Measure Z

Measure Z is a half-cent local sales tax passed by voters in 2014 and renewed in 2018. Funds from Measure Z are intended for public safety and essential services. This funding has allowed more than 70 public safety personnel to be added at the county, as well as city governments and local non-profits. Volunteer fire departments have received necessary equipment, including fire engines, breathing apparatuses and industry standard protective clothing that would not have been possible otherwise. Roads from Redway to McKinleyville and Willow Creek have received maintenance they would not have otherwise; culverts have been replaced throughout the county and electronic speed feedback signs are bringing down speeds in highly trafficked areas. City police departments have enhanced their services to fight drugs and address chronic homelessness issues. A substance abuse center is providing bed and program space to help users get off drugs. While there are still public safety needs in our community, there is no doubt we are safer as a result of this measure.

Public Safety Projects Funded in First 4 Years of Measure Z

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*Graph indicates funds actually spent
**A complete list of Year 5 projects is in Section J.

The DA’s Office was unable to adequately serve the community without Measure-Z-funded staffing. [It] has yielded timely and appropriate criminal justice outcomes while also allowing provisions of appropriate support for victims and witnesses.

Humboldt County District Attorney
Project is funding increased staffing and EVAST Program for vulnerable seniors

K’ima:w Medical Center
Project is funding Hoopa Ambulance, which provides service along Highway 299
Public Safety

Measure Z Night Coverage

Prior to the passage of Measure Z, deputies were unable to provide 24/7 law enforcement services to our Southern and Northern Humboldt areas. During that time, the night shift consisted of 6 deputies patrolling the entire county in 12 hour shifts. With funding from Measure Z, continued by Measure O, we now have 24-hour coverage in all areas. Additionally, overnight we now have 17 deputies patrolling the county in 10 hour shifts.

Filled Positions

18 Patrol Deputies (Including Supervisors)
9 Correctional Deputies (Including supervisors)
3 Community Service Officers
3 Support Staff

A Focus on Service

Through Measure Z, the Sheriff has been able to bring back the Community Service Officer program. Community Service Officers (CSO) investigate crimes with no identified suspects and help free up deputies to take emergency calls for service. The Sheriff also has one CSO dedicated entirely to abandoned vehicle abatement, helping get abandoned vehicles off of our public roadways. CSOs also participate in outreaches at local schools and in the community.

Officer Swanson is part of the Mobile Intervention Services Team (MIST), partnering DHHS social workers with police officers. He knows people by name, has built rapport, and is aware of their individual needs. His position allows him to slow down interactions, identify the underlying issues, and work on solutions. In the long run, these interactions reduce calls for service and free up time for patrol officers.

Ranger Gagnon patrols all Eureka parks and trails, keeping them clean and safe. You can find him walking through Sequoia Park, checking for helmets at the Coopers Gulch Skate Park, meeting dogs at the Del Norte Dog Park, and maintaining the Hikshari’ Trail.

Eureka Police Department Project funds 2 police officers, park ranger, homeless liaison