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TO: MAYOR LANCE WESTCAMP AND THE CITY OF GROVEPORT COUNCIL

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From the Chief:

Officer Chris Gyke, turned in his resignation as of May 2, 2014. For the past 5 months he has entertained joining the ranks of the Franklin County Sheriff's Department. He initially anticipated leaving at the end of May but due to restrictions imposed by the Sheriff's Department he had to leave sooner. He stated he has enjoyed working for the Village/City but is looking forward to a change in his career. He leaves on good terms. Mayor Westcamp has authorized the replacement applicant, who you will meet at the end of this month.

04/02 - I attended the IRM Decision Maker meeting at the Franklin County EMA/HS for the city.

04/09 - met with the Sergeants bargaining unit. We should be done within a few weeks.

Sgt. Thompson and I did receive thank you letters for our service as Subject Matter Experts from the Ohio Attorney General's Office. Groveport Police Department assisted in writing and updating a number of training modules for the Ohio Peace Officer's Training Academy. These modules will begin as early as July of 2014. All new police cadets, troopers and deputies must receive this training in order to become

Communications:

We continue to work on our communications system. This past week we placed a 30 foot tower on the west side of our building, which houses our back up radio system. In addition, the Franklin County radio system was upgraded to have a booster antenna in our building.

This allows our building to have a separate radio system in the event communications outage occurs. Our system will now be able to sustain through any event, as long as our facility stands! The radio system allows our Emergency Operations Center to operate, regardless of the event.

Computers:

On April 7, 2014 at 1:20 PM, I advised council of the problem with computers (used as Mobile Data Terminals), since the XP system will no longer be used by the Franklin County Sheriff's Department. Our ability to determine if a person is a wanted felon or to run license tags is stymied until this is resolved.

I have been working with Jeff Green to determine how to fund the additional cost of nearly \$30,000 for additional computers (MTD)'s, along with the vehicle digital recording equipment.



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Radios:

The portable radios have been ordered and they should be in a couple of weeks. These radios meet the digital requirement for us to operate under the Sheriff's Department dispatch system. As soon as they arrived, they will have the capability of dual bands both radio systems we use, and nearly 2000 various frequencies to be able to communicate with other agencies from the presidential details to funeral details.

Vehicle Digital Recorders:

Last year the authorization to purchase DVR's for cruisers had been requested and approved. The proposals came in very slowly but we were finally able to secure a new fresh quote for \$25,192.00 from Martel Industries out of California in February of 2014.

On May 6, I was advised that the current proposal for the DVR equipment has been cancelled and an increase will be shown on a new proposal. We presently need 7 units to complete the system.

We are anticipating a new quote with an increase of nearly \$800.00 each. Please note – these will be the newest upgrades over 2013. Installation of the consoles for these are approximately \$200.00 per unit (need 6).

Officer community involvement; continuing education and training:

Three schools where attended by officers:

- 1) School Resource leadership
- 2) Confidential Informant updates
- 3) Handling Medical Emergencies on the Range
- 4) Weekly and daily walks at all schools.
- 5) High visibility at school start and end
- 6) Increase visibility at the high school as the weather gets better.



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MUTUAL AID CALLS	Number	REPORTED OFFENSES	Number
Franklin CO SO	8	Accidents	11
Madison TWP PD	17	Assaults	5
Madison Twp. Fire	11	Bad Checks -	1
Obetz	3	Burglaries	1
CPD/ CFD	1	Criminal Mischief	1
Public Assistance	32	Domestic Disputes	3
Other Agencies	1	Domestic Violence	3
House Watches	5	OVI and alcohol issues	2
		Fights	0
Mileage	17,759	Disorderly Conduct	1
		Theft Related/ Robberies	17
Reserve/Part Time Hours	79.75	Weapon Related Calls	10
		Missing Persons/Juveniles	1
		Narcotic Related Offenses	2
Traffic Citations	46	School Related Incidents	4
		Stolen/Unauthorized Use	6
Reports taken	201	Warrant/Arrests/Subpoenas	1
Identity Theft	0	General Complaints	7
Field Interviews	1	Suspicious Persons/Vehicles	0
		Parking	2
Juvenile Complaints	2	Threats	0
		Vandalism	4
		Suicide (0 attempts)	0
Vacation hours used	258	Child Custody Issues	0
Sick time hours used	56	Rape	1
Comp/personal time used	43		