

**City of Alexandria, Virginia**  
**FY 2027 Proposed Operating Budget & CIP**  
**Budget Questions & Answers**

**April 9, 2026**

**Question:**

What is the status of APD's planning for a real-time crime center, and are there initial cost estimates available?

**Response:**

The Alexandria Police Department (APD) is in the initial project development phase for several technology initiatives (including a real-time crime center) that will enable the APD to provide effective, transparent, and community-centered public safety in the 21st century. APD is developing a full project plan for its technology initiatives, including recommendations on community engagement and success metrics. APD will provide project updates to staff later this calendar year.

A real-time crime center at APD Headquarters could serve as a centralized hub for integrating data, technology systems, and real-time analysis to support crime response, investigations, and special event management. A project of this size would likely be implemented in phases and would require both initial, one-time infrastructure/technology expenses, and annual recurring technology, training and personnel costs. Initial cost estimates are in the range of \$500,000 to \$1 million annually. This estimate requires refinement and coordination with multiple project partners.