

## Response to Questions on the FY 2009 Advertised Budget Plan

**Request By:** Supervisor Hudgins

**Question:** Provide breakdown of 475 public safety positions added since FY 2001 by agency.

**Response:** From the FY 2001 Adopted Budget Plan to the FY 2008 Adopted Budget Plan, positions in the Public Safety program area have increased by 475. The growth levels by agency are as follows:

<b>Growth in Public Safety Positions FY 2001 - FY 2008</b>			
	<b>FY 2001</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>Inc/(Dec)</b>
Land Development Services	165	150	(15)
Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court	305	312	7
Police Department <sup>1</sup>	1,556	1,750	194
Office of the Sheriff	386	437	51
Fire and Rescue Department	1,263	1,484	221
Office of Emergency Management <sup>1</sup>	5	15	10
Department of Public Safety Communications <sup>1</sup>	153	160	7
	<b>3,833</b>	<b>4,308</b>	<b>475</b>

<sup>1</sup> In order to most accurately reflect the growth levels for each agency, the FY 2001 position count includes subsequent reallocations between public safety agencies, including the transfer of 19 positions from the Department of Animal Control to the Police Department in FY 2003, as well as the transfer of five positions from the Police Department for the creation of the Office of Emergency Management in FY 2005, and 153 positions from the Police Department for the creation of the Department of Public Safety Communications in FY 2006.

Of the positions added in the Police Department, 138 positions, including 20 School Resource Officers, were the result of the conversion of grant positions from the COPS Universal Hiring Program, COPS More, and COPS in Schools grants from FY 2001 through FY 2007. Each of these grants funded a portion of the expenses related to these positions, with the County funding the full cost of the positions after the third and final year of each grant. Also, during this timeframe, 25 positions were added for the new Sully District Police Station in FY 2003, 32 additional Patrol positions were added in FY 2006 and FY 2007, and 5 positions were added for the McConnell Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center (MPSTOC) in FY 2008 to support the new forensics facility. Other adjustments totaling a net reduction of 6 positions also occurred, bringing the total number of positions added for the agency to 194.

In the Office of the Sheriff, of the net 51 positions added from FY 2001 to FY 2008, most were the result of increased staffing levels in the Adult Detention Center, including the addition of 37 positions in FY 2003, 18 positions in FY 2005, and 11 positions in FY 2006. A net reduction of 2 positions occurred due to the movement of positions within the agency between program areas (from the agency's public safety to judicial administration function) and an additional reduction of 13 positions was primarily the result of the privatization of ADC food services in FY 2004.

The Fire and Rescue Department experienced an increase of 221 positions during the timeframe. A full-time Hazardous Materials Unit was added in FY 2003 with 23 positions, 74 positions were added for the new Crosspointe and Fairfax Center Fire Stations from FY 2004 through FY 2006, and 67 positions were added for ALS and EMS Infrastructure staffing in FY 2005 and FY 2006. In FY 2007, 32 positions were added for a Safe Staffing Initiative to add a fourth person to each of the department's rescue companies and 8 positions were added for the creation of a 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion to ensure appropriate oversight and management of field personnel. Most recently, in FY 2008, 4 positions were added for the MPSTOC for additional Uniformed Fire Officers to provide technical support to dispatchers, coordinate response efforts, and communicate to fire personnel during events. Other adjustments totaling a net increase of 13 positions also occurred during this timeframe.