

Response to Questions on the FY 2006 Advertised Budget Plan

Request By: Supervisor Kauffman

Question: Please explain why requested funding in the Police Department's FY 2006 budget for the implementation of additional DWI sobriety checkpoints throughout the County was not funded in the FY 2006 Advertised Budget Plan.

Response: In its FY 2006 budget submission, the Police Department requested funding of \$46,440 to support overtime expenses associated with conducting 26 additional sobriety checkpoints throughout the County. The requested funding would enable the Police Department to conduct one sobriety checkpoint per week in FY 2006. While the FY 2006 Advertised Budget Plan does not include funding specifically for the additional sobriety checkpoints, it does include an increase of \$584,043 for additional overtime associated with the Police Department's homeland security and gang enforcement efforts. This new funding provides for an additional 1,750 hours of overtime for each district station. Also included in the FY 2006 Advertised Budget Plan is an increase of \$881,750 for an additional hour of guaranteed court overtime pay. In total, the Police Department's overtime budget as recommended in the FY 2006 Advertised Budget Plan is \$17,052,103, which is an increase of \$2,272,995, or 15.4 percent over the *FY 2005 Revised Budget* level. Given the magnitude and recommended increases in the Police Department's FY 2006 overtime budget, funding of \$46,440 was not specifically allocated for the additional checkpoints as it is believed that the Department has adequate flexibility in its overtime budget if it wishes to conduct such activities.