



BACK THE BADGE PARK COUNTY!

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Why Does the Sheriff's Department need this Public Safety sales tax?

- ♦ In 2021 our Deputies responded to over 14,000 calls including 322 Domestic calls, 3,000+ traffic calls, 756 property related calls, 156 Assault and dispute calls, 280 extra patrol and 436 mental health calls.
- ♦ 2021 there were 215 emergency 911 calls placed by guests living in short-term rentals. To date this year, there have been 185 calls.
- ♦ **It Takes a minimum of 20 deputies to cover the county with 2 per side (Southpark, Bailey) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**
- ♦ Currently we have 12 Deputies. Over the last year we had 15 deputies and 1 support staff leave.
- ♦ The Sheriff has budgeted for 8 more deputies, but low deputy salaries and a shortage of affordable workforce housing have made it difficult to hire the needed staff.
- ♦ Minimal nighttime coverage means it could take over an hour for a second deputy to arrive to help with a call.
- ♦ In Colorado, domestic violence is slightly higher for rural counties, and rural communities have fewer resources for dealing with mental health issues that have spiked since the pandemic .
- ♦ New laws require a mental health worker to ride along on mental health calls and these calls require a different type of vehicle to transport from that scene, not a deputy car.
- ♦ In Colorado murders are up 75%. Motor vehicle theft is up 86%. Personal property crimes are up 20% and mental health issues and access to treatment in Colorado ranks 43rd in the nation.

What will the new money provide for? A Park County that is safer for all!

- ♦ Living wages to enable deputies to live in the community they protect and to help retain officers.
- ♦ Better 911 service to answer calls with quicker response time.
- ♦ Mental Health resources with additional mental health personnel serving citizens and Sheriff deputies.
- ♦ Additional deputies to provide 24 hour security with increased training opportunities and additional support for wildland fire evacuations or community events
- ♦ Technology that would allow deputies to file reports while in the field saving miles and time and storage for data from body cams.

How will this SALES TAX be funded:

- ♦ This will be collected as a Public Safety Tax and by State Law can only be used as such. It will appear as a separate line item in the county budget. It will be tracked the same way the Land and Water Trust Fund Sales Tax is tracked. The public will be able to see where the money is being spent and how much is used during the year. CRS 30-11-107.9

Where will this sales tax come from?

- ♦ Short term rentals, online sales, goods and services purchased in Park County.
- ♦ Food, utilities, medications and fuel are exempt from this tax.
- ♦ This is NOT a property tax.
- ♦ For every \$1,000.00 you spend on goods and services, the sales tax would cost your family \$10 to provide for a safer county.

Get Involved!

To Volunteer, Email:

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