fair trial
- Cases are timely
- Excellent customer service

Due to the current economy, most likely there will be an increase in support petitions, making the first three goals more challenging.

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Juvenile Court Services

Business Unit Mission Statement

The Department of Juvenile Justice's core function is to protect the public through a balanced approach of comprehensive services that prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency through partnerships with families, schools, communities, law enforcement and other state agencies, while providing the opportunity for delinquent youth to develop into responsible and productive citizens. Third District Juvenile Court Services (Portsmouth Court Services) is a sub-organizational community entity within the Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Juvenile Justice (1 of 31 throughout the Commonwealth) and serves the City of Portsmouth and the Portsmouth Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.

Description of Services Provided

The Juvenile Court Services Unit utilizes pre-dispositional and post-dispositional programs/services, which are obtained through "alternative to secure detention" referrals to the Tidewater Youth Services (TYS; formerly named Tidewater Regional Group Home) and secure detention placements in Chesapeake Juvenile Services (formerly named the Tidewater Detention Home). All of these programs/services/placements complement the intake, probation, parole and social history services provided to the Portsmouth Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court by the Third District Court Service Unit. The secure detention placements at Chesapeake Juvenile Services are critical to public safety, the safety of the youths and when the court deems necessary the assurance that a youth will appear in juvenile court, as prescribed in the Code of Virginia. The YYS "alternative to secure detention" referrals provide critical alternatives to secure detention referrals at a substantial cost savings.

Juvenile Court Services include:

- Intake processing of juvenile and domestic relations matters for the Court that includes the use of diversionary alternatives to court and the processing of matters referred to the Portsmouth Juvenile and Domestic Relations docket.
- Court ordered pre-dispositional investigations and recommendations to assist the Portsmouth Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in making final dispositions which includes the use of Tidewater Youth Services residential and non-residential services.
- Probation supervision
- Parole supervision
- Special services/placement referrals to the Tidewater Youth Services and other entities to support Portsmouth Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court dispositions, including referrals to enhance probation and parole supervision.

Expenditure Categories	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Adopted	FY 2011 Amended	FY 2012 Adopted	FY 2013 Planned
Other Operating Expenses	1,113,028	1,176,913	-	1,176,913	1,176,913
Internal Service Charges	10,728	11,393	-	3,708	21,743
Net Budget	1,123,756	1,188,306	-	1,180,621	1,198,656
Total Budget	1,123,756	1,188,306	-	1,180,621	1,198,656

Funding Sources	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Adopted	FY 2011 Amended	FY 2012 Adopted	FY 2013 Planned
100 General Fund	1,123,756	1,188,306	-	1,180,621	1,198,656
Total Funding	1,123,756	1,188,306	-	1,180,621	1,198,656

Strategic Goals

To achieve appropriate public safety recommendations and referrals for juveniles, which include the following:

- Pre-disposition secure detention placement
- Appropriate alternative and less expensive services and programs

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**Judicial
Commonwealth Attorney**

Business Unit Mission Statement

In affiliation with Local, State and Federal Law Enforcement Authorities, the Commonwealth Attorney is a constitutional officer elected for a term of four year. The mission of this office is to courageously, aggressively and expeditiously challenge individual criminal activity; to oppose crime and promote justice without fear of personal, professional, or political consequences; to execute justice without regard to race, religion, gender, political affiliation or socio-economic status; to employ all the department's resources objectively fostering a crime free community while nurturing strong moral development and personal responsibility; and finally to earn the citizenry's trust and respect in which we are honored to serve within Portsmouth and throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Description of Services Provided

The Commonwealth Attorneys Office is responsible for prosecuting the City of Portsmouth's criminal purveyors and fielding questions from the citizens of Portsmouth on criminal issues. The Office of the Commonwealth Attorney administers one grant program, the Victim/Witness program which provides direct service for criminal victims and witnesses. This grant provides funding for six full-time appointees. One attorney is dedicated to the prosecution of violent crimes against women.

Expenditure Categories	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Adopted	FY 2011 Amended	FY 2012 Adopted	FY 2013 Planned
Salaries	1,392,796	1,266,455	-	1,298,662	1,298,662
Allowances	355,003	374,252	-	374,252	374,252
Benefits	522,302	453,686	-	484,486	484,486
Other Operating Expenses	78,915	69,160	-	69,160	69,160
Internal Service Charges	72,551	85,209	-	84,450	105,831
Net Budget	2,421,567	2,248,762	-	2,311,010	2,332,391
Total Budget	2,421,567	2,248,762	-	2,311,010	2,332,391
Total Permanent Positions	35	30	30	30	30

Funding Sources	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Adopted	FY 2011 Amended	FY 2012 Adopted	FY 2013 Planned
100 General Fund	2,421,567	2,248,762	-	2,311,010	2,332,391
Total Funding	2,421,567	2,248,762	-	2,311,010	2,332,391

Strategic Goals

The Commonwealth Attorney Office's primary goals are the following:

- To effectively, aggressively, and expeditiously prosecute the City of Portsmouth's criminal purveyors ultimately fostering a crime free community.
- To stem the rising tide of violent crime in the City of Portsmouth by building solid relationships with the police department and other law enforcement agencies.
- To reach out to the Portsmouth citizens through civic leagues and other community outreach programs such as the Victim Witness Program.
- To counsel the citizens about the department's activities and cooperative citizenry efforts to reduce violent crime in their community.
- To continue to build Federal Authority relationships in an effort to more aggressively fight the City's ever pervasive drug problem.
- Dedication of an attorney to concentrate on the prosecutions of crimes involving gang members

Outcomes and Accomplishments

Recognizing the direct impact the illegal drug trade has on violent crime and quality of life issues, this office has implemented a specialized illegal drug prosecution unit. Sentences for successful drug trafficking offense now equal or exceed federal sentences for like offenses.

