

# AIR SUPPORT UNIT UPDATE

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September 13, 2016



# Background

- 1995 and 1996 – Sheriff acquired two used helicopters
- 1997 – Fire acquired two used helicopters
- 2005 – Joint operations began
- 2007 – Combined under Sheriff
- 2009 – Unit split
- 2012 – Final Ad Hoc Subcommittee report and BOS gave direction for a joint aviation program – Air Support Unit
- Today – Update and ASU improvements recommended

# MOU Improvements

- Two Pilots focused on Fire/Rescue/EMS, with mutual aid availability
- One mechanic focused on Fire/Rescue/EMS ship maintenance, and with mutual aid availability for the Unit
- Maintenance Committed Fund Balance established with a cost share amongst the departments and any unused funds will remain in Fund Balance for future maintenance needs
- Increased training within the unit
- Safety Management System in place and maintained, with after-action reviews after every call
- Fire Battalion Chief will be second in command as the ASU Executive Officer and Safety Officer
- New uniform exclusive to the unit

# Organizational Chart



# Staffing, Budget and Assets

	FY 2016-17 Adopted	FY 2016-17 Adjusted	Variance
<b>ASU Staffing positions</b>			
Sheriff Sergeant/Pilot	1	1	-
Sheriff Deputy/Pilot	2	2	-
Air Support Pilot	1	2	1
Sheriff Deputy/Crew Chief	2	2	-
Aircraft Mechanic	2	2	-
Fire Captain Crew Chief	2	2	-
<b>Total Staffing</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>

<b>Sources</b>			
General Fund	\$1,653,598	\$1,653,598	-
Other Sources	55,000	126,904	71,904
Fire District Funds	1,243,530	1,462,140	218,610
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,952,128</b>	<b>\$3,242,642</b>	<b>\$290,514</b>
<b>Uses</b>			
Salaries and Benefits	\$2,023,333	\$2,368,687	\$345,354
Fleet Maintenance and Fuel	674,797	569,047	(105,750)
Training	21,090	72,000	50,910
Other Indirect Costs	152,627	152,627	-
Services/Supplies	80,281	80,281	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,952,128</b>	<b>\$3,242,642</b>	<b>\$290,514</b>

<u>Aviation Assets</u>	
<u>Identifier</u>	<u>Aircraft Type</u>
Copter 1	OH-58
Copter 2	OH-58
Copter 3	UH-1H+
Copter 4	UH-1N
Copter 308	UH-1H
Air 50	Cessna 206

# ASU Response

Sheriff Missions: All crews are cross trained in all missions

- Patrol Operations
- Search & Rescue
- Surveillance and Reconnaissance
- Pursuit Command and Control
- Other missions as required

# ASU Response

Fire Missions: All crews are cross trained in all missions

- Water Dropping
- Fire Incident Rescue Standby
- Fire Mapping and Reconnaissance
- Fire Crew Deployment
- Technical Rescue – Hoist and Rescue Basket
- Emergency Medical Services – Paramedic Level
- Water Rescue Swimmer Deployment
- Ocean/Water Rescue – Hoist and Rescue Basket

# Recommended Actions

- a) Receive and file update on ASU and MOU
- b) Approve position resolution in Attachment B
- c) Approve BRR 0004728
- d) Determine action is not a project subject to CEQA review