

## **January 26, 2010 Comments to the Senate Finance General Government Subcommittee**

Mr. Chairman and the members of the Subcommittee:

Thank you for the opportunity to represent Virginia Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs and to discuss with you for a moment the impact of the introduced budget on sheriff's offices and public safety across Virginia.

My comments will be broken into two categories: Policy Changes and Budget Reductions.

### **Policy Changes**

#### **I. Law Enforcement Staffing Standards**

As you recall, the Virginia sheriffs and members of the Virginia General Assembly worked long and hard to move the law enforcement staffing standards from 1 to 2,000 to 1 to 1,500; and it became a reality and had been fully funded until recently. The introduced budget moves the staffing back to 1 to 2,000 and reduces the law enforcement deputy sheriff staffing standards in every county in which sheriff's provide law enforcement from 1 to 1,500 deputies to 1 to 2,000.

#### **II. Policy change in the rate of reimbursement for local jails**

While there is a reduction in per diem, the introduced budget changes the rate from \$8 per day to \$4 per day and implements similar changes for state responsible inmates.

Mr. Chairman, if it is necessary to reduce the funding, the sheriffs recommend that the funding be removed from the fourth quarter, but the reimbursement rate not be changed.

#### **III. Movement of the Compensation Board from Secretary of Administration to the Secretary of Public Safety**

Mr. Chairman, the Compensation Board is one of the most well-run and efficient organizations in state government. They provide significant services to the Constitutional officers, including sheriffs. The local inmate data system, the career development program, the jail cost report, the

Tuesday report, the mental health reports, and the jail canteen audit information are just a few checks-and-balances provided by the Comp Board as a service to the General Assembly, the public, and the sheriffs. The Virginia Sheriffs' Association believes that the Comp Board should remain with the Secretary of Administration.

### **Budget Reductions**

In the category of budget reductions, the attached list indicates deputy sheriff positions abolished. As you can see from the bottom line, Mr. Chairman, the list indicates that there will be 1,490 positions removed from sheriff offices. This represents a reduction and across the board services that sheriffs provide in jails, courts, civil process, mental health transport, and law enforcement. Mr. Chairman, law enforcement was hit particularly hard with the highest percentage reduction in Spotsylvania County, at 30%.

If these reductions are allowed to be implemented, response times will decrease, the jails will be a more dangerous place for deputies and inmates, and the court systems pace, both criminal and civil, will be adversely affected. Reductions to the sheriffs' budget include:

- I. Include retirement and group life premiums abolished, slightly more than \$4 million (HB 29)**
- II. Jail per diem reduced at approximately \$20 million per year (HB 30)**
- III. An across the board 9% reduction to sheriff offices in the Budget Bill total almost \$29 million per year (HB 30)**
- IV. The one deputy sheriff per 2,000 reductions is \$12.6 million the first year and slightly over \$12 million the second year (HB 30)**
- V. The career development programs for sheriff's and deputies was abolished at nearly \$3 million per year (HB 30)**
- VI. Retirement and group life insurance premiums for sheriffs and their staff at 17 million per year (HB 30)**
- VII. Liability insurance for sheriffs at \$400,000 per year (HB 30)**

**VIII. Local Inmate Data Systems (LIDS) funding for sheriff's offices was reduced at \$102, 000 per year (HB 30)**

Mr. Chairman, the staff of the Virginia Sheriffs' Association is working with members of the General Assembly and with your staff and we look forward to addressing these critical concerns for public safety in Virginia.

We sincerely request that you join us in recognizing public safety as a core service that should be protected to the extent possible.

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Sheriffs Regional Jail Estimated FTE Loss based on Budget Bill Across-the-board And Law Enforcement Reductions

