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Sheriff White releases 2009 budget request

NEW PORT RICHEY -- Pasco Sheriff Bob White presented his 2008-2009 budget request to the Board of County Commissioners today. Key elements of the \$85 million budget request include no new positions, no raises for any employees, no capital outlay requests, and an overall decrease from last year's budget of **almost \$1.1 million**.

Combined with an approximate \$1.5 million reduction in expenditures this year, the total estimated reduction in Sheriff's Office funding this year and next is expected to be about \$2.6 million. It is important to note that this budget calls for no layoffs of any PSO personnel, which could change if the Pasco Board of County Commissioners requires additional cuts to the Sheriff's Office budget.

As noted in Sheriff White's budget letter to commissioners, this agency continues to provide the most cost-effective law enforcement services of most agencies, large or small, rural or urban, in the state. Thus, any additional cuts would have a much more significant impact on public safety in our county than other public safety agencies facing similar funding reductions.

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The breakdown of the nearly \$1.1 million decrease is as follows (totals may not add up due to rounding):

| Expenditure | 2007/08 budget | 2008/09 budget | % decrease | \$ decrease |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Salary/benefits | \$ 74.6 million | \$ 74.4 million | 0.25 percent | \$182,000 |
| Operating costs | \$11.1 million | \$10.4 million | 5.81 percent | \$ 646,000 |
| Investigations | \$85,200 | \$85,400 | 0.23 percent (increase) | \$200 (increase) |
| Capital Outlay | \$258,000* | \$0* | 100 percent | \$258,000 |
| Reserve | \$0 | \$0 | 0 percent | \$0 |
| Total | \$86 million | \$85 million | 1.26 percent | \$1.08 million |

* Does not include costs for Penny for Pasco vehicles and laptops at about \$2.3 million.