



CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER BUDGET ISSUES

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FOUR MAJOR CHALLENGES

- “Position gap” is widening
- Professional development and retention programs only partially funded, leaving “haves” and “have nots”
- 2002-03 reimbursement reductions never restored (\$21 million)
- Budget Bill cuts Comp Board staff by 20%



THESE OFFICES ARE 1,753 POSITIONS SHORT

Office	Authorized	Positions short	% of shortfall
Sheriffs & regional jails	11,667	831	7.1%
Commonwealth's Attorneys	1,266	167	13.2%
Circuit Court Clerks	1,144	227	19.8%
Treasurers	861	161	18.7%
Finance Directors	363	3	1.0%
Commissioners of the Revenue	846	362	42.9%
TOTALS	16,167	1,753	10.8%



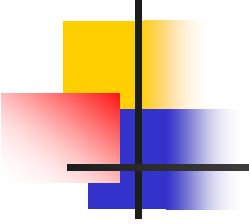
SHERIFFS' OFFICES POSITION SHORTFALL

- Law enforcement deputies 41
- Court services 86
- Jail medical/treatment 356
- Administrative 77
- Dispatchers 27
- Emergency corrections 244
- TOTAL 831 positions



COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEYS

- General Assembly undertook to address over three years
- Only partially fulfilled
- 63 Assistant Commonwealth's Attorneys short
- 104 support staff



MASTER DEPUTY/CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

- Enacted to promote professional development, enhance retention
- Sheriffs, Commonwealth's attorneys, treasurers, commissioners
- Underfunding means there are "haves" and "have nots" – deputies with same achievements are treated differently



QUALIFIED BUT UNFUNDED

- Hundreds of deputies affected
- Deputy sheriffs/jail officers in 9 sheriffs' offices, 4 regional jails
- 23 Assistant Commonwealth's attorneys
- 14 treasurers, 58 deputies
- 18 commissioners, 117 deputies
- Commissioners and deputies likely to see actual salary cut



POSITION SHORTFALLS ARE EXTREME IN MANY OFFICES

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- Small, rural counties often hit hardest
- Treasurer 189.24% (5 positions in office – 15 required)
- Clerk 45.22%
- Commissioner 41.26%
- Sheriff 8.61%



SUBSTANTIAL NEEDS

- Chesapeake Clerk 38.79%
- Henrico Sheriff 25.21% (6.3 short)
- Chesapeake Treasurer 31.68%
- Fairfax Comm Atty 23.74% (almost 6 positions short)
- Va Beach Commissioner 69.42% (24.3 positions short)



SUBSTANTIAL NEEDS

- Surry Clerk 64.10% (highest in state)
- Portsmouth Sheriff 85.86%
- Isle of Wight Commissioner 53.59%
- Portsmouth Treasurer 58.83%
- Suffolk Sheriff 60.50%
- Portsmouth Commissioner 55.94%
- Suffolk Clerk 36.43%



SUBSTANTIAL NEEDS

- Martinsville Sheriff 53.38%
- Carroll Clerk 46.92%
- Floyd Treasurer 39.96%
- Grayson Clerk 37.90%
- Henry Comm Atty 21.51%
- Patrick Comm Atty 20.58%
- Carroll Commissioner 48.92%



REIMBURSEMENTS CUT, BECOME BUDGET REDUCTIONS

- Budget reductions of 2002-04
- Clerks 19%
- Treasurers 19%
- Commissioners 19%
- Sheriffs 5%
- Commonwealth's Attorneys 15%, later reduced to 5%
- Some restorations for sheriffs, CA's



2003-04 CONST OFFICE BUDGET CUTS THAT REMAIN UNRESTORED

OFFICE	REDUCTION	COMMENTS
Sheriffs/Regional Jails	(3,461,635)	Office expense elimination. An additional cut of \$13 million, taken from jail per diems to avoid job cuts, was restored in FY05
Commonwealth's Attorneys	(4,203,676)	The initial reduction in these offices was \$5.3 million. A total of \$1.1 million was restored through action at the 2004 Veto Session
Circuit Court Clerks	(5,783,514)	Actual reductions are almost \$6.3 million, but \$1.5 million has been transferred annually from the Technology Trust Fund to offset GF budget reductions
Treasurers/Finance Directors	(4,426,616)	No restorations made
Commissioners of the Revenue	(3,338,627)	No restorations made
TOTAL UNRESTORED REDUCTIONS	(21,214,068)	