

Onondaga County Sheriff's Office



Sheriff Kevin E. Walsh

Budget is Largely Unchanged from 2012 Except for the Following:

- Pistol License Software
- Vehicles
- Capital Projects (resolution to borrow money to study projects)
 1. Special enforcement/property & evidence facility
 2. Mental Health Unit at the Justice Center
- Police Personnel

Pistol License Software

- If you were to call today to set up an appointment to get a pistol license, we likely could not see you until June 2013
- This long a wait time is not acceptable, and may cause some people to acquire guns illegally
- For an initial cost of \$70,000 plus approximately \$13,000 in annual maintenance costs, we can install a software system that streamlines the process
- This will eliminate the backlog
- It will then take only a couple of months rather than almost a year to get your license

Vehicle Replacement

- Fleet of 210 vehicles (Custody & Police)
- The fleet program was to replace patrol vehicles (Crown Vics until recently) at 120,000 miles and other vehicles at 100,000 miles
- Approximately 30 to 35 vehicles per year would normally suffice, equating to about a 5-year replacement cycle for all but some of the specialty vehicles

Vehicle Replacement *(continued)*

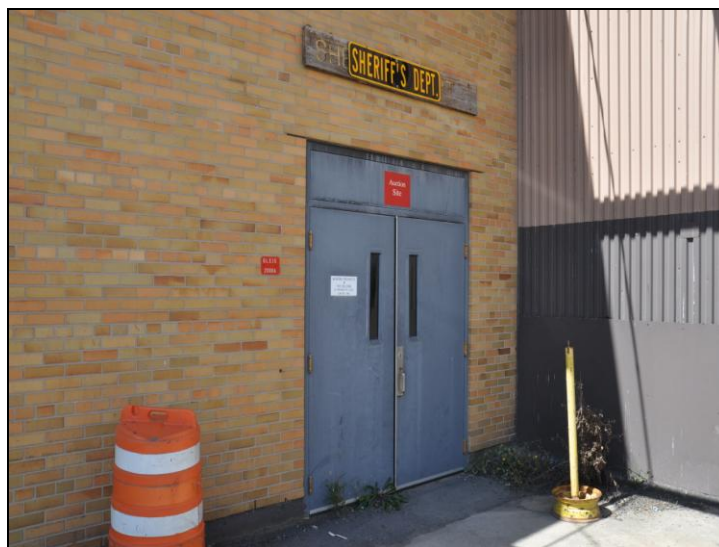
- In 2011, no money was appropriated to replace any vehicles, putting us a year behind schedule
- In 2012, we were able to replace 26 vehicles so we are still a year behind
- The budget plan would allow us to replace 40 vehicles (20 included in budget plus another 20 in fund balance resolution)
- To address this, we will need 40 vehicles per year for the next few years
- Then we can go back to approximately 30 to 35 vehicles per year

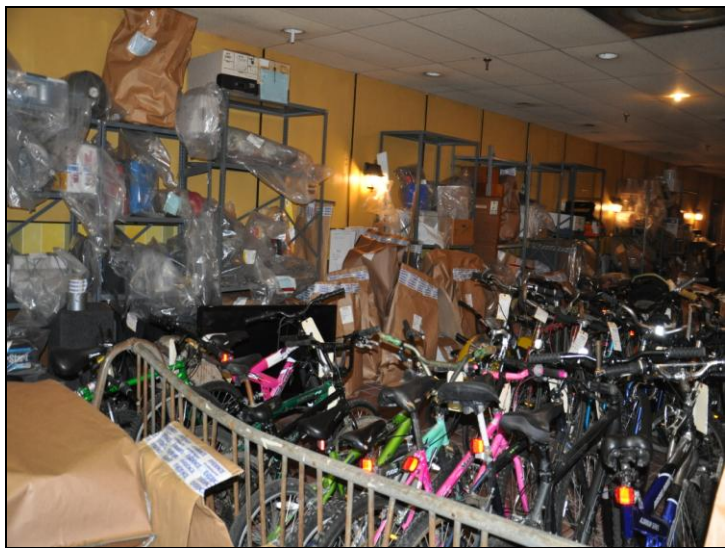
Property & Evidence Facility – Health & Safety Issues

