

# FAQ

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The Fire department was able to implement an Advanced Life Support Paramedic Program in the City. This has resulted in Paramedics being trained and placed on fire engines, along with Critical Care equipment, thereby providing the highest level of emergency care available outside of an emergency room.

## **How much of Measure “O” was spent on police & fire services?**

Police Department: \$6,714,462

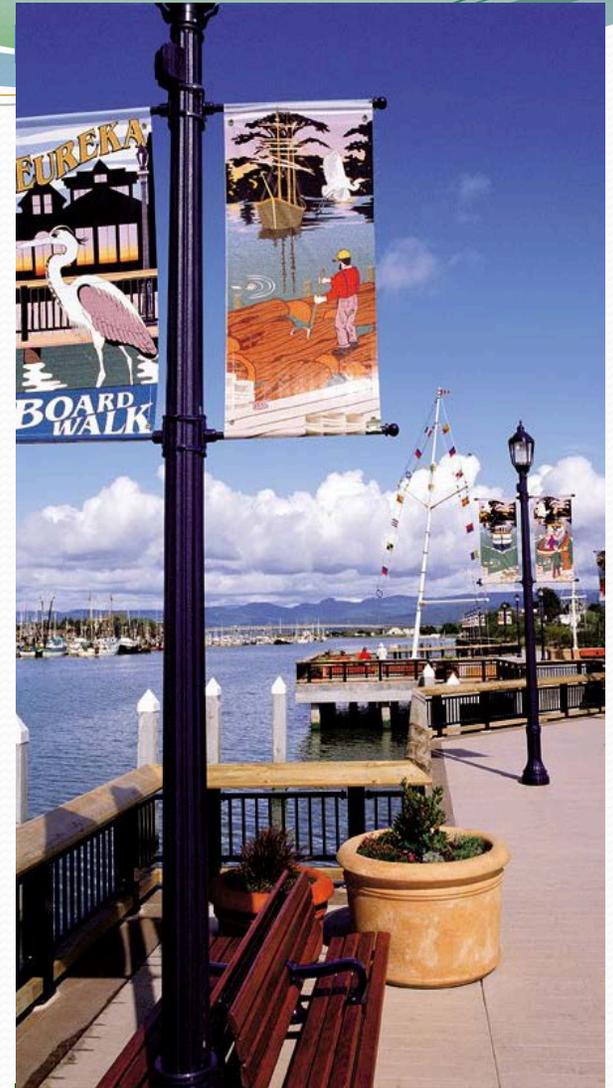
Fire Department: \$9,075,845

## **What has been the biggest benefit from the passage of Measure “O” that the citizens of Eureka have received through the Police Department?**

The Measure “O” enables Public Safety Officers (PSO’s) to take the load off of the police so they can proactively fight crime. Problem Oriented Police (POP), who proactively handles drug houses, crimes and community complaints are able to do so because of PSO’s. POP also responds to homeless encampments when reports are made.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact: The Humboldt County Elections Office at (707) 445-7481  
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## *Measure Q*

*Continuation  
of the 1/2 cent sales tax  
In Eureka*

# Measure "O"

- November 2010, voters approved Measure "O", a half cent Transactions and Use Tax, with a five year sunset. Measure "Q" is a continuation of Measure "O".
- Measure "O" was placed on the ballot by the Eureka City Council due to severe budget constraints that would have resulted in the elimination of 7 police and 5 fire positions in 2010.
- Measure "O" included requirements for accountability and citizen oversight through a Finance Advisory Committee. Measure "Q" continues citizen oversight.
- Measure "O" provides funding for Police, Fire, Street Maintenance, Parks, Recreation, and Zoo programs. Since inception in 2011, 75% of Measure "O" sales tax funds have gone to Police and Fire services.

"Measure "O" has been extremely beneficial for maintaining Fire services for the City. Prior to the passage of the Supplemental Transaction and Use Tax, the Fire department was facing the prospect of reduced staffing and reducing the day to day emergency services we provide to the community. The passage of the Tax and resulting direct funding to the fire department has enabled us to reach full staffing for the first time in many years."

-Fire Chief Ken Woods



"Measure "O" has been an immeasurable help to the Eureka Police Department. Not only does it provide EPD with the staffing to manage calls for service, but allows us the resources to deal with the more recalcitrant crimes. Measure "O" has provided the police with the staffing needed to address crime and social disorder. Measure "Q" is vital in maintaining this mission."

-Police Chief Andrew Mills

# What does Measure "Q" do for you and your City?

- Voter approval of Measure "Q" on November 4, will continue to provide \$4.10 million in sales tax dollars for critical public safety services. A high percentage of the tax is paid by non-residents and visitors to Eureka.
- Measure "Q" will continue to provide necessary funding for critical public safety operations. In 2014-15, 99% of the Measure "O" funds are directed to police and fire services.

Without Measure "Q" funding, the City of Eureka will reduce spending and services to compensate for the loss of \$4.10 million. Because Measure "O" and the new Measure "Q" are primarily directed to police and fire services, those departmental budgets will be impacted to the greatest degree. It is anticipated that one fire station will need to close, increasing response times for emergency calls. Police services will be impacted through a reduction in both sworn police officers and support personnel. Other departmental budgets will also be reduced, impacting street maintenance, traffic signal upgrades, and other important services.

Measure "O"  
Historical Breakout by Function

