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Statement from the Lewis County Board of Legislators

December 17, 2020

Contrary to Sheriff Carpinelli's comments today, the Lewis County Board of Legislators has made zero effort to defund public safety in Lewis County. In fact, the Board of Legislators has a strong track record of supporting public safety initiatives, increasing the Sheriff's budget 15% in four years, and adding 10 public safety positions since 2017.

Right now, supporting public safety means supporting public health, which is why the Board voted today to create five full-time Public Health Project Specialist positions to assist with the County's ongoing pandemic response.

The Legislature's top priority is containing the spread of COVID-19 in our community. The virus continues to threaten our healthcare capacity, the livelihood of small business owners, the education of our children, and the lives of our most vulnerable residents. All available government resources must be reviewed, and properly allocated to this effort.

We welcome the Sheriff to use his platform as a community leader to contribute to our community's effort to contain the spread of the virus by collaborating with public health officials, and encouraging his department to be a positive example for our community.

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	2018	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**% Increase**
Sheriff's Budget Appropriations	$2,909,100	$3,061,894	$3,231,479	$3,358,969	15%
Jail Budget Appropriations	$2,167,684	$2,246,195	$2,423,253	$2,477,802	14%
Total Sheriff's Office Budget Appropriations	$5,076,784	$5,308,089	$5,654,732	$5,836,771	15%

Date	**Resolution**	**Position Added**	**Status**
03.02.2017	187-2017	Probation Officer	Full Time
10.02.2018	348-2018	Deputy Sheriff	Full Time
09.04.2018	297-2017	District Attorney Investigator	Part Time
03.06.2018	77-2018	Assistant District Attorney	Part Time
02.06.2018	61-2018	Deputy Sheriff/Criminal Investigator	Full Time
02.06.2018	60-2018	Dispatcher/Corrections Officer	Full Time
11.05.2019	386-2019	First Assistant District Attorney	Full Time
10.01.2019	336-2019	Legal Assistant (District Attorney)	Part Time
02.04.2020	26-2020	Assistant District Attorney	Part Time
02.04.2021	25-2021	District Attorney Intern	Part Time
05.02.2018	173-2018	Correction Officer	Full Time
05.02.2019	173-2018	Correction Officer	Full Time
05.02.2020	173-2018	Correction Officer	Full Time
05.02.2021	173-2018	Correction Officer	Full Time
09.01.2020	238-2020	Jail Nurse Upgrade (Grade 34 to Grade 35)	Full Time
		Total Full Time Created	9
		Total Part Time Created	5

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