



## STAFF REPORT

DATE: November 22, 2016

**CONSENT**

ITEM #:

**AGENDA ITEM:** Staffing-Sheriff's Deputy/Sergeant

**SUBMITTED BY:** Kristina Handt, City Administrator

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### **BACKGROUND:**

As discussed in the development of the 2017 general fund budget, the Sheriff's department has asked the city to consider adding another deputy in Lake Elmo due to the changing nature of calls and the increase in call volume.

Council asked for more information related to the need. Chief Deputy Dan Starry shared the following information with me. After three years of Part I and Part II crimes declining, which was a consistent trend in other areas around the state and country, we experienced an increase in 2015 for both of these areas. Part I crimes include arson, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny/theft, rape, robbery and theft of motor vehicles. Part II crimes include DUI, disorderly conduct, narcotics, other assaults, sex offenses, liquor law violations, forgery, fraud/embezzlement, gambling, prostitution, runaway, sex offenses, stolen property vandalism and weapons violations.

Part I crimes in Lake Elmo were:

2015	169
2014	147
2013	173
2012	186

Part II crimes in Lake Elmo were:

2015	464
2014	391
2013	443
2012	481

Service Related Totals were:

2015	5,237
2014	4,717
2013	4,778
2012	5,372

The sheriff's department, anticipates the trend of more Part I and Part II crimes to continue. In addition, they expect to see the quality of life concerns that are often reported by residents (noise complaints, animal complaints, parking issues and curfew violations) to increase as well as the population increases.

### **PROPOSAL DETAILS/ANALYSIS:**

The Council should discuss if the number of contracted deputies should be increased in Lake Elmo in 2017. If so, further discussion may be had as to what level of expertise that new position has. One option would

be to just hire another patrol deputy similar to what Lake Elmo utilizes now. Another option would be to add a sergeant. A sergeant would perform more supervisory duties (similar to a department head type position), be a resource for the city on public safety issues/concerns, and help build community relationships. While it wouldn't be expected that the sergeant would attend all Council meetings, s/he may when there is a topic of public safety being discussed.

If the Council would like to add personnel, the City's contract with the Sheriff's Department would need to be amended via resolution at a future meeting. Staff is looking for direction at this meeting so we can prepare the resolution for a meeting in December, if needed.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The police budget for 2017 was increase in the preliminary levy to allow for additional personnel. Since estimates were between \$120,000-140,000, staff asked for an increase of \$130,000.