

**WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM(S) REQUEST FORM**

Date: May 7, 2015

Weekly Agenda Date: May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015



Elected Official / CITIZEN: SHERIFF DAVE DREW

SUBJECT: Woodbury County Sheriff's Reserve Staffing level change

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

Approve Ordinance

Approve Resolution

Approve Motion

Give Direction

Other: Informational

Attachments

**WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM:** Approval to increase number of Woodbury County Sheriff Reserve Deputies

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** Woodbury County Sheriff's Reserve cannot keep up with the request for services Reserves provide because of the cap. We have approximately 9 candidates that qualify to begin Reserve Training.

**BACKGROUND:** Woodbury County Sheriff's Reserves is capped at 25 total Reserve Deputies. Since the program was started, Reserve Deputies put in 2400 hours in 2014 and 623 hours so far in 2015. Reserves Deputies perform various support functions for the Sheriff's Office. They have worked in support of the Sheriff's Office during Tornados, a Homicide, Stand by in serious weather conditions, traffic control at major accidents, Halloween, Fourth of July and our Weekender Program. Reserves have also worked community events, SITP, Proms, Leed's Days, Siouxland Heart walk, County Fair, Easter Egg Hunts to name just a very few of the many.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The financial impact has been a plus for the Sheriff's Office and the citizen of Woodbury County. 2400 hours equates to approximately \$93,600.00 in cost savings. The Sheriff's Office without the Reserves would either have to pay overtime or forgo being able to support these events or roles.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Woodbury County Sheriff Dave Drew recommends that the number of Reserves be based on qualifications, meeting training standards and ability to serve rather than a limited number. If a number has to be used, for a county our size and the support roles that Reserves have filled, Sheriff Dave Drew asks that the cap be

closer to 50 Reserve Deputies. Reserve Deputies are made up of citizen, who have their normal career field and serve when they can. Because of this, at times it is difficult to fill the requests. The more qualified Reserves the Sheriff's Office has the more support that can be given.

The Woodbury County Sheriff's Office will be starting a new Reserve Training Class very soon. Trainers cost money and the more people we can attempt to qualify as a Reserve Deputy the less cost we will have in the future.

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Approval of Qualified Reserves without a cap or raise the Reserve Cap to 50 Reserve Deputies.

*Approved by Board of Supervisors March 12, 2015.*