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**Judicial
Sheriff**

Business Unit Mission Statement

The mission of the Portsmouth Sheriff's Office is to serve and protect the citizens of Portsmouth with compassion, understanding, unquestionable integrity, total dedication, and genuine pride in our community and ourselves.

The Portsmouth Sheriff's Office will provide incarceration of adult offenders in methods that protect public safety. We will maintain institutional safety in a cost effective manner that meets statutory and constitutional standards. We will provide services and programs for inmates seeking assistance with the intent to reduce recidivism.

We will provide a safe and secure environment for the Circuit Courts and the District Courts of the City of Portsmouth, ensuring that order and decorum is maintained during all court proceedings, and also provide timely service of all process received by the Portsmouth Sheriff's Office.

The Portsmouth Sheriff's Office is committed to excellence and teamwork in law enforcement. We will be held accountable to uphold the highest standards in all of our fields, corrections, court security, civil process, and any specialty units which are a part of the Portsmouth Sheriff's Office.

Description of Services Provided

The Sheriff is a constitutional officer elected for a term of four years. The Portsmouth Sheriff's Office has the primary responsibility for the care and custody of all inmates within the city's jail facility. The department provides secure court operations and serves over 10,000 court documents annually. The department establishes goals, services and operations for the jail facility, as well as for other divisions within the department.

The department offers humane care and custody of inmates and the protection of the community from those incarcerated in the jail. The Court Security Division maintains security for all courts and transportation of prisoners to and from court, to other correctional facilities, and to court ordered destinations. The department is also responsible for service of all civil process directed by the courts or other legal authority. The department provides funeral escorts for the citizens of Portsmouth. The Inmate Work Program makes available a volunteer program whereby qualified inmates may carry out public service work, i.e., individuals work in a variety of city departments, litter control and mowing services, for example.

The Training Division provides training for all new deputies, as well as keeping current mandated in-service training for established personnel. The Training Division works hand-in-hand with the Coast Guard, State Forensics Unit, and provides mutual aid with other cities for training of deputies, as well as police and fire departments. Community Corrections provides an alternative method of supervision other than incarceration.

Other services provided are Ident-A-Kid, Kidwatch, TRIAD, Elder Watch, Project Lifesaver, Honor Guard, C.E.R.T., and Marine Patrol.

Expenditure Categories	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Adopted	FY 2011 Amended	FY 2012 Adopted	FY 2013 Planned
Salaries	6,031,096	5,347,184	-	3,639,382	3,654,832
Allowances	490,024	666,899	-	666,899	666,899
Benefits	2,185,357	2,393,625	-	2,279,402	2,279,402
Other Operating Expenses	2,195,617	2,455,248	-	2,454,748	2,454,748
Internal Service Charges	1,278,984	1,236,404	-	1,220,922	1,248,556
Net Budget	12,181,078	12,099,360	-	10,261,353	10,304,437
Total Budget	12,181,078	12,099,360	-	10,261,353	10,304,437
Total Permanent Positions	182	182	182	178	178
Funding Sources	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 Adopted	FY 2011 Amended	FY 2012 Adopted	FY 2013 Planned
100 General Fund	12,181,078	12,099,360	-	10,261,353	10,304,437
Total Funding	12,181,078	12,099,360	-	10,261,353	10,304,437

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Sheriff

Strategic Goals

- The City Jail will be operated in a safe, efficient and humane manner providing a safe custodial environment for those who are incarcerated.
- The Sheriff and his deputies will continue to provide services to the City in an effort to advance the quality of life in the City of Portsmouth.
- To implement innovative programs such as the Community Services Unit, and by educating inmates and teaching them a trade in order to find employment once released and become productive members of society.

Outcomes and Accomplishments

To date, the Senior Watch Program has been responsible for saving the lives of multiple Portsmouth senior citizens.

With limited resources and funding, and an aged Jail facility, which protects an average of over 450 inmates per day, the Sheriff's office has achieved an overall compliance rating of 100% from the Department of Corrections. In addition, the Portsmouth Sheriff's Office received a 100% from the National Commission on Correctional Health Care for medical services supplied to the inmates.

The Sheriff's Office assists the City of Portsmouth by providing inmate work crews to help keep the City clean, which results in a substantial savings in tax dollars to residents and the City. The Sheriff's Office also provides inmates to work in various departments throughout the City, which also results in significant savings to the City. The inmates are non-paid workers.

The Portsmouth Sheriff's Office also assists with Project Lifesaver. This past year there were 18 callouts for individuals who had wandered away from various locations. The average recovery time in finding these individuals was less than 20 minutes.

In today's economy, and with all of the State and City budget cuts the Portsmouth Sheriff's Office has had to endure and the reduction in staff, the Portsmouth Sheriff's Office still managed to attain 100% compliance ratings for the jail and medical services, and has had no escapes.

In addition to all of the other missions of the Sheriff's Office, which includes providing security for the Courts, serving processes, providing training for our own, as well as other departments, we also provide free funeral escorts.

Major Budget Variances

The shortage of jail deputies continues to be an issue. Budgets cuts from the state and city are detrimental not only to the safety of the deputies working in the jail, but also to the citizens of Portsmouth.

Off-site medical treatment costs have increased significantly due to the number of inmates requiring treatment at outside facilities. It is the Sheriff's Office responsibility to provide housing, clothing, food, and hygiene supplies for the inmates. These costs increase every year.