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TO: Board of Supervisors
Via: David J. Twa, County Administrator

FROM: Sheriff David O. Livingston
By: Undersheriff Michael V. Casten

SUBJECT: Report on the Use of Front Line Law Enforcement Funding

Funding provided by the State of California as authorized by Government Code §30061, commonly referred to as Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Funds (SLESF) requires that the Sheriff report annually to the Board of Supervisors how these funds were used. SLESF funds are provided to the Sheriff in two different categories; to support County Patrol services (\$167,736) and to supplement detention facilities (\$249,080). In the current atmosphere of ever shrinking budgets, this resource provides desperately needed funding assistance.

Since the inception of SLESF funding, the Sheriff has used these funds to augment the Air Support Unit budget, which includes contract funding from the City of Richmond and Solano County and Military Ocean Terminal, Concord (MOTCO) and grant funds from the California Department of Boating and Waterways. The Office of the Sheriff utilizes air assets as an integral tool for providing support to a wide variety of law enforcement services and missions in Contra Costa County. During fiscal year 2010/2011, the Air Support Unit documented the following activity:

➤ Patrol and incident response hours on Delta waterways,	242
➤ Calls for Service,	348
➤ Assistance to other agencies,	71
➤ Arrests resulting from Air Support Unit services,	45
➤ Vehicle pursuit assists,	7
➤ Missing persons located,	3
➤ Captures resulting from the use of forward-looking infrared equipment,	8
➤ Rescues	0

Significant budget reductions continued to reduce the number of patrol hours flown during the fiscal year, however, each of these statistics involved situations where the Air Support Unit provided public safety services to law enforcement officers and the communities we serve. These situations involved every aspect of our business, including; search and rescue, assisting vessels in distress, locating missing persons and assisting ground units in the detection and arrest of felony suspects. Our Air Support Unit continues to prove its worth on a

daily basis. Monies expended by the Office of the Sheriff from the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund, have been used to provide front-line law enforcement support, and to ensure that a vital "force multiplying" asset remains available to assist the citizens of Contra Costa County. The Office of the Sheriff thanks the Board of Supervisors for its continued support of this program.

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