

Response to Questions on the FY 2005 Advertised Budget Plan

Request By: Chairman Connolly

Question: The Office of the Sheriff sends deputies to traffic courts in the towns of Herndon and Vienna, and the City of Fairfax. Please identify the cost to Fairfax County to staff these traffic courts, as well as the amount, if any, that these jurisdictions contribute to alleviate the costs.

Response: The Sheriff's Office has responsibility for the security and operation of three outlying traffic courts: Fairfax City, Town of Herndon and Town of Vienna. Since the towns of Herndon and Vienna are considered parts of Fairfax County, they do not reimburse the County for jail space or court/civil enforcement operations and services. Fairfax City reimburses the County both for jail space and for non-detention services, as outlined in the City-County Contract for governmental services. Non-detention services are reimbursed to the County based on Fairfax City's population as a percentage of the population served.

Total expenditures at each court location in FY 2004 include deploying 3 deputies and 2 MVM security guards, for total annual operating costs at three locations of \$172,972:

Vienna (operates 1 day per week for 5 hours per day)	\$45,680
Herndon (operates 1 day per week for 8 hours per day)	\$58,726
Fairfax City (operates 2 days per week for 4 hours per day)	\$68,566

TOTAL OPERATING COSTS: \$172,972

The FY 2004 Fairfax City annual billing under the City-County contract of \$342,000 for non-detention services assumes the reimbursement the costs indicated above, plus the Fairfax City share of other Office of Sheriff administrative and general district court services (operating out of the Jennings Judicial Center).