



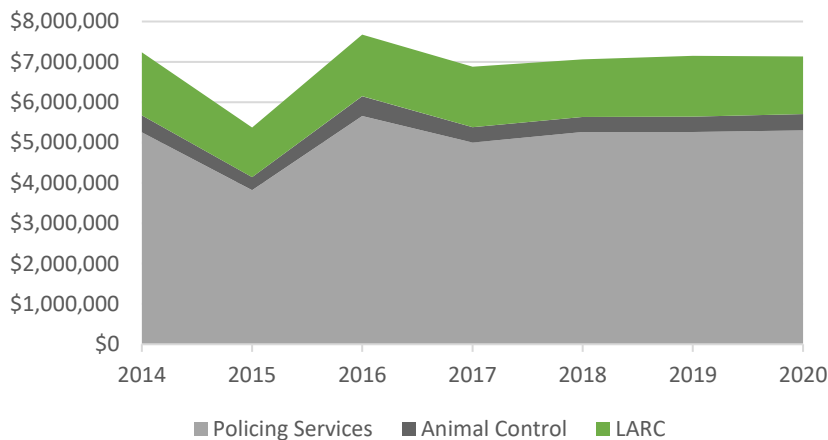
Q. How many peace officers does the city employ?

A. Forty-seven (47) sworn peace officers are employed by the municipality, comprising 18.5% of all city personnel and 1.44 Full-time Equivalent officers per 1,000 Laramie residents.

Q. How much has funding for the Police Department increased?

A. Actual Departmental spending has been largely unchanged. Expenditures are expected to be slightly more in Fiscal Year 2021 with implementation of salary adjustments. Please note the chart below reflects all services within the department budget, including policing, animal control/sheltering and Laramie Area Records & Communications Center (LARC). Albany County Government provides twenty percent (20%) reimbursement to the City of Laramie for operation of LARC; in FY20 the County’s contribution was \$378,574.

Departmental Expenditures, By Service Type



In the most recently completed fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, \$5.30 M was spent providing policing services throughout the community. Some of these costs are reimbursed by grants – typically ranging in amount between \$220,000 – \$450,000 per year.

In the most recent fiscal year, spending for policing comprised 8.3% of all city spending for resident services, or \$152 per capita (net of grant funding \$318,923).

