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Highlights of the Proposed JSO Budget for 2018-19

JACKSONVILLE, FL (July 23, 2018) – Members of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office attended Mayor Lenny Curry's presentation today to City Council for the 2018-19 budget year. Mayor Curry remains steadfast in his pledge to make public safety a top priority.

A central highlight of the JSO FY2019 budget request reflects Sheriff Williams' continued commitment to utilize cutting-edge technology to further its mission to reduce violent crime. In the past year, JSO deployed both the *ShotSpotter®* and the *National Integrated Ballistic Information Network* (NIBIN) systems as essential tools in this effort. Currently, JSO is in the process of implementing a **Real-Time Crime Center** (RTCC) through a pilot program partnership with Motorola. This center will incorporate data from multiple technological systems including *ShotSpotter®*, the new *Computer Aided Dispatch* (CAD) and Motorola's *Command Central Aware* solution to provide officers invaluable data, both in the field and during follow-up investigations. This system will provide integrated voice, data and video criminal intelligence to responding officers and investigators. The budgetary request for the initial year of the RTCC is estimated at \$1,625,000. The FY2019 Budget Request also includes funding for four new Safety Analysts positions totaling \$283,523, comprised of one supervisor and three analysts. These positions will be dedicated to monitoring the RTCC programs and providing real-time information to officers in the field. The RTCC will operate out of the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) facility further demonstrating JSO's expansive partnerships at the state-wide level.

There are no new police officer positions requested in the proposed FY2019 budget, however JSO is funding 20 officers that were not funded last year. Since taking office in 2015, Sheriff Williams has made addressing staffing a top priority initiative. The officer cap was raised by 100 in 2018, however only 80 positions were funded due to training capacity.. JSO's budget request seeks to fund the remaining 20 officers for the first time this year.

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It should be noted that an approximate \$24 million of the proposed budget will be dedicated to raises and benefits negotiated by the Mayor's Office through the collective bargaining process.

The JSO applauds Mayor's Curry's budget priorities which highlight the importance funding of public safety. Sheriff Williams expressed that he is "looking forward to working closely with City Council to uphold the shared commitment to keeping every neighborhood in Jacksonville safe."

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