

Venice Police Charitable Foundation, Inc.

City Council Meeting: May 26, 2026

Mission Statement

"The mission of the Venice Police Charitable Foundation, Inc. is to support Venice Police Department employees in times of personal need, foster wellness and professional development, and community partnerships."

How the Foundation Achieves Its Mission

The Foundation accomplishes its mission by funding outreach programs such as Shop with a Cop, Blue Santa, and the Shark Tooth Fishing Tournament; supporting employee wellness and morale initiatives; providing advanced training opportunities; and meeting unique technological or equipment needs that enhance service to our community.

Board of Directors

The Foundation is governed by a volunteer board of directors composed of community leaders and law enforcement professionals committed to supporting the Venice Police Department and the community it serves.

Name	Role
Craig Marcum	President
Maryanne Kurtz	Vice President
Steve Ledbetter	Secretary
Eric Robinson	Treasurer
Shawn Singeisen	Director
Joe Rafaniello	Director
Tabitha Joyce	Director
Andrew Leisenring	Chief of Police / Ex Officio

Police Community Fund #108: Current Balances

The following table reflects the current balances within Police Community Fund #108, a City special revenue fund that has historically held charitable donations designated for the Venice Police Department.

Fund	Balance
Blue Santa	\$15,860.88
Shop with a Cop	\$6,225.93
Shark Tooth Fishing	\$13,476.86
Wellness Program	\$663.34
Classroom & Cops	\$2,178.94
Homeless Outreach	\$3,877.90
General	\$15,189.76
Interest	\$11,030.96
TOTAL	\$68,504.57

Upon adoption of Resolution 2026-11, all funds contained within Police Community Fund #108 will be transferred to the Venice Police Charitable Foundation, Inc. to further support its public purpose as outlined above.

Foundation Overview

The Venice Police Charitable Foundation, Inc. serves a public purpose by raising funds for equipment, training, and community outreach that enables the Venice Police Department to better serve the City of Venice. By establishing the Foundation as an independent nonprofit entity, charitable contributions can be managed with greater transparency and flexibility, providing community members and organizations with a clear and dedicated avenue to support public safety initiatives. The Foundation strengthens the connection between the police department and the community it serves, ensuring that donated resources are directed toward meaningful programs that benefit both officers and residents.