Department of Public Safety

Additional Info for CJPS Committee

Computer Crimes

Reductions to the General Fund – Ref # 2268 and 2269, Page 40 and 41

These initiatives reduce the General Fund through technology and supply savings of \$380 and \$500 respectively.

The questions were asked how many arrests result from Cybertips and what would it take to keep up with investigations that result from these tips.

2020 Statistics (there were reductions in field work last year due to COVID restrictions):

- Almost 1100 Cybertips
- 43 suspects arrested or received grand jury indictments
- 12 suspects federally prosecuted
- Subpoena requests made: 37 federal and 329 state
- Search warrants executed or assisted: 13 federal and 83 state

Staffing needed to keep up:

An investigator can handle approximately 20 cases per year. Detectives apply for warrants, execute the warrants, take part in Child Advocacy Center interviews, work with DHHS, complete reports and testify in grand jury. Each detective is currently assigned 75 cases each. At least (7) detectives would be needed to catch up with the current load. The detectives work primarily out of the office, so no additional office space would be needed. We would have a detective assigned to each field troop. The span of control would be too large for the current supervision. Therefore, (1) sergeant would be needed to supervise these detectives. A planning and research position (1) would also be needed to aid in the handling, initial triage, and preliminary case work-up of the Cybertips.

These proposed positions would enable us to better meet the demands of our reactive calls, while creating some time to do proactive work. We need to get back into the schools and we also need to have a dedicated investigator or two working peer-to-peer cases. These are cases where people are utilizing the dark web to solicit and engage children.

Please see the next page for a fiscal analysis estimating the costs of adding (1) sergeant, (7) detectives and (1) planning and research associate.

Computer Crimes Position Estimate Summary 3/11/2021

				FY22		FY23			F	Y22		F		Y23	
Title	Class	Spec/Grade	Qty		Personal Services STEP 3		Personal Services STEP 4	All	Other	Tot	al FY22	All	Other	Tot	al FY23
State Police Sergeant-E	7002	Spec 30/ Grade 24	1	\$	141,497.80	\$	147,222.80	\$	24,307.67	\$	165,805.47	\$	15,328.69	\$	162,551.49
State Police Detective	7023	Spec 97/ Grade 22	7	\$	912,364.60	\$	927,918.60	\$	170,153.69	\$ 1	,082,518.29	\$ ^	107,307.13	\$	1,035,225.73
Planning & Research Assoc II	0040	Spec 4/ Grade 23	1	\$	85,578.00	\$	89,576.00	\$	3,862.32	\$	89,440.32	\$	-	\$	89,576.00
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^{*}There would be an additional initial cost of approximately \$300,000 for vehicles. There would also be additional STACAP (currently 2.503%) for personnel costs and capital costs if non-General Funds are used.