

# French Quarter

MANAGEMENT  
DISTRICT



2025  
Annual  
Report





## SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY

French Quarter Patrols  
License Plate Readers  
Arrest Transport Unit  
Crime Cameras  
FQ Task Force App  
Patrol Fleet

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## PUBLIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Street Lights Repairs  
Pedestrian / Vehicle Safety Signage  
Public Safety Street Markings



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## QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVES

Waste Management Recycling  
Keep the Quarter Clean  
LA Love the Boot Cleanup Week  
Reduce Homelessness



# History & Purpose

## Our History

Following Hurricane Katrina, the French Quarter—though largely spared major flooding—faced significant disruptions to its infrastructure, tourism economy, and neighborhood stability. In response to both recovery needs and longstanding challenges, the Louisiana Legislature established the French Quarter Management District (“FQMD”) in 2007 as a political subdivision of the state to support coordinated revitalization, economic development, and quality-of-life improvements. The FQMD held its first Board of Commissioners meeting on January 28, 2008.

## Purpose

As a state political subdivision, FQMD supports the long-term vitality of the French Quarter in New Orleans. FQMD administers dedicated funding and coordinates supplemental services aligned with its statutory mandate, including:

- **Public Safety** – Supporting supplemental public safety services and related initiatives.
- **Quality of Life** – Addressing sanitation, homelessness, pedestrian safety, and other place-based needs.
- **Infrastructure** – Funding street lighting, street markings, and public realm improvements.
- **Economic Vitality** – Supporting business activity, tourism, and the overall health of the District.
- **Planning & Coordination** – Partnering with public agencies and community stakeholders.

FQMD’s work is supported through a combination of voter-approved sales tax revenues and public and intergovernmental funding. The District acknowledges support from the City of New Orleans, the State of Louisiana, the U.S. Department of Justice, and New Orleans & Company.

# Our Leadership



## 2025 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A thirteen member Board of Commissioners governs the FQMD. They are appointed by the following elected officials and residential and business organizations:

Mayor of New Orleans appoints two members: Joey DiFatta & TBD

New Orleans City Council member, District “C” appoints one member: Heidi Raines

Vieux Carre Property Owners, Residents & Assoc., Inc. appoints one member: Jane Cooper

Louisiana Restaurant Association, Inc. appoints one member: Christian Pendleton

Greater New Orleans Hotel and Lodging Association, Inc. appoints two members:

David Bilbe & Frank Zumbo

French Quarter Business Association appoints one member: Christine Bondio

French Quarter Business League appoints one member: Alex Fein

French Quarter Citizens, Inc. appoints one member: Glade Bilby

North Rampart Main Street, Inc. appoints one member: Sue Klein

New Orleans & Company appoints one member: Steve Caputo



David  
Bilbe



Glade  
Bilby



Christine  
Bondio  
Vice Chair



Steve  
Caputo



Jane  
Cooper  
Board Chair



Joey  
DiFatta



Alex Fein  
Treasurer



Mamie  
Gasperecz



Sue  
Klein  
Secretary



Christian  
Pendleton



Heidi  
Raines



Frank  
Zumbo

**MICHELLE  
COURSEAULT**  
EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR



**SHELBY URSU**  
COORDINATOR

# 2025 Committees

## FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Supports the Board in carrying out its statutory responsibilities for strategic planning, business and commercial development activities, and the administration of capital improvement funds,



**ALEX FEIN**  
Committee Chair

## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Advises the Board on matters related to intergovernmental coordination and legislative authority necessary to fulfill the District's purposes under LA. R.S. 25:799



**GLADE BILBY II**  
Committee Chair

## LIVABILITY COMMITTEE

Supports the Board's statutory mandate to preserve the District's architecture and charm, beautify the District's appearance, improve quality of life, and enhance commercial and residential vitality,



**MAMIE GASPERECZ**  
Committee Chair

## SECURITY & ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Advises the Board's public safety and supplemental security initiatives within the French Quarter. Reviews programs' performance, coordination with public safety partners consistent with the District's role.



