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## Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) Budget Review, Fiscal Years 2018-2021

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## LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT (LVMPD) BUDGET REVIEW, FISCAL YEARS 2018 - 2021

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### PURPOSE:

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's (LVMPD) annual budget increased every fiscal year (FY) from 2018 to 2021. Using data provided by the LVMPD's final budget reports for FY 2018 to 2021, this Fact Sheet details LVMPD funding increases and summarizes budget expenditures by unit and area command.<sup>1</sup>

### ABOUT THE DATA:

Prior to the start of each fiscal year in July, the LVMPD releases a final budget report that details sources of funding and projected expenditures. LVMPD funding sources include the City of Las Vegas, Clark County, self-generated revenues,<sup>2</sup> the Clark County Department of Aviation, and a state-mandated fund balance contribution. City of Las Vegas and Clark County contributions to the LVMPD budget are derived from a funding formula per Nevada law, which determines funding contributions based on the population, calls for service received, and felony crimes addressed from each area.

LVMPD expenditures include salaries, benefits, services and supplies, physical capital, and operating transfers. These costs are distributed across a variety of units and area commands. Units include the Office of the Sheriff and specialty groups (such as the homicide & sex crimes unit). Area commands are the patrols that operate in different parts of LVMPD geographic jurisdiction (such as the Northeast and Spring Valley area commands).

### KEY FINDINGS:

1. The LVMPD total budget increased every year from FY 2018 to 2021, amounting to a total increase of 14.03% in three years.
2. The largest funding sources for the LVMPD are Clark County (39.9%), self-generated revenues (29.3%), and the City of Las Vegas (22.3%).
3. The largest LVMPD expenditures are salaries (\$378,123,128, or 57.6%) and benefits (\$182,165,238, or 27.8%).
4. Within the LVMPD budgets, the line items receiving the largest allocations in the LVMPD budget include communications (\$36,119,413), homicide & sex crimes (\$32,088,463), and traffic (\$26,996,138).

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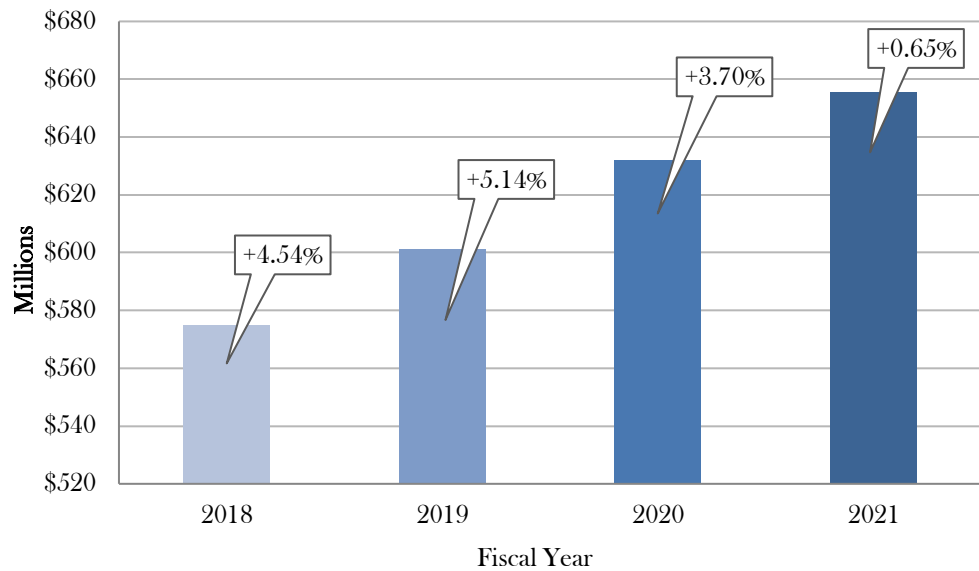
<sup>1</sup> See the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, "Final Budget FY 2020-2021," 2020 (<https://www.lvmpd.com/en-us/Documents/Budgets/FY2020-2021-Final-Budget.pdf>), the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, "Final Budget FY 2019-2020," 2019 ([https://www.lvmpd.com/en-us/Documents/Budgets/FY2019-2020\\_Final\\_Budget.pdf](https://www.lvmpd.com/en-us/Documents/Budgets/FY2019-2020_Final_Budget.pdf)), the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, "Final Budget FY 2018-2019," 2018 ([https://www.lvmpd.com/en-us/Documents/Budgets/FY2018-2019\\_FinalBudget.pdf](https://www.lvmpd.com/en-us/Documents/Budgets/FY2018-2019_FinalBudget.pdf)), and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, "Final Budget FY 2017-2018," 2017 ([https://www.lvmpd.com/en-us/Documents/Budgets/FY2019-2020\\_Final\\_Budget.pdf](https://www.lvmpd.com/en-us/Documents/Budgets/FY2019-2020_Final_Budget.pdf))

