

Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office

The City of Destin Fiscal Year 2012 Service Contract Proposal

Sheriff Larry R. Ashley

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Contract Analysis

- The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office began providing contracted law enforcement services to the City at its inception in 1984 and has provided professional and cost efficient services throughout our 28 year partnership.

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- The Destin City Charter states in Section 1.01(e)(1) “To provide such municipal services as will protect and promote the health and well being of the city and its inhabitants, such services to include, but not limited to, **police**, fire, utilities, and sanitation.”
- Florida Statue 166 requires municipalities to provide certain law enforcement services to include: minimum staffing levels, communication abilities and crime prevention programs.

Contract Analysis

- Okaloosa County Ordinance 84-19 indentifies the real and substantial benefits that the sheriff's office provides to all residents of the county. This ordinance includes a stipulation and agreement by municipalities within Okaloosa County on how law enforcement services are calculated for incorporated jurisdictions. This agreement was reached to avoid dual taxation issues. This is accomplished by a MSBU and a separate taxing formula differentiating between city and county tax payers.

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- As provided in FSA's legal opinion, the Sheriff is not obligated to provide enhanced or supplemental law enforcement services to municipalities.
 - The Florida Supreme Court's decision of *Town of Palm Beach v. Palm Beach County*, 460 So. 2d 879 (Fla. 1984), as well as the Fourth District Court of Appeal's opinion in *Palm Beach County v. City of Boca Raton*, 995 So. 2d 1017 (Fla. 4th DCA 2008), **rejected arguments that proportionality of services is required to avoid double taxation** in violation of Article VIII, §1(h) of the Florida Constitution.

Contract Analysis

- The city's **2002** PERF study in regards to creating a Destin Police Department stated that an optimal agency would include 26 sworn officers and 6 non-sworn support personnel and would cost \$1,893,920 per year, exclusive of startup costs of \$1,944,948 (in 2002 dollars).
- Close to ten years later the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office provides professional and effective services to the city at a projected FY 2012 cost of \$1,500,485 which provides for 17 sworn officers and the equivalent of 3.75 non-sworn support staff.

Contract Analysis

- The city has maintained a contracted personnel allotment of 18 Deputies since FY 2001 until decreasing the contract by one investigator for this past fiscal year.
- Population in the city has increased from 11,119 in the 2000 census to 12,305 in 2010 census. Additionally the seasonal tourist populations have dramatically increased over the time period.
- The FY 2012 contract includes a per deputy pricing formula which identifies actual costs for contracted services. The FY 2012 contract proposal includes the actual costs as well as capital replacements costs.

Law Enforcement Per Capita Costs

- The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office provides a per capita cost that is half that of the national average for agencies serving a similar population size. Contracting municipal agencies benefit from the efficient operation of the agency and pay well below the national average per capita cost for municipal law enforcement services serving similar population sizes.
 - The ICMA Annual Report, The Municipal Yearbook, provides national per capita cost statistics based on population. For 2009 the average per capita costs for an agency that serves between 100,000 to 249,000 was \$289.58. The OCSO proposed FY 2012 budget is \$143.33 per capita based on the 2010 census population of 180,822. The national average per capita law enforcement for a population of 10,000 to 24,999 is \$265.97. The proposed City of Destin FY 2012 is \$121.94.

Agency (Service Provider)	2010 Census	FY 2012 Proposed Budget	Per capita cost	National Average Per capita cost
City of Destin (OCSO)	12,305	\$1,500,485	\$121.94	\$265.97
FWB PD	19,507	\$5,287,741*	\$271.07	\$265.97
Shalimar PD	717	\$191,500*	\$267.09	\$265.97
Town of Cinco Bayou (OCSO)	383	\$88,238	\$230.39	\$265.97
Crestview PD	20,978	\$4,705,670*	\$224.31	\$265.97
Valparaiso PD	5,036	\$1,030,400*	\$204.61	\$265.97
Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office	180,822	\$25,917,308	\$143.33	\$289.58
City of Mary Esther (OCSO)	3,851	\$432,637	\$112.34	\$265.97
Niceville PD	12,749	Budget Not Available Online		\$265.97
* 2011 Budget				

