

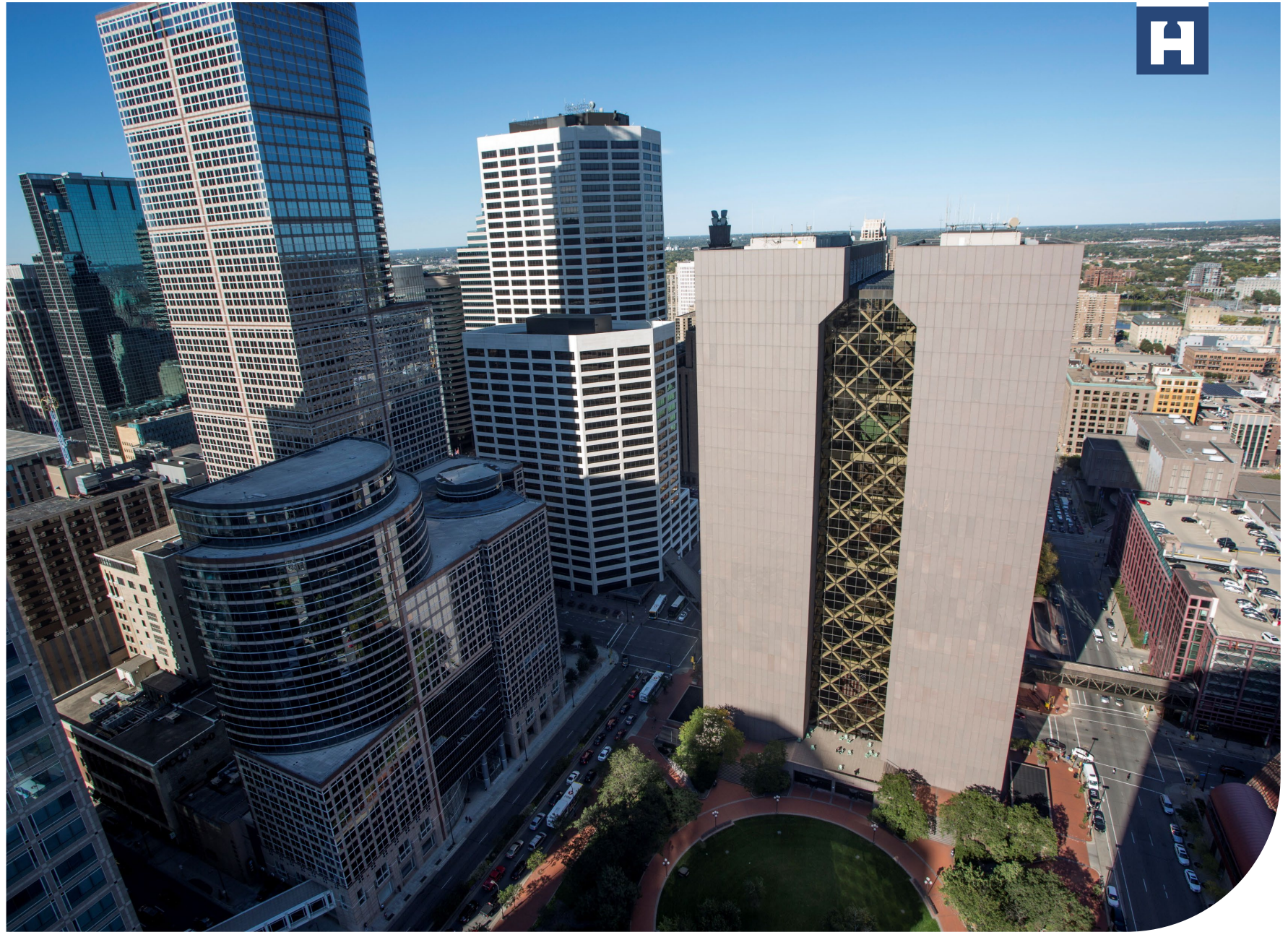
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# 2026 budget presentation

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Law, Safety, Justice



# Operating budget

	2025 adjusted	2026 proposed	Percent change
Law, Safety and Justice Operations	\$16,276,304	\$16,106,158	-1.0%
County Attorney's Office	\$87,949,516	\$92,226,160	4.9%
Adult Representation Services	\$20,552,122	\$22,962,667	11.7%
Court functions	\$186,532	\$190,263	2.0%
Public Defender's Office	\$9,144,756	\$4,457,035	-51.3%
Sheriff's Office	\$169,245,647	\$182,451,997	7.8%
Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation	\$144,646,429	\$150,419,227	4.0%
Radio Communications	\$4,234,016	\$4,813,721	13.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$452,235,322</b>	<b>\$473,627,228</b>	<b>4.7%</b>