<sup>2</sup> Self-generated revenues derive from property taxes, as well as other fees that the LVMPD charges (with an example being fingerprinting fees)

Figure 1 shows the Las Vegas Metropolitan total annual budget by fiscal year (FY) from FY 2018 to 2021. The LVMPD budget has increased each year, with the largest increase from FY 2019 to 2020 (5.14%). From FY 2018 to 2021, the budget increased by 14.03%.

**Figure 1: LVMPD Total Budget in Millions, by Fiscal Year (FY 2018 - 2021)**

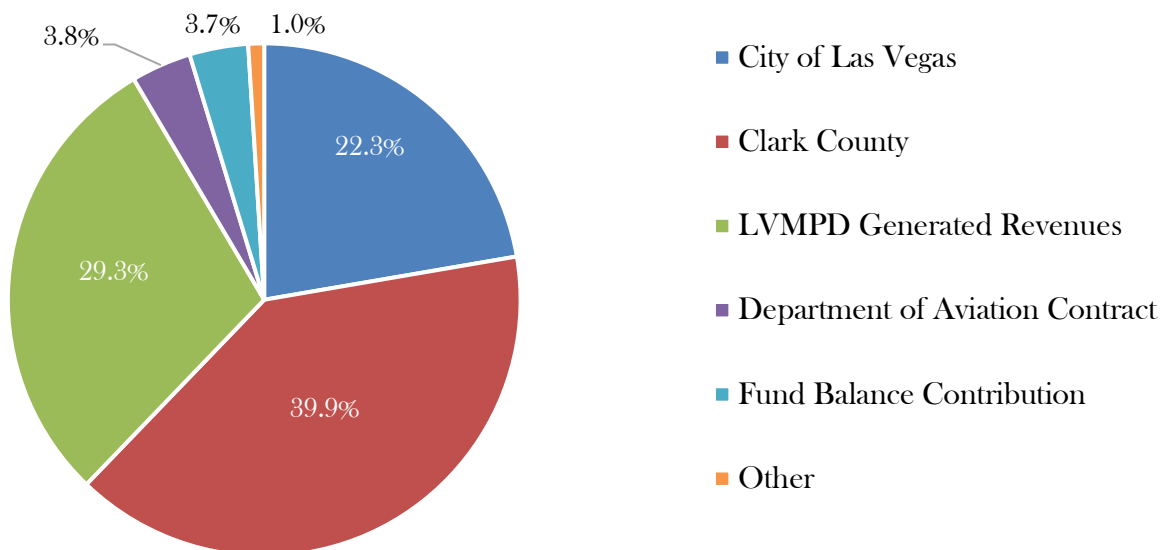
FY	Total Budget
2018	\$574,966,463
2019	\$601,072,198
2020	\$631,964,702
2021	\$655,617,383



Source: Adapted from LVMPD Final Budget Reports, 2018-2021

Figure 2 displays contributions to the LVMPD budget in FY 2021. The LVMPD budget for FY 2021 was \$655,617,383, with the largest contributions coming from Clark County (\$261,272,660, or 39.9%), self-generated revenues (\$191,915,766, or 29.3%), and the City of Las Vegas (\$146,471,946, or 22.3%).

**Figure 2: FY 2021 Funding Source Breakdown**



Source: Adapted from LVMPD Final Budget Reports, 2018-2021

Table 1 lists the LVMPD's unit and area command expenditures for FY 2021.