**CHRISTIAN PENDLETON**  
Committee Chair



## RESILIENCE IN THE QUARTER

January 1 brought a sobering reminder of the challenges inherent in managing a district as dynamic and heavily visited as the French Quarter. This tragic incident affected our community and showcased how the French Quarter which has always been defined by its resilience. This moment reinforces our shared responsibility—to lead thoughtfully, invest responsibly, and remain focused on safety, preparedness, and collaboration as we move forward.

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## OPERATIONAL READINESS

In January 2025, a rare snowstorm in the French Quarter tested the FQMD’s operational readiness, requiring enhanced coordination in sanitation, public safety, and infrastructure monitoring to ensure the district remained safe and accessible during an unprecedented weather event.



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## GLOBAL STAGE SUPERBOWL LIX

With the world watching during Super Bowl LIX, the French Quarter stood front and center as New Orleans’ most iconic stage. National media coverage consistently highlighted the Quarter’s unique character, historic streets, and unmatched sense of place—reinforcing why this district remains a cornerstone of the city’s tourism and economic engine.

NOV 15

# Quarter for the Quarter

0.245% TAX RENEWAL

On November 15, 2025, French Quarter residents approved—by 87%—the renewal of the special sales tax supporting public safety within the French Quarter Economic Development District (FQEDD). The resulting Trust Fund is administered by the French Quarter Management District (FQMD), which provides fiscal administration, quarterly budget and expenditure reporting to the City Council, and convenes monthly meetings with City, NOPD, and Council representatives to monitor program performance.

**STREET LIGHTS**



The Quarter for the Quarter sales tax funds the repair of over 600 FQ lights

**MORE PATROLS**



The Quarter for the Quarter sales tax funds 10,500 extra patrol hours annually

**CRIME CAMERAS**



The Quarter for the Quarter sales tax funds a partnership with SafeCam NOLA

**FQ TASK FORCE APP**



The Quarter for the Quarter sales tax funds a 2-minute police response time!

# French Quarter Patrols



FQMD supports public safety in the French Quarter through a coordinated set of supplemental services designed to enhance existing enforcement resources. These include the Supplemental Police Program, which funds additional patrols by the **New Orleans Police Department**; Upper Quarter Patrols provided in partnership with the Orleans Parish **Sheriff's Office** and the **Louisiana State Police**; and a dedicated transport van to support timely processing of French Quarter arrests. FQMD also invests in force multipliers such as license plate readers, security cameras, enhanced lighting, and other technology and infrastructure tools to supplement public safety efforts and support coordination among partner agencies, consistent with the District's statutory role.

## COMPARED TO 2024

Reduction  
**24%**  
in Person Crimes

Reduction  
**36%**  
in Property Crimes



**82%**  
Solve Rate  
for Persons Crimes



# French Quarter Patrols ~NOPD

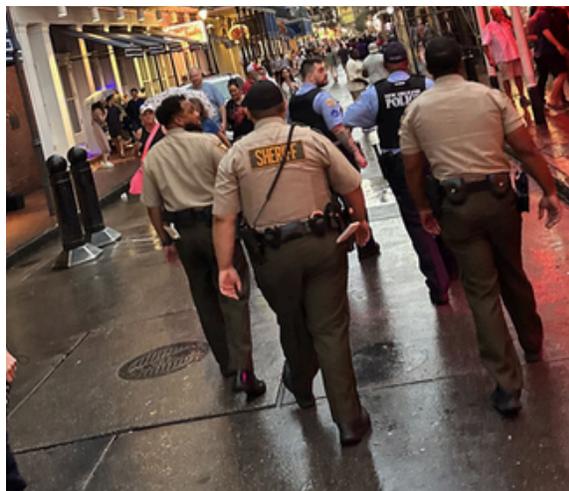
FQEDD-funded supplemental patrols enhance public safety in the French Quarter through a partnership between the French Quarter Management District and the **New Orleans Police Department**. The program provides dedicated, high-visibility coverage and is monitored through regular reporting and oversight.



