

PROVIDING LAW ENFORCEMENT IN CARROLL COUNTY

Options for Consideration

LAW ENFORCEMENT TODAY

- ✘ Maryland State Police Resident Trooper Program (RTP)
 - + Currently provides 36 Troopers and 9 Investigators
 - + County pays actual cost plus 22% administrative fee
 - + Cost of RTP in 2007 was \$4.9 million
- ✘ Carroll County Sheriff's Office
 - + Currently there are 67 certified officers
 - + County pays actual cost
- ✘ 5 Municipal Police Forces
 - + Hampstead, Manchester, Sykesville, Taneytown and Westminster w/ 76 authorized positions

OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- ✘ 1) Maintain current law enforcement programs
- ✘ 2) Transition from the RTP to an integrated law enforcement program
 - + A) Expanded Carroll County Sheriff's Office
 - + B) Transition from the RTP and Sheriff's Office to a New Carroll County Police Department

STAY WITH CURRENT LAW ENFORCEMENT

✘ Items for Consideration

- + The Secretary of the Maryland State Police is appointed by the Governor. This fact provides an uncertainty of commitment to the RTP program in the future.
- + State controls number of State Troopers
- + Maryland State Police have authority over spending and control of costs for the Resident Trooper Program
- + Provision of services is not fully integrated between the Maryland State Police and the Sheriff
- + Liability for the Sheriff is divided between State and County

TRANSITION TO AN EXPANDED SHERIFF'S OFFICE

✘ Items for Consideration

- + Sheriff would provide constitutional duties required by law plus policing for the County
- + Sheriff has an established policing force in place including a command structure
- + Transition from the RTP to the Sheriff would be a continuation of the growth the Sheriff has already experienced
- + Sheriff is a state elected official not under the authority of the Commissioners

TRANSITION TO AN EXPANDED SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- ✘ Items for Consideration *(continued)*
 - + Sheriff directs spending
 - + Sheriff manages agency growth
 - + Sheriff determines salary structure
 - + Sheriff institutes policies and procedures
 - + Possible duplication of effort with County agencies (Human Resources, ITS, Fleet Management)

TRANSITION TO A NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT

✘ Items for Consideration

- + Chief of Police would be appointed by the Commissioners of Carroll County
- + Chief of Police would appoint senior level administrative staff of the Police Department
- + Police force liability, legal advice, and litigation handled by the County

TRANSITION TO A NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ✘ Items for Consideration *(continued)*
 - + Sheriff elected by the citizens of Carroll County
 - + Sheriff would provide constitutional duties required by law
 - ✘ Courthouse security, transporting prisoners and serving summons
 - + Commissioners manage salary plan, internal equity of positions and policies/procedures
 - + County internal service agencies provide services to County Police Force eliminating duplication of effort

REQUESTED ACTION

- ✘ Direction from the Board
 - + Do you want to retain the current system w/ the Resident Trooper Program and the Sheriff's Office?
- ✘ If not
 - + Charge the Chief of Staff to form a transition task force for developing a local policing plan. The task force would include representatives from the Maryland State Police and the Carroll County Sheriff's Office.