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Director Stephen Marks
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Director Marks,

This budget year's amendments put forth by our City Council earlier this month included a reduction of the Police Budget by \$105,000. This was comprised of a removal of \$75,000 for three Police Motorcycles and a \$30,000 reduction in our O/E, including \$10,000 from our Maintenance Contracts-Police line item.

As far as the removal of the Police Motorcycles, after speaking with traffic Commander Lt. John Petrosino, he felt there wasn't an urgency to get the motorcycles this year, however, in the same way I rotated an old police car fleet that had all vehicles that were 2005 or older, I wanted to start to do the same thing with the motorcycles which we received in 2013(6 yrs old).

Regarding the O/E reduction, I should be able to get through the year spending \$30K less, however, the Maintenance Contract-Police line, which covers costs for our 10-plus computer systems, radio communications, camera systems, and phones, may have higher incurred costs due to the new state radio system service agreement and some increases in various contracts. I will work monthly with Chris Baldwin to try to forecast any possible short falls as the year gets closer to conclusion.

Sincerely,

Kenneth F. Ferrante
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