

# Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department



## **BUDGET WORKSHOP FY2009/10**

Sheriff Bill Brown

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# Department Responsibilities

- Jail
- Civil/Warrants
- Coroner
- Search and Rescue
- Court Security
- Emergency Communications

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- Law Enforcement



# Law Enforcement

## – Unincorporated Areas

- Orcutt
- Cuyama
- Santa Ynez Valley
- Isla Vista
- Hope Ranch
- Summerland
- Los Alamos
- Lompoc Valley
- Goleta Valley
- Mission Canyon
- Montecito
- Carpinteria Valley

## – Contract Cities

- Carpinteria
- Buellton
- Goleta
- Solvang



# Sheriff Department Patrol Locations





# FY2008-09 Budget Cuts: \$2.6 million

- Programs and Services Reduced:

**23.37** FTEs Unfunded or Eliminated

- Management and Line level Deputies
- Civilian positions eliminated
- Staffing now equivalent to FY 1999/00 level

Services and Supplies held at prior year levels



# FY2008-09 Budget Cuts: \$2.6 million

- Cut overtime
- Furlough
- Deferred Pay Increases (DSA and Sheriff's Mgmt.)
- No Leadership Bonuses
- Extra Help for Cost Savings
- Internal Hiring Freeze
- Deferred Purchases (services and supplies)
- Delayed Vehicle Replacement
- Civilianization of Sworn Positions
  - Forensics, PIO



Sheriff's Department  
10% Cut =  
\$6.2 Million Dollars



# 10% Cut???

## \$6.2 Million

- Layoff of 20 Law Enforcement Deputies
- Layoff of 14 Custody Deputies/Closure of Santa Maria Branch Jail
- Reduction of 9 sworn positions in Enforcement and Investigative Units (Narcotic & Gang Suppression, Detectives)
- Reduction of 9 civilian positions
- Elimination of Emergency Medical Dispatch services – eliminate 3 Dispatcher Positions





## *“Across the Board” Cuts*

- Generally recognized as an imperfect budgeting practice
- Such cuts:
  - Are indiscriminate
  - Treat the highest priorities the same as the lowest
  - Violate the principle of merit and ignore life safety considerations
  - Penalize departments which have stepped up in the past to make cuts



# A True 10% *Across the Board* Cut is Unachievable

- Only 60% of the Sheriff's Department Operations are funded by the General Fund
- Contract Cities, Court Services, Grant funded positions cannot be cut
- 40% of all deputy sheriffs are funded by contracts and grants



## A 10% Cut Would:

- Result in Disproportionate Loss of Service to Unincorporated Areas
- Reduce Jail Capacity in already undersized and overcrowded jail system
- Have many other adverse impacts...



- Longer Response Times
- Differential Call Responses
- Increased Crime Rate as Recession Deepens
- Decreased Officer Safety
- Increased Jail Overcrowding
- Degradation of Emergency Medical System
- Loss of Investment in our Deputies

Net result = Decreased Public Safety & Quality of Life



# Sheriff's Department Proposed Actions

- Maintain Hiring Freeze
- Continue Effective Overtime Management
- Offer \$1-2 Million in FY 09/10 Budget Reductions
  - Hold Positions Vacant
  - Reorganize Department
  - Civilianize Certain Sworn Positions
  - Outsource Services



# Recommendations to the Board

- Identify Public Safety as the Top Priority
- Direct maximum effort towards Grant and Stimulus funds acquisition
- Require Collaboration
  - i.e., Task Forces, Day Reporting Center, Aviation
- Utilize Reserves and Designations

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# Sheriff Budget FY 2009/10

## Positions To Be Held Vacant

- (1) One Undersheriff
- (1) Commander *(offset by Chief Deputy)*
- (1) One Deputy Lieutenant
- (2) Two Deputy Sergeants
- (4) Deputy Sheriffs
- (3) Three Custody Deputies
- (1) Forensic Technician
- (1) Capital Projects Coordinator
- (3) Civilian positions (AOP/Acct)