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SUBJ: Enhanced Law Enforcement Services Contract

Beginning on 02-01-2008, the City of Crystal River and the Citrus County Sheriff's Office entered into a contract to provide enhanced law enforcement services. The City of Inverness was already benefitting from a similar contract, which began in 2004. The original annual contract price in 2008 was for \$1,206,708.00. This contract consisted of 10 sworn deputies and one sworn community resource officer. It required two deputies to be working at all times assigned the City of Crystal River 24/7. Not detailed in the contract was the retention of two full-time clerical positions located at Crystal River City Hall as well as a full-time detective position also located in City Hall.

Throughout the years, modifications were made concerning personnel, as an example in 2013, contracted services covered 8 deputies, 1 CRO, 1 detective, 2 P/T PSO's, and 2 full time record clerks. In following contracted periods the 2 full time record clerks went to 1 full and 1 part-time clerk, now down to one full-time. The deputies dropped from 8 to 6 during this same period. In the 2019-2020 contract, a Marine Deputy (CRO) was added to the contract.

The newest contractual period covering 2021-2022, the cost is \$1,028,691.00. This is still 15% lower than the original contract in 2008, and taking into consideration the rate of inflation during this period is 25.3%, (<https://www.in2013dollars.com/us/inflation/2008?amount=1>), the contractual costs are certainly reasonable. The cost of living index however does not cover FRS rate increases, insurance premiums, etc., required to run organizations.

Currently the 2021-2022 contract is a 3.53% increase from the previous year. In perspective, CCSO's entire budget presented to the County is a 4.37% increase and the enhanced services contract for the City of Inverness is a 4.46% increase. Merit pay, FRS rates, and equipment costs all are associated with this increase. The .93% difference between the City of Crystal River and the City of Inverness is due to personnel assigned to positions. (Fischer/Sudlow swap)

As mentioned before, there is always a unit assigned to the City of Crystal River. Even if those assigned units are sick/injured or on vacation, we pull from other resources to ensure enhanced services are always provided because this truly is a contract for services.

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