CC	Locality	Average Staff Salary w/ Fringes	Across-the-Board Reductions	Estimated FTE Loss	Law Enf (LE) Reductions	Estimated LE FTE Loss	Combined FTE loss ATB & LE Reductions
001	Accomack	35,762	(237,634)	(6.64)	(202,048)	(6.00)	(12.64)
003	Albemarle	43,775	(60,947)	(1.39)	-	-	(1.39)
005	Alleghany/Covington	42,092	(189,256)	(4.50)	(101,024)	(3.00)	(7.50)
007	Amelia	38,664	(57,557)	(1.49)	(67,349)	(2.00)	(3.49)
009	Amherst	39,930	(223,910)	(5.61)	(168,374)	(5.00)	(10.61)
011	Appomattox	40,265	(113,708)	(2.82)	(67,349)	(2.00)	(4.82)
013	Arlington	35,884	(738,098)	(20.57)	-	-	(20.57)
015	Augusta	39,602	(261,680)	(6.61)	(370,422)	(11.00)	(17.61)
017	Bath	38,199	(36,655)	(0.96)	-	-	(0.96)
019	Bedford/Bedford City	39,144	(237,991)	(6.08)	(303,073)	(9.00)	(15.08)
021	Bland	34,897	(35,520)	(1.02)	-	-	(1.02)
023	Botetourt	39,871	(330,444)	(8.29)	(168,374)	(5.00)	(13.29)
025	Brunswick	36,989	(127,382)	(3.44)	(101,024)	(3.00)	(6.44)
027	Buchanan	41,552	(123,031)	(2.96)	(168,374)	(5.00)	(7.96)
029	Buckingham	36,586	(65,545)	(1.79)	(67,349)	(2.00)	(3.79)
031	Campbell	42,273	(211,520)	(5.00)	(269,398)	(8.00)	(13.00)
033	Caroline	36,864	(102,834)	(2.79)	(67,349)	(2.00)	(4.79)
035	Carroll/Galax	40,896	(120,054)	(2.94)	(134,699)	(4.00)	(6.94)
036	Charles City	34,221	(34,623)	(1.01)	-	-	(1.01)
037	Charlotte	37,705	(109,208)	(2.90)	(67,349)	(2.00)	(4.90)
041	Chesterfield	38,150	(509,882)	(13.37)	-	-	(13.37)
043	Clarke	37,792	(62,237)	(1.65)	(67,349)	(2.00)	(3.65)
045	Craig	35,880	(32,050)	(0.89)	-	-	(0.89)
047	Culpeper	36,166	(256,024)	(7.08)	(134,699)	(4.00)	(11.08)
049	Cumberland	36,302	(40,089)	(1.10)	(67,349)	(2.00)	(3.10)
051	Dickenson	36,469	(78,580)	(2.15)	(67,349)	(2.00)	(4.15)
053	Dinwiddie	39,472	(171,713)	(4.35)	(134,699)	(4.00)	(8.35)
057	Essex	35,993	(45,231)	(1.26)	(33,675)	(1.00)	(2.26)
059	Fairfax/Fairfax City	30,861	(1,435,122)	(46.50)	-	-	(46.50)
061	Fauquier	38,974	(341,423)	(8.76)	(303,073)	(9.00)	(17.76)
063	Floyd	35,531	(55,783)	(1.57)	(67,349)	(2.00)	(3.57)
065	Fluvanna	35,943	(82,806)	(2.30)	(101,024)	(3.00)	(5.30)
067	Franklin	40,150	(286,018)	(7.12)	(303,073)	(9.00)	(16.12)
069	Frederick	38,107	(234,115)	(6.14)	(269,398)	(8.00)	(14.14)
071	Giles	41,889	(79,828)	(1.91)	(67,349)	(2.00)	(3.91)
073	Gloucester	36,680	(231,061)	(6.30)	(168,374)	(5.00)	(11.30)
075	Goochland	35,400	(73,635)	(2.08)	(67,349)	(2.00)	(4.08)
077	Grayson/Galax	42,598	(79,780)	(1.87)	(67,349)	(2.00)	(3.87)
079	Greene	37,212	(68,834)	(1.85)	(67,349)	(2.00)	(3.85)
081	Greensville	37,147	(57,738)	(1.55)	(67,349)	(2.00)	(3.55)
083	Halifax	37,415	(144,516)	(3.86)	(168,374)	(5.00)	(8.86)
085	Hanover	41,851	(332,422)	(7.94)	(471,446)	(14.00)	(21.94)
087	Henrico	37,097	(1,180,885)	(31.83)	-	-	(31.83)
089	Henry	42,366	(434,720)	(10.26)	(303,073)	(9.00)	(19.26)
091	Highland	34,833	(32,243)	(0.93)	-	-	(0.93)
093	Isle of Wight	37,526	(107,697)	(2.87)	(134,699)	(4.00)	(6.87)
095	James City/Williamsburg	42,058	(59,644)	(1.42)	-	-	(1.42)
097	King and Queen	35,146	(31,961)	(0.91)	-	-	(0.91)
099	King George	39,269	(81,883)	(2.09)	(67,349)	(2.00)	(4.09)
101	King William	37,155	(52,997)	(1.43)	(33,675)	(1.00)	(2.43)
103	Lancaster	41,470	(105,680)	(2.55)	(67,349)	(2.00)	(4.55)
105	Lee	40,248	(125,425)	(3.12)	(168,374)	(5.00)	(8.12)
107	Loudoun	31,027	(1,098,234)	(35.40)	(639,820)	(19.00)	(54.40)
109	Louisa	38,994	(112,992)	(2.90)	(101,024)	(3.00)	(5.90)
111	Lunenburg	38,051	(55,319)	(1.45)	(67,349)	(2.00)	(3.45)
113	Madison	37,581	(54,899)	(1.46)	(67,349)	(2.00)	(3.46)
115	Mathews	35,351	(42,744)	(1.21)	(67,349)	(2.00)	(3.21)

