

Hello everyone,

This will be a short email with some attachments, and new information. I've already written a lengthy email, no need to run on but I probably will!

Thank you for holding a meeting on September 5th to discuss this matter. In addition to myself, I have asked Officer Steve Crater, Officer Dan Teague and Chief Jim Boddington to be in attendance to answer any questions.

Fun fact, some time in the 1970's the department did have a motorcycle. I attached a picture of it, I believe that is the first Chief of the department, Granny LeMaistre, on the bike!

I would like to outline the conversation for Thursday evening, and answer some questions that have already been asked so no one is blindsided next week.

Question #1 = What does the annual budget look like and what are the initial acquisitions cost expected to be. I will attach five years of Southern Regional's actual budget for their motorcycle. The department budgets \$2,000.00 per year, the average for the last five years is \$1,647. Don's Kawasaki has agreed to replace tires and perform the state inspections. The county has an excellent relationship with Capital Harley Davidson in York and they perform all maintenance, at cost, for all police motorcycles in the county.

Southern Regional has agreed to sell us their current motorcycle for \$6,500, as is, already equipped. The only thing we would need to do is change the patch stickers. I spoke with Impressive Signs and they quoted \$135 for new decals. A helmet, approximately \$500.00, uniform riding shirt, \$70.00 each, one pair of riding pants \$175, and leather riding boots, \$500.00. Officer Teague stated he usually rides the motorcycle wearing his regular duty uniform, the items I just listed are for when they are working special details. Only one set will be needed. So, initial investment is approximately \$8,000.00

Question #2 = insurance, Corina checked and it's an additional \$500 to add a motorcycle.

Question #3 = Upgrading the motorcycle, and what would be the time frame for doing so. This motorcycle is a 2013, it looks brand new, and has been thoroughly maintained. The way the "county" system works is, the department has to buy their first bike but the county wide "Motor Fund" will buy your replacement. If you've participated in county events as needed, which aren't all that frequent, and all of the fund raisers, the motor fund will cover the expense of your next bike when the time comes. Southern Regional's and York County Regional's new bikes are both being purchased by the county "Motor Fund". So, that would be our long-term goal.

Question #4 = Training. Officer Crater would attend a one-time, two-week long course which is done by the Philadelphia Police Department, for free. Not only is it free, they provide the motorcycle so you don't have to scratch up your own. There is a class being held this October, and as of now, there is an opening in the class.

Question #5 = Where is the money coming from and will there be a conflict with K9 donations. I have managed to secure an annual income of \$6,500 confirmed once a year donations. This does NOT include any fund raisers we may have to support this unit. Don from Don's Kawasaki will donate \$3,000.00 annually, White Clove Farm will donate \$1,000 annually, Doug Smeltzer who lives in Hallam Borough and owns the Black and Blue restaurant in Mechanicsburg will donate \$1,000 now and annually, The

Wrightsville Social Club will donate \$1,000 annually, and the VFW will donate \$500.00 annually. I believe I will be able to secure a couple more \$500 donations. I have also spoken with the Tourist Inn and the Red Rose and they committed to hosting an annual fund raiser. These sources of income do not interfere with K9 unit fund raising. The K9 golf tournament has far exceeded our expectations. Our plan was to have one major event annually that would prove to be profitable and for the second year in a row it has delivered! Last year our net was \$16K and this year it was over \$19K!

As of right now, Doug Smeltzer will donate \$1k now and the VFW will donate \$500. There will be another \$250 coming in from White Clover Farm, and I'm hopeful to secure \$500 from the American Legion. With the confirmed donation for next year, we are comfortable with borrowing the money the remainder of money from the K9 account knowing we can quickly pay it back and the unit should be able to comfortably survive on its own financially.

I know this is a lot to absorb. If you have any questions you would like me to research prior to Thursday, please email me and I will find an answer.

As always, thank you.

Doug









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