**Table 1: LVMPD FY 2021 Budget Expenditure Summary**

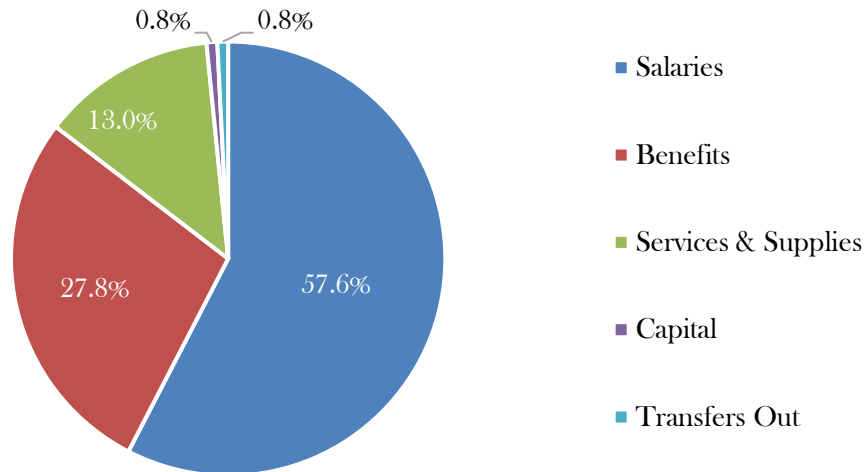
<b>UNIT</b>	<b>Salaries</b>	<b>Benefits</b>	<b>Services &amp; Supplies</b>	<b>Capital</b>	<b>Operating Transfers</b>	<b>UNIT TOTAL</b>
Air Support/ Search & Rescue	\$ 3,678,535	\$ 1,906,561	\$ 2,893,311	\$ 46,838	\$ 0	\$ 8,525,245
Airport	\$ 14,733,037	\$ 7,660,225	\$ 552,525	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 22,945,787
Armor	\$ 1,239,848	\$ 619,372	\$ 402,363	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,261,583
Central Intelligence	\$ 3,700,406	\$ 1,768,661	\$ 273,726	\$ 26,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,768,793
Community Engagement	\$ 1,955,082	\$ 1,030,057	\$ 122,324	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,107,463
Communications	\$ 21,420,778	\$ 9,903,201	\$ 4,795,434	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 36,119,413
Crime Scene Investigations	\$ 6,672,696	\$ 2,975,939	\$ 1,871,048	\$ 364,600	\$ 0	\$ 11,884,283
Criminal Intelligence	\$ 3,918,901	\$ 1,996,097	\$ 394,872	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 6,309,870
Digital Investigations	\$ 5,736,617	\$ 2,984,669	\$ 4,687,233	\$ 54,500	\$ 0	\$ 13,463,019
Events Planning	\$ 23,328,429	\$ 1,939,570	\$ 161,490	\$ 26,000	\$ 0	\$ 25,455,489
Evidence Vault	\$ 3,372,693	\$ 1,564,853	\$ 1,211,201	\$ 36,750	\$ 0	\$ 6,185,497
Facilities	\$ 2,816,904	\$ 1,282,104	\$ 1,115,870	\$ 40,300	\$ 0	\$ 5,255,178
Fleet Operations	\$ 1,396,750	\$ 488,756	\$ 805,886	\$ 104,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,795,392
Forensic Laboratory	\$ 7,538,043	\$ 3,232,835	\$ 2,166,923	\$ 48,000	\$ 0	\$ 12,985,801
Gang Crimes	\$ 5,799,138	\$ 3,005,002	\$ 471,359	\$ 52,000	\$ 0	\$ 9,327,499
Homicide & Sex Crimes	\$ 16,435,032	\$ 7,955,356	\$ 7,412,075	\$ 286,000	\$ 0	\$ 32,088,463
Information Technologies	\$ 6,664,599	\$ 2,938,244	\$ 12,007,734	\$ 1,032,200	\$ 0	\$ 22,642,777
Internal Affairs	\$ 4,297,047	\$ 2,202,183	\$ 344,964	\$ 26,000	\$ 0	\$ 6,870,194
Internal Oversight & Const. Policing	\$ 3,581,144	\$ 1,762,705	\$ 233,785	\$ 26,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,603,634
K-9	\$ 2,975,179	\$ 1,312,256	\$ 712,990	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,000,425
Major Violator/Narcotics Crimes	\$ 9,459,825	\$ 4,879,826	\$ 1,039,698	\$ 171,500	\$ 0	\$ 15,550,849
Mounted Patrol Unit	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Office of Finance	\$ 3,802,678	\$ 1,794,965	\$ 6,446,762	\$ 0	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 17,044,405
Office of General Counsel	\$ 3,571,974	\$ 1,701,328	\$ 964,951	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 6,238,253
Office of Human Resources	\$ 8,310,237	\$ 4,126,807	\$ 955,344	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 13,392,388
Office of Intergovernmental Services	\$ 503,241	\$ 260,027	\$ 125,126	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 888,394
Office of Labor Relations	\$ 707,510	\$ 306,374	\$ 41,678	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,055,562
Office of Public Information	\$ 1,260,649	\$ 600,603	\$ 118,829	\$ 26,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,006,081
Office of the Sheriff	\$ 2,959,535	\$ 1,477,693	\$ 278,456	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,715,684
Organizational Development	\$ 12,308,095	\$ 6,432,097	\$ 3,431,028	\$ 159,500	\$ 0	\$ 22,330,720
P25 Radio Support	\$ 569,120	\$ 260,559	\$ 1,597,120	\$ 135,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,561,799
Police Employees Assistance Program	\$ 859,912	\$ 479,234	\$ 195,197	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,534,343
Radio Systems	\$ 1,293,201	\$ 591,254	\$ 338,311	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,222,766
Records & Fingerprint	\$ 11,096,656	\$ 5,414,793	\$ 6,462,253	\$ 34,000	\$ 0	\$ 23,007,702
SNV Counter Terrorism Center	\$ 9,031,434	\$ 4,471,062	\$ 892,576	\$ 171,500	\$ 0	\$ 14,566,572
Special Investigations	\$ 2,630,217	\$ 1,326,978	\$ 144,991	\$ 26,000	\$ 0	\$ 4,128,186
Supply	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 587,535	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 587,535
SWAT	\$ 9,099,489	\$ 4,691,786	\$ 1,452,973	\$ 52,250	\$ 0	\$ 15,296,498
Technical and Surveillance	\$ 1,594,903	\$ 821,790	\$ 883,968	\$ 190,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,490,661
Theft Crimes	\$ 9,905,570	\$ 5,068,643	\$ 651,914	\$ 33,700	\$ 0	\$ 15,659,827
Traffic	\$ 15,787,886	\$ 8,459,999	\$ 2,257,753	\$ 490,500	\$ 0	\$ 26,996,138
Vice	\$ 3,877,176	\$ 2,040,732	\$ 278,364	\$ 90,000	\$ 0	\$ 6,286,272

