

Sheriff's Department \$100k Budget Cut Impacts

- **Public safety is what people pay their taxes for.**
- **A reduction of staff and equipment of any kind is going to greatly affect the service we provide the tax payers of Richland County. It will not only impact public safety but officer safety as well. That is something that Richland County cannot afford nor can we afford the liability that creates for the county.**
- \$100k cut would require a Patrol Deputy to be cut.
 - We still have not recovered the position we lost in 2009.
 - Our call volume has increased since 2009. Approximately 20% comparing 2010 to 2019.
 - We have been trying to recover this position for years.
 - Reduction in Services
 - Less time for business checks.
 - Vacant property checks.
 - Fewer officers to respond to crashes.
 - Less staff to handle Keep the Peace calls.
 - Welfare checks will be put off to handle more urgent calls.
 - Traffic assists- Funerals, Parades, School Traffic Problems, downed trees in the roadway and tow company assists.
 - Little or no time for Proactive Drug Enforcement
 - Drug Task Force unavailable to conduct investigations.
 - K-9 Rambo will be stuck in the squad while his handler is working calls. Significantly reducing his usefulness to drug enforcement.
 - Nobody available for programs such as counteract.
 - Lack of drug enforcement will lead to an increase in property crimes such as burglaries and thefts.
 - Investigator will be tied up taking calls pulling him away from important investigations.
 - Less availability to aid outside agencies who we will become more reliant on.
 - Increased Response Time
 - Fewer people for the same amount of calls.
 - Less officers spread out over greater distance.
 - Two deputies per shift will be the new normal.
 - If both deputies are on an emergency call it could take over 30 minutes to respond to additional calls.
 - If an officer is tied up on an Emergency Detention (a common occurrence) we have to call in deputies on overtime to cover. Or risk not having the county adequately protected.

- Increased Reliance on surrounding agencies.
 - If we have to pull an officer from another agency that also increases response time.
 - Other agencies don't know their way around our county.
 - They don't know our people.
 - The surrounding agency is short on coverage for the period of time that we need them.
 - They may not have anybody available or they are 45+ minutes away.
- Injured Deputies
 - We have at least one deputy on leave for a period of time each year for on duty related injuries.
 - With one less Deputy we have less people to cover the vacancy this creates in the schedule.
 - With less people to cover the schedule we are doing more with less people. This could increase the likelihood of on duty injuries.
- Overtime
 - What we would be saving in wages could be a wash.
 - With 1 person short on the schedule we could see an increase of up to \$50k in overtime.
 - If we have somebody get injured which happens often enough, it could increase that significantly depending on duration. Up to and possibly over \$93k.
 - We have a young department with young and growing families. Family Leave will cause more overtime.
- Losing a staff member only covers a portion of the proposed \$100k, approximately \$84k with wages and benefits.
 - Remaining money would have to come from equipment.
 - The inability to replace equipment is going to cost us more in maintenance.
 - We always have equipment needs arise throughout the year. Things Break, fail or just simply wear out.
 - We don't have a surplus of equipment. What we have, we use and some of it is getting old.
 - Our portable radios are old. They were discontinued models when we bought them used to save money. Who knows how long they will last.