



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

RICHARD J. DALEY CENTER
COOK COUNTY
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602

THOMAS J. DART
SHERIFF

October 28, 2019

The Honorable Peter N. Silvestri
Cook County Board of Commissioners
118 N. Clark Street, Room 567
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Commissioner Silvestri:

Thank you for meeting with us last week to discuss the Fiscal Year 2020 budget. Below please find responses to questions you had during that meeting.

1. On-Page O-4 of the Fiscal Year 2020 budget book, which accounts for the increase in account 560150-Institutional Supplies from \$0 in Fiscal Year 2019 to \$2.9 million in Fiscal Year 2020?

Account 560150 is not the Sheriff's Office regular institutional supplies account. Rather, it is an account set up by the County Budget Department specifically for the Axon contract, which was approved by the Board in September and covers the purchase of body-worn cameras and TASER devices. This contract would typically be paid for using capital funds; however, this account was set up so it could be paid for using operating funds.

2. How much does the Sheriff's Office have budgeted for Fiscal Year 2020 in account 520325 – Lodging for Non-Employees? What is the breakdown by department? How many detainees are currently housed out-of-county?

The Sheriff's Office is requesting \$1.32 million in this account. \$200,000 of this funding is for the Court Services Department to supply food for detainees at courthouses. The majority of this funding (\$1.12 million) will be used by the Department of Corrections to house detainees at outside county locations. To date in Fiscal Year 2019, we have spent approximately \$829,108. As of October 25th, 15 detainees were being housed out-of-county.

3. How does the Sheriff's Office deal with rapidly changing drugs in the market?

To identify and adapt to the trends in illicit drug use, the Sheriff's Police Department (CCSPD) has adopted a multi-faceted approach. All CCSPD field officers are trained and provided with



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

RICHARD J. DALEY CENTER
COOK COUNTY
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602

THOMAS J. DART
SHERIFF

Narcen to assist in preventing opioid overdoses. CCSPD has dedicated investigators working on long-term intelligence and narcotics operations. CCSPD also ensures that all narcotics seized by the department are tested to determine what is actually in them, as most dealers and users are unaware when drugs are laced with substances such as fentanyl.

Additionally, CCSPD partners with many local, state and federal partners to work on cases and coordinate real-time intelligence on drug trends, including 129 suburban police departments in Cook County, Chicago Police Department, the federal Drug Enforcement Agency and the FBI. CCSPD also receives \$650,000 annually in HIDTA (High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) grant assistance from the DEA. These funds are used for costs associated with narcotics investigations, including undercover cars, reimbursable overtime, and undercover cell phones.

Thank you again for your continued support. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bradley Curry", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Bradley Curry
Chief of Staff