AREA COMMAND	Salaries	Benefits	Services & Supplies	Capital	Operating Transfers	AREA TOTAL
Bolden Area Command	\$ 8,812,372	\$ 4,790,686	\$ 797,088	\$ 26,000	\$ 0	\$ 14,426,146
Bolden Investigative	\$ 3,181,246	\$ 1,641,679	\$ 154,164	\$ 53,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,030,089
Convention Center Area Command	\$ 11,399,096	\$ 6,251,137	\$ 1,364,689	\$ 26,000	\$ 0	\$ 19,040,922
Command Center Investigative	\$ 2,986,990	\$ 1,561,930	\$ 135,695	\$ 26,000	\$ 0	\$ 4,710,615
Downtown Area Command	\$ 9,522,697	\$ 5,197,428	\$ 909,019	\$ 26,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,655,144
Downtown Investigative	\$ 3,040,874	\$ 1,596,761	\$ 187,667	\$ 89,000	\$ 0	\$ 4,914,302
Enterprise Area Command	\$ 6,908,365	\$ 3,725,019	\$ 761,460	\$ 39,000	\$ 0	\$ 11,433,844
Enterprise Investigative	\$ 2,893,802	\$ 1,499,741	\$ 134,683	\$ 27,000	\$ 0	\$ 4,555,226
Enterprise Resident-Stateline	\$ 1,342,087	\$ 714,892	\$ 184,544	\$ 136,377	\$ 0	\$ 2,377,900
Laughlin/Searchlight Resident	\$ 4,967,191	\$ 2,581,133	\$ 568,222	\$ 78,000	\$ 0	\$ 8,194,546
Northeast Area Command	\$ 9,356,685	\$ 5,112,802	\$ 907,161	\$ 64,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,440,648
Northeast Investigative	\$ 3,169,229	\$ 1,648,256	\$ 161,739	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,979,224
Northeast Resident-Moapa	\$ 1,390,398	\$ 734,239	\$ 153,862	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,278,499
Northwest Area Command	\$ 7,679,676	\$ 4,202,427	\$ 750,990	\$ 169,000	\$ 0	\$ 12,802,093
Northwest Investigative	\$ 3,056,561	\$ 1,587,360	\$ 146,707	\$ 53,000	\$ 0	\$ 4,843,628
Northwest Resident-Mt. Charleston	\$ 1,024,865	\$ 548,678	\$ 123,840	\$ 45,459	\$ 0	\$ 1,742,842
South Central Area Command	\$ 8,413,016	\$ 4,555,045	\$ 811,939	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 13,780,000
South Central Investigative	\$ 3,387,390	\$ 1,781,091	\$ 155,977	\$ 75,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,399,458
Southeast Area Command	\$ 10,704,912	\$ 5,880,816	\$ 1,123,848	\$ 52,000	\$ 0	\$ 17,761,576
Southeast Investigative	\$ 3,271,599	\$ 1,702,134	\$ 158,407	\$ 26,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,158,140
Spring Valley Area Command	\$ 9,631,910	\$ 5,316,998	\$ 838,766	\$ 156,000	\$ 0	\$ 15,943,674
Spring Valley Investigative	\$ 3,150,235	\$ 1,644,140	\$ 131,808	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,926,183
Summerlin Area Command	\$ 2,620,772	\$ 1,288,045	\$ 685,992	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,594,809
Summerlin Investigative	\$ 3,070,907	\$ 1,616,420	\$ 147,729	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,835,056
Support Operations	\$ 3,250,087	\$ 1,251,185	\$ 2,109,107	\$ 26,000	\$ 0	\$ 6,636,379
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 378,123,128</b>	<b>\$ 182,165,238</b>	<b>\$ 85,387,043</b>	<b>\$ 4,941,974</b>	<b>\$ 5,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 655,617,383</b>