Citizen Contacts	Business Checks	App Response Time	Traffic & Parking Citations	Arrests	% Shifts Worked
Monthly Average: <b>2,878</b>	Monthly Average: <b>924</b>	<b>5 mins</b>	Monthly Average: <b>20</b>	Monthly Average: <b>27</b>	<b>96%</b>
2025 Total: <b>34,531</b>	2025 Total: <b>11,087</b>	Total App Calls: <b>4,878</b>	2025 Total: <b>2,879</b>	2025 Total: <b>328</b>	



# French Quarter Patrols ~ Sheriffs



New Orleans & Company partners with FQMD to provide funding support for POST-certified **Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office** foot patrols in the Upper French Quarter, referred to as the Upper Quarter Patrols (UQP). These patrols are supplemental to existing law enforcement resources and support enhanced visibility in designated areas of the neighborhood.

Business Checks	Citizen Contacts	NOPD Assists	Traffic Violations	Arrests
Monthly Average: <b>559</b>	Monthly Average: <b>36</b>	Monthly Average: <b>82</b>	Average: <b>33</b>	Average: <b>5</b>
2025 Total: <b>6,712</b>	2025 Total: <b>427</b>	2025 Total: <b>982</b>	2025 Total: <b>393</b>	2025 Total: <b>60</b>

# Safety Force Multipliers

FQMD supports supplemental public safety through force multipliers including the Real Time Crime Center, license plate readers, NOLA SafeCam cameras, the Remove, Lock, Take program and the FQ Task Force App.

## Real Time Crime Center (RTCC)

Supports access to centralized, real-time information shared by partner agencies to enhance situational awareness and coordination during public safety activities.



## License Plate Readers (LPRs)

16 LPRs are present in the French Quarter as supplemental technology that captures vehicle information in public rights-of-way to support law-enforcement data resources consistent with applicable policies and privacy standards.



## NOLA SafeCam Cameras

A voluntary camera-registration program enabling businesses and residents to register privately owned cameras for potential law-enforcement access upon request during investigations, with nearly 100 cameras registered as of year-end.

**Remove, Lock, Take** is a vehicle-theft prevention signage program designed and funded by FQMD to encourage secure vehicle practices in the French Quarter.

Citywide crime data compiled by the Metropolitan Crime Commission show that several major categories—including homicides, shootings, armed robbery, and carjacking—remained below prior peak levels in Orleans Parish in 2025. FQMD uses this citywide information to support Board oversight and to guide its supplemental public safety coordination efforts in the French Quarter.

# French Quarter Quality of Life

Quality of life in the French Quarter is shaped by a range of interconnected factors, including cleanliness and pedestrian safety. FQMD focuses on supplemental, neighborhood efforts, in coordination with City agencies and nonprofit partners that support a safe, clean, and accessible public environment.



## Street Markings, Pedestrian Safety & Lighting

In coordination with the City of New Orleans Department of Public Works, FQMD supports street-level improvements including approved pavement markings, “State Law – Stop Here” pedestrian signage, and street lighting repairs. In 2025, FQMD inspected nearly 1,000 street lights in the French Quarter, with more than 600 repaired or replaced to improve visibility and safety.

**Homelessness** remains a visible quality-of-life issue in the French Quarter. Consistent with its statutory authority and voter-approved mandate, FQMD supports supplemental outreach and case management services delivered by partners including the Travelers Aid Society of Greater New Orleans and Covenant House New Orleans, in coordination with City-led strategies such as the Home for Good initiative implemented in 2025.



FQMD supports **waste-reduction** efforts through year-round public glass **recycling** services in the French Quarter and expanded Mardi Gras bead recycling during Carnival season, in partnership with hotels and Glass Half Full, collecting over 10,740 pounds of beads for recycling. FQMD also supported community clean-up efforts during Louisiana’s annual Love the Boot Week as part of its broader cleanliness and stewardship initiatives.

