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The Honorable Scott R. Britton
Cook County Board of Commissioners
118 N. Clark Street, Room 567
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Commissioner Britton:

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. How many Sheriff's Police cars and personnel are assigned to patrol unincorporated areas of Cook County?

The Cook County Sheriff's Police Department (CCSPD) has 213 officers tasked with patrolling unincorporated Cook County; each of these officers has a vehicle assigned to them. There are 101 CCSPD officers patrolling the north section of unincorporated Cook County and 112 officers patrolling the southern section of unincorporated Cook County.

2. What savings has the Sheriff's Office realized from the decrease in the jail population? Has the office realized savings in other areas of the office by decreasing staff?

The average daily jail population has decreased from 7,442 detainees in September 2017 to 5,982 in September 2019. CCDOC FTEs have also reduced during this time, by 552.7 from Fiscal Year 2017 to Fiscal Year 2019, resulting in savings of approximately \$29.8 million. Most of these FTEs were eliminated, and some were transferred to Sheriff's Police and Court Services to increase staff where needed. The Sheriff's Office has also realized \$3.1 million in savings in the CCDOC operating budget during this timeframe, with the most significant decrease coming from approximately \$2 million in savings in the food contract. Please note, the Community Corrections budget is included in these calculations as it was a part of DOC's budget during this time. In Fiscal Year 2020, the FTE count for CCDOC will be reduced by another 62 positions.

The Sheriff's Office is continuously working to realize efficiencies through technology, automation, and strategic redeployment of staff. Recently, we were able to redeploy 25 employees in Medical Call-In and Payroll due to the implementation of the IVR system and



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improved functionality in the processing of lunch premiums. Redeploying these employees saved the Sheriff's Office approximately \$1.5 million in salary and benefits because we did not need to create any additional positions.

3. What savings has the Sheriff's Office realized by providing 9-1-1 dispatch services for other agencies?

In Fiscal Year 2019, the Sheriff's Office expects to net a savings of \$208,000.

4. What are the race and gender compositions of the Sheriff's Office new hires this year as well as for the total current workforce?

The below table shows these demographics of the Sheriff's Office workforce:

CCSO Workforce Demographics		
	CCSO Active Workforce	2019 Active New Hires
Gender		
Female	33%	38%
Male	67%	62%
Race/Ethnicity		
African-American	35.9%	28%
Asian	1.6%	2%
Hispanic/Latinx	21.6%	34%
White	40.9%	36%

Thank you for your support during the budget process. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Bradley Curry
Chief of Staff