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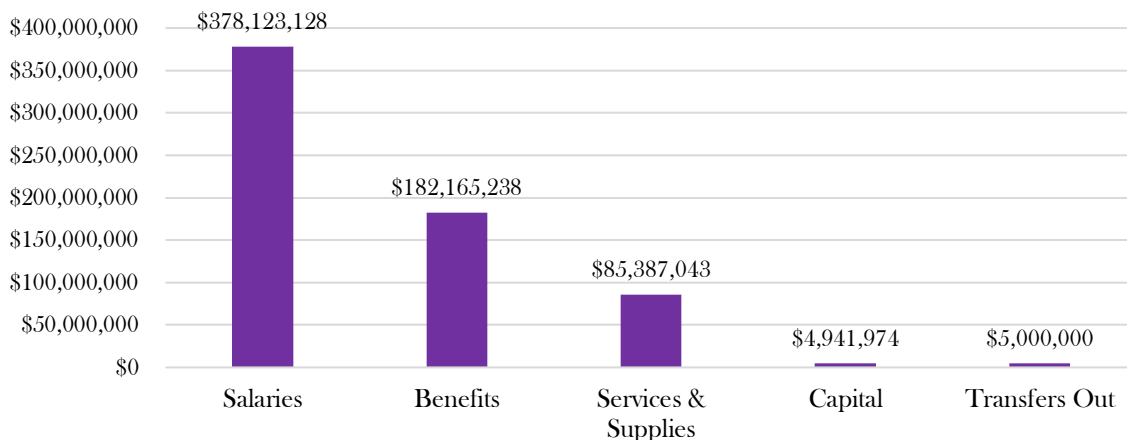
Figures 3 and 4 show the Las Vegas Metropolitan total annual budget for FY 2021. Figure 3 displays the percentage of total funding allocated to each subcategory. Figure 4 displays the dollar amounts allocated to each subcategory (salaries, benefits, services & supplies, capital, and transfers out). The LVMPD allocates a majority of its budget (85.4%) to salaries and benefits, while 13% is applied to services and supplies, and less than 1% is allocated to capital expenditures.

**Figure 3: Composition of LVMPD Total Budget, FY 2021**



Source: Adapted from LVMPD Final Budget Reports, 2018-2021

**Figure 4: LVMPD Total Budget Breakdown, FY 2021**



Source: Adapted from LVMPD Final Budget Reports, 2018-2021

Figure 5 displays the breakdown of total salaries and benefits for each unit. The communications unit receives the highest amount of funding for salaries and benefits (approximately \$31 million). The events planning (approximately \$25 million), homicide & sex crimes (approximately \$24 million), and traffic (approximately \$24 million) units receive the second, third, and fourth highest amounts of funding for salaries and benefits.

