

ALLEGHENY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2008 BUDGET REVIEW



Allegheny County Sheriff's Office

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William P. Mullen, Sheriff

The Allegheny County Sheriff's Office is pleased to offer to you our 2008 budget overview.

Even as the economic landscape grew to be ever more challenging, Sheriff William Mullen and his office worked to constrain spending, while at the same time operate more efficiently and provide top-quality services that our citizens expect and deserve. All aspects of the 2008 budget were analyzed to ensure that every expense was absolutely essential to the operation of the office. Sheriff Mullen continues to make financial management a top priority to maximize return on expenditures. Fiscal year 2008 was no exception, with his office coming in under budget yet again; and as it has since his election as Sheriff.

The Sheriff is committed to exploring innovative and alternative methods of providing better service to the public. The percentage of costs funded through alternate sources and grants has increased in a continuing effort to reduce the financial burden on the County and create savings to our citizens.

The office receives a substantial amount of grant and other external funding to pay personnel and overtime, training, equipment, and meet its service obligations.

The Sheriff's Office has met operational challenges by continuing efforts to strengthen organizational development, and with a reduced staff performing more proficiently. Sheriff Mullen is dedicated to promoting departmental excellence by streamlining operations and through technology improvements; revolutionizing the accounting system; providing skill development and training to personnel; improving security for judicial proceedings; and reducing preventable accidents and injuries.

Also in 2008, the Sheriff spearheaded the Mortgage Foreclosure Hotline and Conciliation Program to help besieged homeowners avoid foreclosure.

Sheriff Mullen extends his appreciation to our County officials and departments for their considerable efforts and assistance to the Sheriff's Office, and to all involved in the budget process throughout fiscal year 2008.

In addition to finishing 2008 under budget, revenue growth for the office outpaced budget estimates primarily due to full cost recovery, the enhanced collection of fees, fines, and forfeitures, and an increased level of services.

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS FOR 2008

SERVICE PROVIDED:	TOTAL:
WARRANTS CLEARED	11,499
ARREARS ON NON-SUPPORT WARRANTS CLEARED	\$34,086,237
FIREARM PERMITS ISSUED	13,093
WRITS SERVED	59,595
MILES TRAVELED – PRISONER TRANSPORTATION	669,630
PRISONER TRIPS	10,936
PRISONERS TRANSPORTED	52,761
SHERIFF'S SALES	4,450

EXPENDITURES FOR 2008

TOTAL BUDGET FOR 2008	\$12,394,970.25
TOTAL SPENT FOR 2008	\$12,390,248.26
YEAR-END REMAINING 2008	\$4,721.99

REVENUES FOR 2008

GENERAL FEES	\$3,481,369.06
FIREARMS LICENSE FEES	\$246,057.00
GENERAL REVENUE	\$136.62
REVENUE ACCOUNTS	\$2,853,201.39
GRANTS	\$14,004.43
TOTAL COLLECTED FOR 2008	\$6,594,768.50

Sheriff Mullen is thankful for the honor and responsibility of serving Allegheny County. He welcomes and values your insight and suggestions about ways to improve and enhance the Sheriff's Office. You are encouraged to view and provide information on our website at www.sheriffalleghenycounty.com.

Please contact Sheriff William Mullen at 412-350-4711 with any questions regarding this information. Thank you.