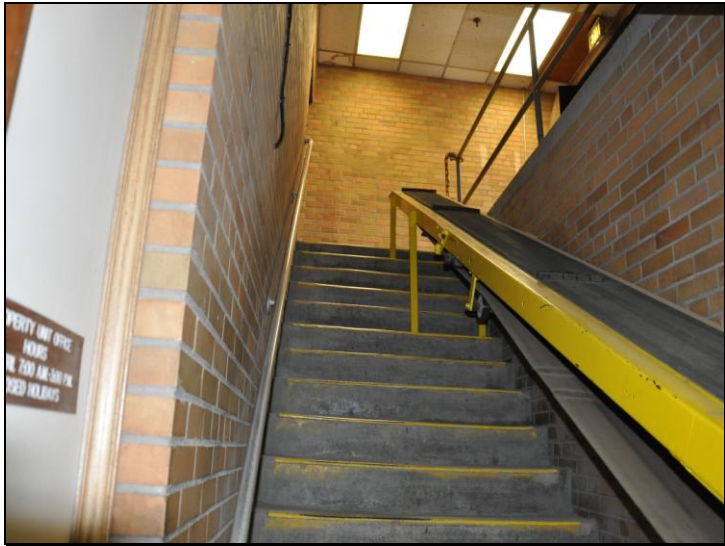
- Flooding causes mildew & mold to form
- Rodent Infestation
- Air Quality Issues
 - mold/mildew
 - marijuana storage area is not properly ventilated
- Access Issues
 - Emergency exits are overgrown with weeds
 - Steep stairwells are the only way to bring heavy items into and out of the facility
 - This is dangerous to employees and to the public

Property & Evidence Facility – Other Issues

- Flooding can damage property and evidence being held
- Impound lot is too small & not sufficiently secure
- Shortage of space for current needs
- Insufficient space available to consider consolidation of property & evidence facilities with other police agencies







Special Enforcement Facility Issues

- Has not been renovated since 1980 so all major building components have outlived their normal service life
- Lack of space creates need to house many vehicles outside or at other facilities around the county









Possible Solution

- DOT plans to re-locate from its location next to the special enforcement facility site
- Two vacated DOT buildings can perhaps be renovated to meet space needs for both property & evidence and special enforcement facilities
- We are asking that this potential project be studied further to determine costs associated with potential renovations or other solutions

Mental Health Unit at Justice Center

- Constant watch
 - In 2011, averaged 8.9 inmates per day
 - Each deputy can only watch 1 or 2, so averaged 4.9 posts per day
 - Accounted for over \$2 million in labor costs
- With a better designed mental health unit
 - Each deputy could watch at least 4 or 5 inmates
 - Very conservative estimate would mean half the posts
 - Savings of \$1 million per year!

Jail Overpopulation Concerns

- Currently at functional capacity
- Population continues to increase by about 25/year
- Without additional inmate space, County will soon experience the potential loss of millions of dollars of federal inmate money AND the potential multi-million dollar annual cost of housing our own inmates elsewhere
- Refer to cost analysis previously provided

Syracuse.com Headline: ["Oswego County costs could soar to more than \\$1 million to pay for sending inmates to other county jails"](#)