Q. Does city government provide social services, especially for those needing assistance with mental illness?

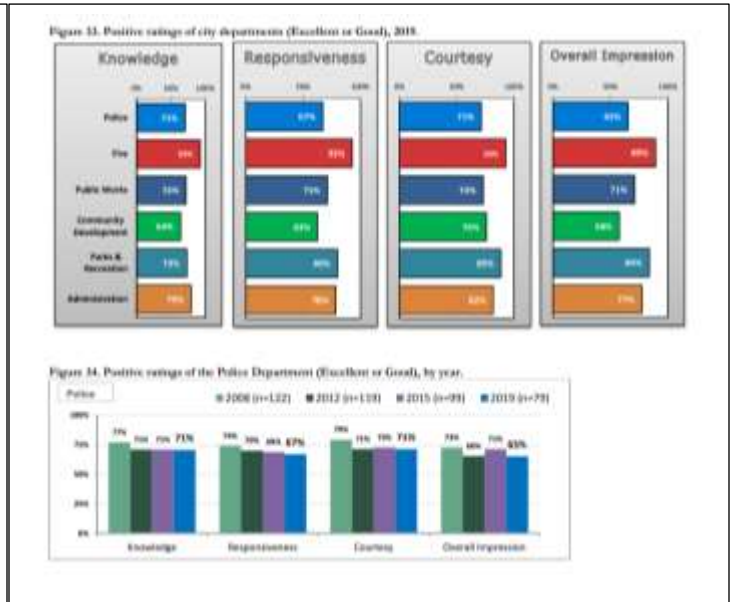
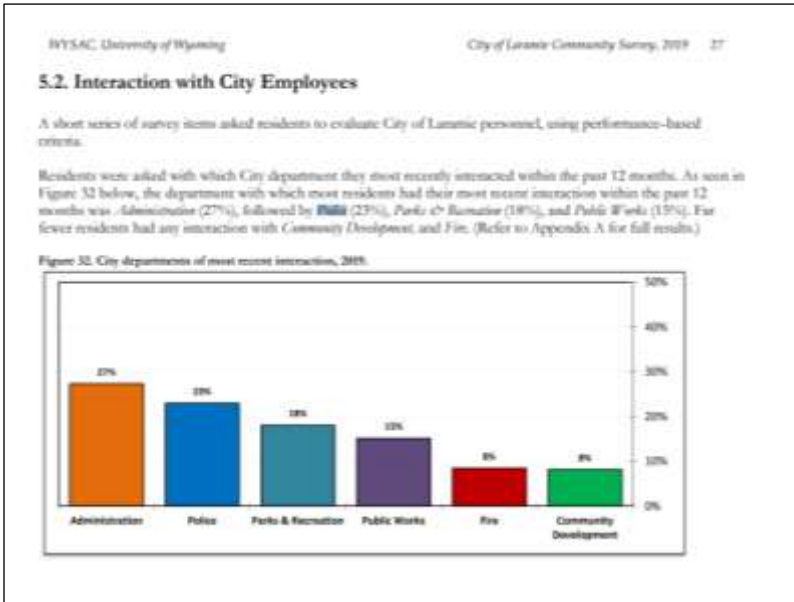
A. In Wyoming, governmental social services are provided at the State and County government level. However, Laramie’s City Council has chosen to provide financial assistance to not-for-profit agencies through our Community Partners Program (CPP). Revenue generated from the Local Option 5th Penny Sales Tax and Community Gas Program is granted to support local social service agencies. In FY20, a total of \$858,377 was provided to local agencies, including \$316,360 directly for social services like the Soup Kitchen and Downtown Clinic.

Laramie Police provide personal in-kind support to Interfaith by acting as conduit for their services. Officers directly respond to Interfaith clients by completing and delivering Interfaith vouchers for gas assistance, housing assistance, and bus transportation to individuals in-need.

(<https://www.cityoflaramie.org/1018/5th-Penny-Community-Partners> and [https://www.cityoflaramie.org/DocumentCenter/View/18943/Reso-2020-21A-Community-Partner-Funding-4-21-20?bidId=.](https://www.cityoflaramie.org/DocumentCenter/View/18943/Reso-2020-21A-Community-Partner-Funding-4-21-20?bidId=;))

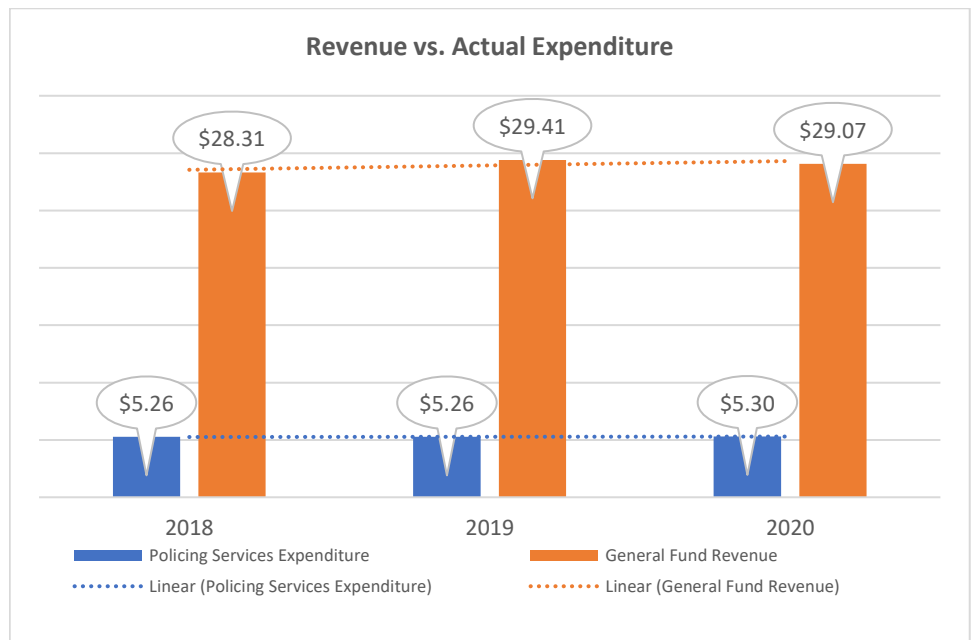
Q. Does the city actively solicit comments from residents about policing services?