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117	Mecklenburg	39,460	(286,404)	(7.26)	(168,374)	(5.00)	(12.26)
119	Middlesex	37,236	(50,446)	(1.35)	(33,675)	(1.00)	(2.35)
121	Montgomery	38,379	(386,274)	(10.06)	(370,422)	(11.00)	(21.06)
125	Nelson	41,340	(63,860)	(1.54)	(33,675)	(1.00)	(2.54)
127	New Kent	40,476	(71,718)	(1.77)	(67,349)	(2.00)	(3.77)
131	Northampton	36,996	(270,893)	(7.32)	(67,349)	(2.00)	(9.32)
133	Northumberland	35,785	(56,654)	(1.58)	(67,349)	(2.00)	(3.58)
135	Nottoway	35,882	(65,125)	(1.81)	(101,024)	(3.00)	(4.81)
137	Orange	40,190	(113,405)	(2.82)	(101,024)	(3.00)	(5.82)
139	Page	40,565	(178,411)	(4.40)	(134,699)	(4.00)	(8.40)
141	Patrick	39,359	(124,472)	(3.16)	(101,024)	(3.00)	(6.16)
143	Pittsylvania	39,719	(412,715)	(10.39)	(303,073)	(9.00)	(19.39)
145	Powhatan	40,143	(100,743)	(2.51)	(134,699)	(4.00)	(6.51)
147	Prince Edward	36,966	(88,370)	(2.39)	(101,024)	(3.00)	(5.39)
149	Prince George	46,441	(45,678)	(0.98)	-	-	(0.98)
153	Prince William/Man/Man Pk	44,599	(153,424)	(3.44)	-	-	(3.44)
155	Pulaski	38,766	(164,315)	(4.24)	(168,374)	(5.00)	(9.24)
157	Rappahannock	37,390	(71,058)	(1.90)	-	-	(1.90)
159	Richmond	35,485	(46,934)	(1.32)	(67,349)	(2.00)	(3.32)
161	Roanoke	35,142	(254,743)	(7.25)	-	-	(7.25)
163	Rockbridge/Lexington	41,433	(99,122)	(2.39)	(134,699)	(4.00)	(6.39)
165	Rockingham/Harrisonburg	39,813	(590,076)	(14.82)	(336,747)	(10.00)	(24.82)
167	Russell	41,248	(125,110)	(3.03)	(168,374)	(5.00)	(8.03)
169	Scott	43,928	(111,433)	(2.54)	(101,024)	(3.00)	(5.54)
171	Shenandoah	37,832	(229,531)	(6.07)	(202,048)	(6.00)	(12.07)
173	Smyth	42,240	(146,044)	(3.46)	(202,048)	(6.00)	(9.46)
175	Southampton/Franklin	36,631	(262,670)	(7.17)	(67,349)	(2.00)	(9.17)
177	Spotsylvania	36,370	(337,767)	(9.29)	(572,471)	(17.00)	(26.29)
179	Stafford	38,723	(384,032)	(9.92)	(572,471)	(17.00)	(26.92)
181	Surry	35,800	(31,103)	(0.87)	-	-	(0.87)
183	Sussex	38,036	(112,246)	(2.95)	(33,675)	(1.00)	(3.95)
185	Tazewell	37,506	(165,636)	(4.42)	(202,048)	(6.00)	(10.42)
187	Warren	35,659	(243,962)	(6.84)	(168,374)	(5.00)	(11.84)
191	Washington	41,847	(209,965)	(5.02)	(269,398)	(8.00)	(13.02)
193	Westmoreland	38,185	(79,522)	(2.08)	(101,024)	(3.00)	(5.08)
195	Wise	41,307	(197,247)	(4.78)	(235,723)	(7.00)	(11.78)
197	Wythe	40,444	(123,747)	(3.06)	(134,699)	(4.00)	(7.06)
199	York/Poquoson	41,820	(244,283)	(5.84)	(336,747)	(10.00)	(15.84)
405	Albe/Charlottesville Reg JI	37,360	(437,255)	(11.70)	-	-	(11.70)
410	Northwestern Reg JI	35,659	(543,949)	(15.25)	-	-	(15.25)
415	Henrico Reg Jail	-	-	-	-	-	-
420	Middle Peninsula Reg	35,220	(177,598)	(5.04)	-	-	(5.04)
425	Central VA Reg Jail	36,604	(176,555)	(4.82)	-	-	(4.82)
430	Piedmont Reg Jail	35,486	(227,926)	(6.42)	-	-	(6.42)
435	Pr Wm/Man Reg Jail	37,033	(884,513)	(23.88)	-	-	(23.88)
440	Northern Neck Reg JI	38,220	(140,116)	(3.67)	-	-	(3.67)
445	Rockbridge Area Reg	39,392	(137,806)	(3.50)	-	-	(3.50)
450	Rappahannock Sec Ctr	33,422	(814,920)	(24.38)	-	-	(24.38)
455	Western Tidewater Reg	36,847	(484,678)	(13.15)	-	-	(13.15)
460	Pamunkey Reg Jail	34,280	(371,084)	(10.83)	-	-	(10.83)
465	Riverside Reg Jail	23,787	(1,149,454)	(48.32)	-	-	(48.32)
470	VA Peninsula Reg JI	37,977	(417,124)	(10.98)	-	-	(10.98)
475	Hampton Rds Reg JI	34,994	(1,015,093)	(29.01)	-	-	(29.01)
480	New River Regional Jail	17,056	(561,978)	(32.95)	-	-	(32.95)
485	Blue Ridge Regional Jail	35,763	(930,405)	(26.02)	-	-	(26.02)
490	Peumansend Creek Reg JI	36,107	(368,890)	(10.22)	-	-	(10.22)
491	Southside Regional Jail	34,894	(163,494)	(4.69)	-	-	(4.69)

