



# CRIME CONTROL & PREVENTION DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

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**DATE:** June 17, 2026

**FROM:** Jeff Ashabranner, Chief of Police

**AGENDA ITEM:** Public Hearing to consider approval of the Bartonville Crime Control and Prevention District Fiscal Year 2026-2027 proposed budget.

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## **SUMMARY:**

The proposed budget includes funding for new software platforms, Blue Voice and Flock Nova Intelligence, as well as equipment upgrades to transition to a 40mm less-lethal launcher system.

### ***Blue Voice (Public Safety & Law Enforcement Platform)***

Blue Voice is an AI-powered public safety platform designed for law enforcement, first responders, and dispatchers. The application provides officers with a hands-free, real-time reference tool using department-approved policies, procedures, and legal documents rather than open internet sources, improving accuracy and reducing liability. Blue Voice assists officers with legal questions, community resources, and infrequent call types while maintaining CJIS compliance to ensure secure handling of Criminal Justice Information (CJI).

### ***Flock Nova Intelligence Platform***

The budget includes funding for the Flock Nova Investigative Intelligence platform to enhance the Police Department's investigative capabilities. Currently, Bartonville PD relies on the Denton County Sheriff's Office analyst for research and case support, which can result in delays due to county workload priorities. Flock Nova provides officers with real-time investigative tools by integrating with the Town's existing Flock LPR camera system and consolidating records, CAD, RMS, public records, and open-source intelligence into a single searchable platform.

Benefits include increased investigative independence, seamless integration with existing infrastructure, unlimited user access without per-user licensing fees, improved efficiency in developing leads, and support for modern, data-driven policing practices. The platform requires no additional hardware or IT upgrades and offers a lower overall cost compared to similar systems such as Accurint or TLO.

### ***Replacement of Existing Less-Lethal Shotgun System with 40mm Impact Launchers***

The proposed budget includes funding to replace the department's current shared less-lethal shotgun system with 40mm less-lethal impact launchers and to equip each patrol vehicle with a dedicated device. The department currently operates with one shared less-lethal shotgun, creating delays in access, inconsistent availability, and reduced readiness during multi-officer responses.

The 40mm launchers provide improved officer and public safety through greater accuracy, more reliable performance at longer distances, and enhanced target discrimination in dynamic situations. Equipping each patrol vehicle with a launcher ensures immediate access to less-lethal options, eliminates the need to transfer equipment between units, and supports de-escalation, crisis intervention, and safer incident resolution. The upgrade also replaces an aging bean bag shotgun platform that has limitations in accuracy, consistency, and deployment. Budgeted costs include the launchers and associated less-lethal munitions as part of the department's ongoing equipment modernization efforts.

### ***Motorola Solutions Radios***

The proposed budget includes entering into a five-year lease agreement with Motorola Solutions for seven new APX N70 portable radios. The lease-to-own program provides the department with affordable access to next-generation communications technology while preserving P25 interoperability and maintaining high-quality voice and data communications. The APX N70 radios feature a durable design and intuitive "pick-up-and-go" functionality, allowing officers to communicate effectively in a wide range of operational environments. Upon completion of the five-year lease term, ownership of the radios will transfer to the Police Department.

### ***RTS Tactical Shields***

The proposed budget includes funding for three Level III rifle-rated tactical shields to enhance officer safety and active threat response capabilities. Following lessons learned from the Robb Elementary School shooting and subsequent changes in law enforcement training and best practices, agencies are required to have readily available ballistic protection for active shooter and high-risk incidents. These shields provide protection against rifle threats, allowing officers to safely move toward and engage threats while protecting victims, officers, and first responders. The addition of three shields will equip each police unit with a shield, ensuring multiple responding officers have access to critical protective equipment during emergency situations.

### **RECOMMENDED MOTION OR ACTION:**

No action to take, this is a Public Hearing to receive input.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- FY2027 Proposed Budget
- Equipment and Software Information