A. Yes. Laramie residents are surveyed every few years and comments solicited regarding their experiences with city personnel and services. Most recently in 2019, residents rated their interactions with police department personnel highly in all service categories.



Q. Has there been an increase in revenue consistent with the increase in LPD’s budget within the last fiscal year?

A. Revenue growth has outpaced spending for police services in Laramie. Since FY2018, revenue has increased 2.61% while spending for policing increased by 0.74%.

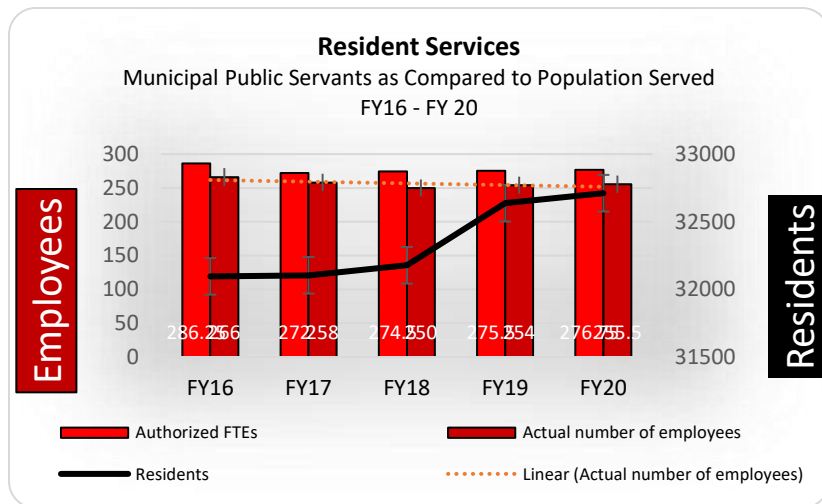


Q. Does the city own or pay to maintain the military-grade equipment that many see as inappropriate/unnecessary for our community? And, how much does upkeep cost a month? How much money could we sell/melt the bearcat for?

A. The original Peacekeeper was free to the City in the early-2000’s through the 1033 program. The vehicle was destroyed and declared a total loss as a result of a building fire and, subsequently, replaced at no cost with a Bearcat model vehicle. The Bearcat is a refurbished (not new) armored vehicle that is defensive in nature. It is not militarized; it was built specifically for civilian law enforcement purposes. Upkeep each month costs about \$5.00 for electricity and it has a yearly oil change that costs roughly \$75.00. Fuel expenses are minimal – it uses unleaded fuel and logs minimal miles annually.

Q. Do you plan on continuing to increase the size of LPD?

A. The size of city government staffing has not increased. Our goal is always to staff all services adequately to serve Laramie residents. With some of the lowest tax revenue in our state, it’s an ongoing struggle to meet the needs and expectations of the residents we serve. Staffing levels have not kept pace with the growing demands of Laramie’s increasing population.



This holds true, as well, for LPD when we break out the department’s staffing level as a portion of all city positions.

Laramie currently has 47 police officers, or 1.44 full-time equivalent positions per 1,000 Laramie residents.