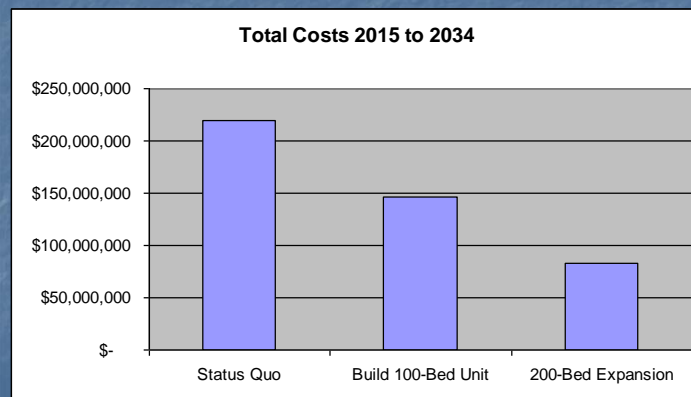
Monday, September 10, 2012 Deborah J. Groom, The Post-Standard

Oswego, NY – Oswego County has so many more inmates than the space available to house them, it may have to spend an extra \$1.3 million beyond what was budgeted for jail expenses this year.

100-Bed Mental Health Unit

- Assuming a cost of \$10 million, debt service on the project will cost \$720,469/year
- We should be able to save over \$1 million per year in constant watch labor costs
- This will delay the multi-million dollar per year costs associated with overpopulation

New unit would save nearly \$75 million before it is even paid off....



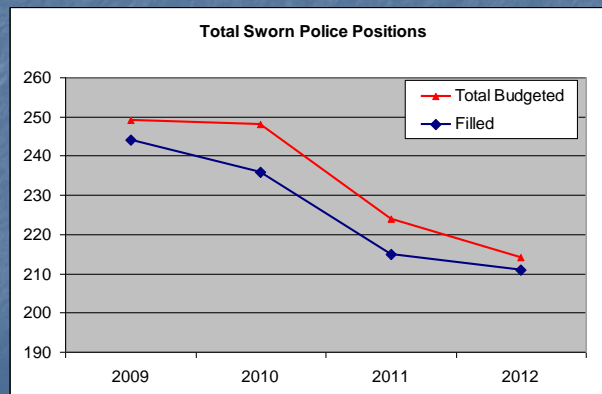
If population continues to increase...

- It becomes more cost effective to build even more beds
- However, if population stabilizes near current levels, only 100 beds will be needed
- Recommendation is to advance the design of a new 100-bed mental health unit that would have the capacity to add more beds easily if future needs dictate

Borrowing Resolution

- Up to \$900,000 for engineering design expenses associated with both projects
- If approved, this work will be done in 2013
- We will then be asking next year at this time to borrow money for the construction for each project

Police Personnel Decreasing



Responsibility Increasing

- The Town of Clay abolished its police department so OCSO is responsible for nearly all of the calls they previously handled
- Other towns/villages are considering abolishing and/or downsizing their police departments
- OCSO will be required to answer the additional calls for service

New Positions Needed

- Requested new positions for 2013
- Proposed budget keeps status quo with 214 total sworn police positions (208 funded and 6 "grant")
- We are asking the Legislature to reconsider and include funding for additional deputies

How We Got Here

- In 2008, Clay abolished its police department and contracted with OCSO to provide the same coverage it previously provided with its own force
- 13 Clay officers were hired by OCSO and these 13 "grant-funded" positions were included in the budget each year thereafter
- Clay ended the contract at the beginning of 2012, making these positions unfunded in the budget

How We Got Here *(continued)*

- We were set to fill a few existing police vacancies with lateral hires at the end of 2011, but hiring was put on hold due to the Town of Clay's decision, leaving approximately 6 people in unfunded roster spots at the beginning of 2012
- That, coupled with salary savings built into the budget, has put us over budget in our Police 101 regular salary account for 2012 (projected to be approximately a \$100,000 deficit)
- The result is that even though we have lost 10 deputies in 2012, we have been unable to hire
- This in turn has caused overtime to increase (projected to be a deficit of more than \$300,000)

Request to Reconsider

- Relieve the Police side of the salary save. Fund the positions that are authorized in the budget.
- Overtime amount requested was based on our overall budget request, which included several new positions
- Absent new positions, the overtime account should be increased by at least \$300,000

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We welcome your questions