

# Law Enforcement Decisions

Cost Considerations

# Two Decisions

- Transition from the Resident Trooper Program
- Creation of a County Police Force and the resulting transition from the Sheriff

# Resident Trooper Transition

- Cost is not the only factor in a move from the Resident Trooper Program, but it is an important consideration.
- A move from the Resident Troopers and paying the approximately \$1 million indirect cost will save the County money every year.
- The savings from the Resident Trooper Program is the same however they are replaced.

# Resident Trooper Transition

	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12
Savings	(\$1.9M)	(\$4.6M)	(\$6.2M)	(\$6.5M)
On-Going Costs	1.4M	3.3M	4.7M	5.1M
One-time Costs	1.0M	1.2M	0.6M	0.0M
Net	(\$0.5)	\$0.1	\$0.9	\$1.4

- Assumes a three-year transition of 15, 20 then 10 positions.
- Other scenarios are possible, but won't change the basic outcome.

# Creation of a Police Force

- The creation of a police force was not a cost-driven decision.
- There is no evidence that a sheriff or a police force is an inherently more or less expensive way to provide service.

# Law Enforcement Budgets

Baltimore	\$180.5
Charles	45.4
Frederick	39.2
Harford	55.9
Howard	80.4

# Law Enforcement Cost Per Capita

- Charles (sheriff) - \$324
- Howard (police) - \$295
- Harford (sheriff) - \$232
- Baltimore (police) - \$229
- Frederick (sheriff) - \$176
  
- Carroll - \$75

# Law Enforcement as a % of Budget

- Charles (sheriff) – 11.7%
- Harford (sheriff) – 9.3%
- Frederick (sheriff) – 8.3%
- Howard (police) – 7.9%
- Baltimore (police) – 7.1%
  
- Carroll – 3.9%

# Sheriff Transition

	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12
<b>Trooper Savings</b>	<b>(\$1.9 M)</b>	<b>(\$4.6 M)</b>	<b>(\$6.2 M)</b>	<b>(\$6.5 M)</b>
<b>Trooper Replacement Costs On-Going</b>	<b>1.4 M</b>	<b>3.3 M</b>	<b>4.7 M</b>	<b>5.1 M</b>
<b>Trooper Replacement Costs One-Time</b>	<b>1.0 M</b>	<b>1.2 M</b>	<b>0.6 M</b>	<b>0.0 M</b>
<b>Sheriff Transition Costs One-Time</b>	<b>0.3 M</b>	<b>0.0 M</b>	<b>0.0 M</b>	<b>0.0 M</b>
<b>Net Savings</b>	<b>(\$0.8 M)</b>	<b>\$0.1 M</b>	<b>\$0.9 M</b>	<b>\$1.4 M</b>

# Carroll Spends Less

	Population	Budget	Recreation	Public Works	Schools	Per Capita
Baltimore	787,384	\$2,530.0	\$15.7	\$110.9	\$654.8	\$3,200
Carroll	170,260	\$328.4	1.9	10.1	149.2	1,900
Charles	140,416	388.7	2.0	5.0	135.5	2,800
Frederick	222,938	472.2	5.0	17.9	222.2	2,100
Harford	241,402	599.1	9.8	34.5	199.6	2,500
Howard	272,452	1,022.6	30.8	46.7	486.1	3,800

# Should We Spend More on Law Enforcement?

- There is room for discussion on the idea of spending more on law enforcement, but that independent of the decision on the form of law enforcement.
- Spending more on law enforcement would equally impact a sheriff or a police force.

# Summary

- The Resident Trooper transition was partly driven by cost considerations that aren't dependent on how they are replaced.
- The creation of a police force was not cost-driven.

# Summary

- There is no evidence that a sheriff or police force is inherently more or less costly.
- Carroll spends less on law enforcement just like we do on most services.

# Summary

- Providing for the public safety is a core responsibility of the Commissioners.
- The Commissioners are responsible for funding public safety in whatever form is used.
- It is appropriate and important for the Commissioners to align these service and funding responsibilities.