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TO: Police Services Steering Committee

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SUBJECT: Amendments to Police Services Contract

Discussions from the Police Services Steering Committee during the summer committee meetings indicated several clarifications for the police services contract. The committee agreed that these clarifications should be addressed through a letter amendment to the contract. Clarifications include the following:

- The contract specifies a process for resolution of billing disputes (Article IV). It does not specify a forum for discussing other potential disputes, such as whether a deployment was actually mutual aid. The PSSC agreed in its July meeting that the PSSC should serve as an initial step to discuss issues. The process identified was that if a contracting agency has an issue, this would be brought up with County Administration who would write a summary for discussion at the PSSC. The contracting jurisdiction would be invited to this meeting. After discussion at the PSSC, if disagreement still exists, the issue would go to a mutually acceptable arbitrator, as outlined in Article IV.
- The issue of cost to a jurisdiction for position vacancy that must be filled with overtime was discussed in the July meeting. The PSSC agreed that during the first two weeks of a vacancy, the County would be responsible for filling the position. The general discussion involved the principle that if a body can not be supplied, the jurisdiction ought not to pay.
- On the rare occasion where there may not be a deputy to fill a deputy position, the contracting jurisdiction is not liable for the higher rate, unless they specifically ask for the higher level command officer. The jurisdiction would continue to pay the deputy rate and whatever difference that would need to be paid to the command officer would be paid by the County.
- The Sheriff may identify the need for special training for contracted deputies that are not requested by jurisdictions. In the event that such training occurs, shift filling will be paid for through the Sheriff's overtime budget.
- The definition of "extended" for mutual aid and SWAT deployment (from the contract Attachment A) is a subjective one and no definition was reached by the PSSC. If a discrepancy over this type of deployment occurs, it will be brought up through the process identified above.