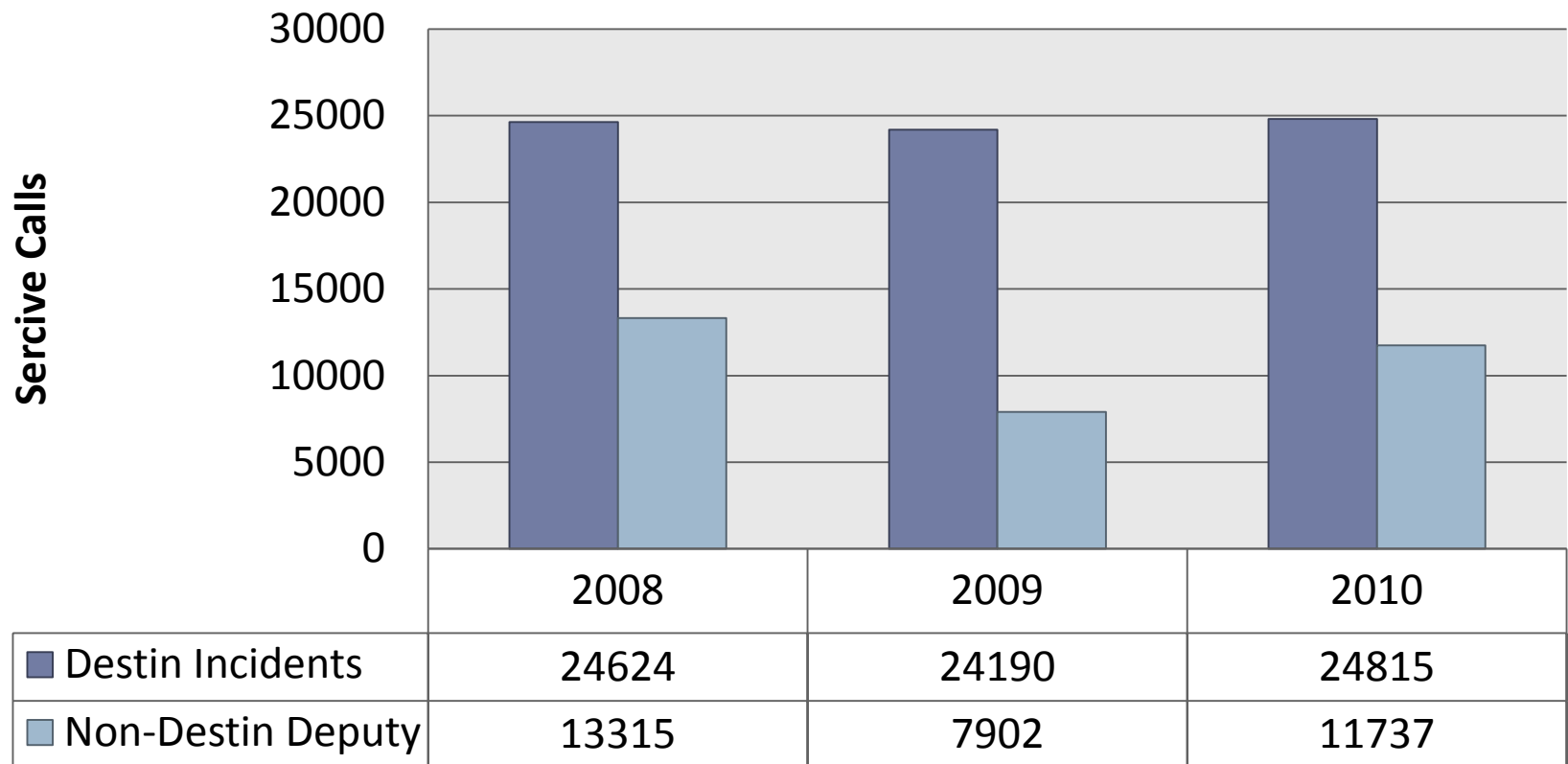
Annual Call Volume

- Law Enforcement activity in Destin is handled by both contracted deputies as well as non-contracted sheriff's office resources.

Year	Total Incidents	Incidents – City of Destin	Destin incidents handled by non-Destin deputies
2008	173,747	24,624 (14%)	13,315 (54%)
2009	172,708	24,190 (14%)	7902 (33%)
2010	177,748	24,815 (14%)	11,737 (47%)

Annual Call Volume

Call Volume Breakdown



OCSO Response Times

- Law Enforcement response times are influenced by many factors to include density of community populations, geographic mass and barriers to response avenues, and incident priorities.
- Priority **One** calls for service consist of violent or potentially violent crimes ***in progress***, felonies ***in progress*** (burglary, robbery, etc.), traffic crashes with injuries or unknown injuries, etc.

	2008	2009	2010
	Priority One	Priority One	Priority One
North District	10:00	10:00	9:54
Central District	5:26	4:57	4:51
East District	5:36	5:15	5:28
City of Destin	5:01	5:08	4:53
City of Mary Esther	4:15	4:32	4:21

Priorities

- City of Destin FY 2011 Adopted Budget - \$8,015,485
- General Government - \$2,711,773
- Public Safety - **\$1,529,625** (Sheriff's Office - \$1,213,029)
- Physical Environment - \$107,360
- Transportation - **\$1,597,413**
- Culture & Recreation - **\$2,010,339**
- Human Services - \$58,975

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FY 2011 Destin Budget

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