Hennepin County

Sheriff's Office



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Sheriff Dawanna Witt

October 6, 2025





# Agenda

- Serving residents
- 2026 proposed budget
- Office priorities
- Discussion

# Leaders



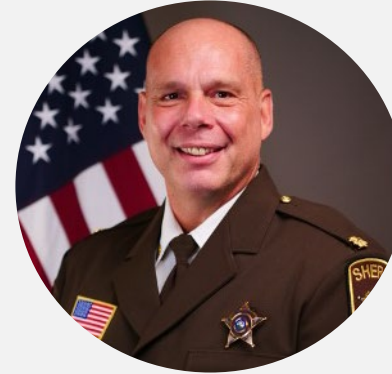
**Sheriff Dawanna Witt**



**Chief Patrick Enderlein**



**Major Matthew Hollihan**  
Administrative Services Bureau



**Major Mike Jerde**  
Public Safety Services Bureau



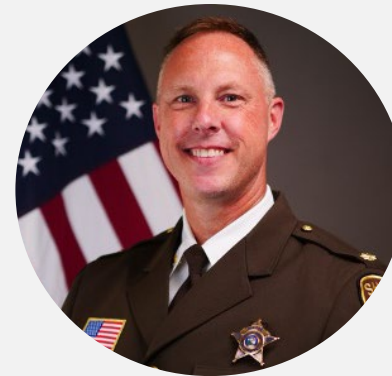
**Major Dan Kurtz**  
Court and Field Services Bureau



**Major Shane Magnuson**  
Investigations Bureau



**Major Kristen Tomlinson**  
Public Affairs Bureau



**Major Troy Otto**  
Detention Services Bureau



**Tim Stout**  
Chief of Staff

# Serving residents

172,604

EMERGENCY CALLS 1/1/25 - 8/31/25

147,260 NON-EMERGENCY  
CALLS RECEIVED

457,556 POLICE INCIDENTS

414

ILLEGALLY POSSESSED GUNS SEIZED  
1/1/25 - 8/31/25

414 STOLEN VEHICLES  
RECOVERED

12 POUNDS OF FENTANYL  
TAKEN OFF THE STREETS

1,287

NEW CASES SUBMITTED TO THE  
FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORY 1/1/25  
- 8/31/25

2,871 COMPLETED TESTING  
REQUESTS

5,809 EVIDENCE  
SUBMISSIONS

653 CRIME SCENE  
INVESTIGATION CASES

# Budget Overview

# Operating budget

	2025 adjusted	2026 proposed	Percent change
Sheriff's Office	\$169,245,647	\$182,451,997	7.8%
Radio fund	\$4,234,016	\$4,813,721	13.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$173,479,663</b>	<b>\$187,265,718</b>	<b>8.0%</b>



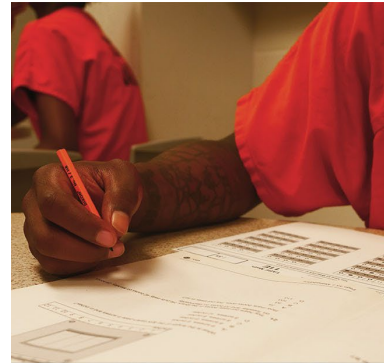
# Property tax

	2025 adjusted	2026 proposed	Percent change
Sheriff's Office	\$144,098,469	\$162,605,280	12.8%
Radio fund	\$0	\$0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$144,098,469</b>	<b>\$162,605,280</b>	<b>12.8%</b>

# Full-time equivalents (FTEs)

	2025 adjusted	2026 proposed	Percent change
Sheriff's Office	883.0	883.0	0%
Radio fund	0	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>883.0</b>	<b>883.0</b>	<b>0%</b>

# Achieving countywide priorities through education, health, and climate action



# Expansion of rehabilitative programming and care for people in the Adult Detention Center (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.
- **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)

## Health





# 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 with D.A.R.E., Youth Leadership Academy, and the Storytime with the Sheriff's Office program.
- **Support beyond custody:** HCSO HOPE program will continue to connect individuals to education, employment, and financial guidance both during incarceration and after release.

## Education





## Continued partnership focusing on climate action

- **Green innovation:** The new state-of-the-art Public Safety Services Headquarters incorporates a range of aggressive sustainability and green initiatives: including solar panels, a stormwater management system, and a water reclamation and reuse system.
- **Hybrid vehicles:** Hybrid vehicle fleet increased to 25 and one fully electric truck

## Climate Action



# Challenges and opportunities – retention and recruitment

## Challenge

Approximately 80% of budget is personnel - many in critical, mandated areas

## Opportunity

Focused recruitment has yielded positive results

## Challenge

Staffing in critical areas still requires overtime supplementation

## Opportunity

Looking ahead, we aim to leverage staffing studies to evaluate current and optimal staffing levels to best meet the needs of those we serve

# Challenges and opportunities – technology

## Challenge

Technology is always evolving and improving, constantly requiring updates, training, and maintenance

## Opportunity

Upgrade and consolidate technologies to improve efficiencies and collaboration opportunities

## 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

Continued need for detainee annexation because of maximum capacity restrictions

## Opportunity

Continued commitment by system partners to explore and implement strategies to reduce jail 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

Hennepin County is in position to enact positive and sustained change for detained individuals by leaning into rehabilitative programming and innovative and efficient medical care

# Discussion

Thank you

