



# OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

## CONSOLIDATED CITY OF JACKSONVILLE DUVAL COUNTY

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September 28, 2016

### STATEMENT FROM THE SHERIFF REGARDING THE FY 2016-17 BUDGET

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Mayor and the City Council, and their staffs for the thoughtful and deliberate work they have done with me and the JSO leadership team in recent months, which resulted in the passage of the FY 2016-17 budget.

A couple of points to cover:

- Our request for 40 police officers and 40 community service officers was approved. This means that in the past two budget cycles we have almost completely restored the CSO program, and gone a long way in addressing the critical shortage of officers on our streets. These 80 “new” officers are a significant addition, as our attrition rate has increased, requiring us to fill 200+ police positions over a 20 month period.
  - More officers, in the right place, properly trained and expertly supervised DOES equal less crime. You will continue to see more police officers in the neighborhoods, and their deployment is driven by the crime data we collect.
  - We are working to get on par with comparable law enforcement agencies around the country, and greatly appreciate the support from the city in the past two cycles to improve police service.
- The upcoming body camera pilot program. As I have stated previously, we are committed to this advancement but first need to study the devices and their uses, which will begin in the spring of 2017.
  - I anticipate about 300-500 officers being outfitted with devices from various manufacturers.
  - Results of this testing, along with our other research, will be performed and we will take what we learn and go back to the Council to begin the process of planning for the next budget cycle. Procurement will follow the normal process, when the programs’ needs are determined.
  - Implementation will include data storage and the needed infrastructure to address records retention and release, as well as maintenance and software.
  - The pilot program for body cameras has NO impact on the upcoming budget cycle.

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### Sheriff Williams' Comment on FY16-17 Budget (Continued)

- We continue to focus on our infrastructure, with the Council's approval of the needed upgrades to the CAD (communications) system and our fingerprinting system. These were end of life.
- In an unrelated activity, the Department of Justice yesterday issued a grant to the JSO. It is called the SAKI grant, short for Sexual Assault Kit Initiative. It was for \$672,284
  - This augments the previous grants (DANY and 2015 SAKI) and ensures that:
    - Rape kit testing for any kits currently in our evidence room will be done
    - A new evidence tracking system will be implemented
    - A full time project coordinator will be hired
    - Renovation of the property and evidence facility
    - Investigative travel and equipment to assist with investigations and the digitization of files.

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