
Sponsor: Sheriff's Office

Meeting Date: 12/21/2021

Title: Agreements with the Cities of Arden Hills, Falcon Heights, Little Canada, North Oaks, Shoreview, Vadnais Heights, and the Township of White Bear for Law Enforcement Services and a Personnel Complement Increase

File Number: 2021-689

Background and Rationale:

The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office has historically entered into agreements with municipalities within Ramsey County for the provision of law enforcement and public safety services, including patrol, investigations, crime prevention, community outreach, and animal control.

Contracting law enforcement and public safety services with the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office provides many advantages. These advantages include cost savings by sharing personnel and resources. Overall operating costs are controlled by sharing personnel, supervision, administrative functions, facilities, vehicles, equipment, and training among the municipalities. Since 1958, this cooperative model has demonstrated how sharing services among municipalities can achieve effective, efficient, and economical law enforcement and public safety services.

Currently, the cities of Arden Hills, Falcon Heights, Little Canada, North Oaks, Shoreview, Vadnais Heights, and the Township of White Bear, also known as the "Contract Communities," have agreements with the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement and public safety services within the geographical boundaries of each municipality. The current agreements will expire on December 31, 2021 with no renewal options. The Contract Communities and the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office are recommending new agreements and are proud of our ability to work closely together to achieve the shared goal of community safety in the suburban communities of Ramsey County.

As part of the new agreements, the Contract Communities have approved a 1.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) Deputy Sheriff - Commander position starting January 1, 2022. This position will enhance the divisional leadership team and focus on technology and communications.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve the Law Enforcement Services Agreements with the cities of Arden Hills, Falcon Heights, Little Canada, North Oaks, Shoreview, Vadnais Heights, and the Township of White Bear for law enforcement and public safety services, in accordance with the Agreements.
2. Approve an increase in the personnel complement of the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office Contract Communities by 1.0 Full-Time Equivalent Deputy Sheriff - Commander.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Agreements.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner MatasCastillo, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt.

Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

By: Mee Cheng
Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board