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492	Southwest Regional Jail	35,124	(1,053,228)	(29.99)	-	-	(29.99)
493	Middle River Regional Jail	35,703	(483,049)	(13.53)	-	-	(13.53)
494	Western Virginia Regional Jail	34,630	(639,613)	(18.47)	-	-	(18.47)
510	Alexandria	37,915	(473,756)	(12.50)	-	-	(12.50)
520	Bristol	36,206	(157,159)	(4.34)	-	-	(4.34)
530	Buena Vista	34,670	(6,408)	(0.18)	-	-	(0.18)
540	Charlottesville	36,596	(28,687)	(0.78)	-	-	(0.78)
550	Chesapeake	36,261	(867,306)	(23.92)	-	-	(23.92)
560	Clifton Forge						-
570	Colonial Heights	38,146	(19,267)	(0.51)	-	-	(0.51)
590	Danville	39,229	(286,933)	(7.31)	-	-	(7.31)
595	Emporia	35,393	(6,127)	(0.17)	-	-	(0.17)
610	Falls Church	38,061	(5,098)	(0.13)	-	-	(0.13)
630	Fredericksburg	39,035	(40,718)	(1.04)	-	-	(1.04)
650	Hampton	36,797	(648,321)	(17.62)	-	-	(17.62)
670	Hopewell	41,686	(23,620)	(0.57)	-	-	(0.57)
680	Lynchburg	49,429	(111,639)	(2.26)	-	-	(2.26)
690	Martinsville	37,317	(169,204)	(4.53)	-	-	(4.53)
700	Newport News	35,844	(718,149)	(20.04)	-	-	(20.04)
710	Norfolk	34,912	(1,586,455)	(45.44)	-	-	(45.44)
720	Norton	40,763	(6,414)	(0.16)	-	-	(0.16)
730	Petersburg	36,664	(324,442)	(8.85)	-	-	(8.85)
740	Portsmouth	38,947	(589,597)	(15.14)	-	-	(15.14)
750	Radford	39,941	(19,002)	(0.48)	-	-	(0.48)
760	Richmond	37,578	(1,663,083)	(44.26)	-	-	(44.26)
770	Roanoke	36,956	(736,718)	(19.94)	-	-	(19.94)
775	Salem	41,947	(30,046)	(0.72)	-	-	(0.72)
790	Staunton	39,575	(18,296)	(0.46)	-	-	(0.46)
800	Suffolk	40,152	(81,463)	(2.03)	-	-	(2.03)
810	Virginia Beach	35,380	(1,491,829)	(42.17)	-	-	(42.17)
820	Waynesboro	39,947	(18,580)	(0.47)	-	-	(0.47)
840	Winchester	41,431	(24,112)	(0.58)	-	-	(0.58)
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>(39,724,098)</b>	<b>(1,115.71)</b>	<b>(12,594,354)</b>	<b>(374.00)</b>	<b>(1,489.71)</b>