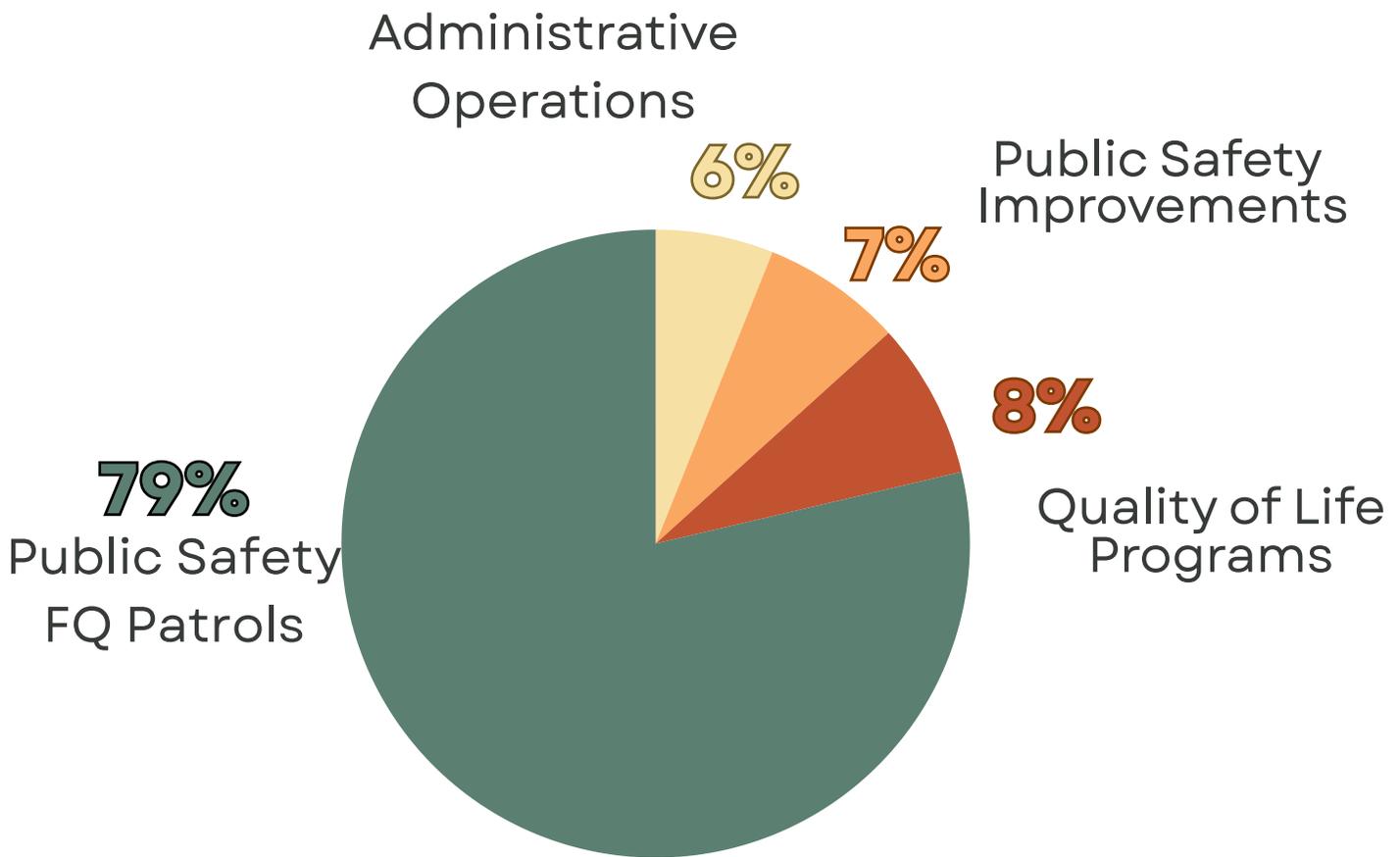


# FQMD Boundaries



# Fiscal Responsibility

FQMD's work is supported through a combination of voter-approved sales tax revenues and public and intergovernmental funding, totaling \$6,866,727 in 2025. FQMD acknowledges support from the City of New Orleans, the State of Louisiana, the U.S. Department of Justice, and New Orleans & Company.



**Operational Responsibility.** In 2025, the FQMD met all requirements for reporting to New Orleans City Council and secured Louisiana Auditor's Successful Audit Approval.





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