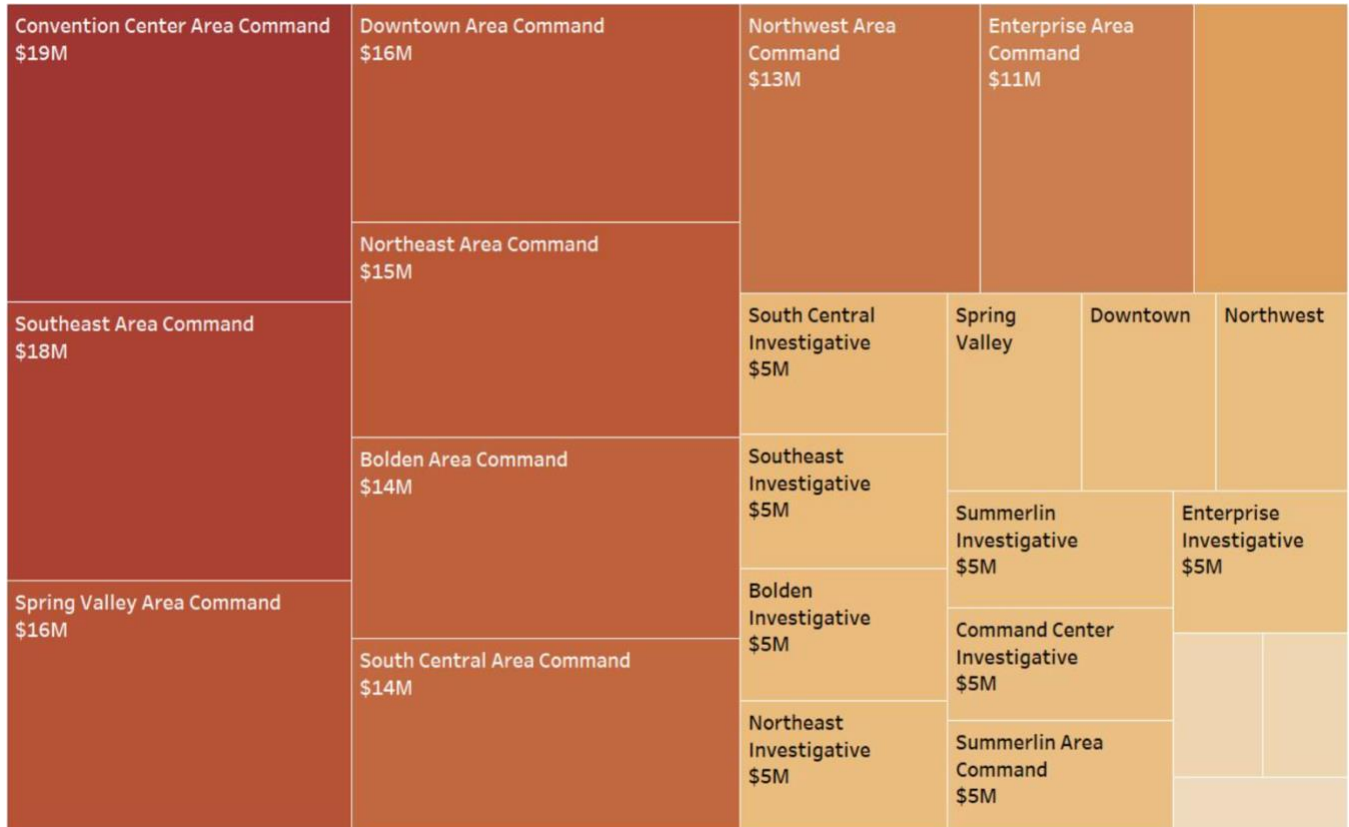
**Figure 5: LVMPD Salaries & Benefits by Unit Totals, FY 2021**

Communications \$31M	Organizational Development \$19M	Downtown Area Command \$15M	Northeast Area Command \$14M	Major	SWAT \$14M	Bolden Area Command \$14M	SNV Counter Terrorism Center \$14M
	Convention Center Area Command \$18M	South Central Area Command \$13M	Crime Scene		Gang Crimes \$9M	Digital	
Events Planning \$25M	Southeast Area Command \$17M	Office of Human Resources \$12M	Vice \$6M	Internal Oversight &			
	Records & Fingerprint \$17M	Northwest Area Command \$12M	Criminal	Office of General			
Homicide & Sex Crimes \$24M	Theft Crimes \$15M	Forensic Laboratory \$11M	Office of Finance	South Central		K-9 \$4M	
	Spring Valley Area Command \$15M	Enterprise Area Command \$11M	Air Support/		Support		
Traffic \$24M			Central		Office of the		
Airport \$22M							

Source: Adapted from LVMPD Final Budget Reports, 2018-2021

Figure 6 displays the breakdown of total funding for each area command and their investigative units. The Convention Center Area Command, which encompasses the Las Vegas Strip, receives the highest amount of funding among all area commands (approximately \$19 million).

**Figure 6: LVMPD Funding by Area Command, FY 2021**



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