

**ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA
FY 2006 POLICY PRIORITY PROPOSAL**

Overview of Policy Priority

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| Department(s): Police Department |
| Policy Priority: Additional Motorcycle Officer (1.0 FTE) |

The increase in Arlington's residential and commercial units have increased traffic and the need for traffic and parking enforcement. This is especially important in the context of the WALKArlington initiative to create a safe, inviting and enjoyable pedestrian environment. The Special Operations Section motor officers enforce the enhanced crosswalk locations and other pedestrian safety issues throughout the County. The motor officers also maintain a visible presence in and around the bike trails and parks, aiding in the community's safe and enjoyable experiences as pedestrians.

Also, in light of the new Arlington County Special Events policy passed by the County Board on September 18, 2004, raising the event threshold from \$2,000 to \$4,000, it is anticipated that the Special Operations Section will be tasked with handling even more events than currently required. The recommended additional motor officer will augment the unit's ability to safely handle the additional responsibilities.

Performance Measures

| Performance Measure | FY 2003 | FY 2004 | FY 2005 | FY 2006* | Analysis |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|--|
| Special events handled | 112 | 92 | 115 | 124 | FY 2005 & FY 2006 estimates are based on new County Special Events policy, an increase of 23 events over FY 2004. With the additional motor officer the Department expects to meet this increase |
| Dignitary protection | 17 | 20 | 20 | 22 | The new officer will be an added force to the Special Operations Unit and is expected to provide additional dignitary protection. |
| Community traffic complaints | 200 | 130 | 130 | 120 | With the new officer assisting in proactive traffic enforcement and problem-solving programs, it is expected that community traffic complaints will be reduced to 120 |
| Funeral escorts | 217 | 190 | 215 | 217 | Compared to FY 2004, current trend shows a level equivalent to FY 2003 outcome. The new officer is expected to assist in meeting this need. |

* Anticipated benefit with policy priority approved

Funding Information

| | New FTEs | Year 1 Costs | Year 2 Costs |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Police Officer (Motorcycle Officer) | 1.0 | \$65,664 | \$68,291 |
| Motorcycle (1 Harley, 2WHL) | | 22,967 | 7,900 |
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| TOTAL POLICY PRIORITY | | \$88,631 | \$76,191 |

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