

Law Enforcement Options for the Town of Melbourne Village

... Keeping it Simple

Law Enforcement – What’s Important to our Town

- Safety, Security, and Reliability - protection of our residents, their property, their families and town guests
- Rapid response when needed in emergency
- Traffic Control – sharing our roads with vehicles, pedestrians (young & old), runners/walkers, cyclers, pet walks, golf carts, etc.
- Most Cost-Effective Value
 - Ability to properly / effectively handle sensitive crimes – drugs, child & elderly abuse, theft, etc.
 - Full-time deputies vs part-time patrol

Comparing BCSO Options

- *Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU)*

- Deputy coverage by South Precinct

- Mainland – Pineda Causeway to Micco
 - Beachside – A1A split north of PSFB to Sebastian Inlet
 - When fully staffed, 11-16 deputies across entire Precinct
 - “~3 deputies in our zone”
 - “At lease one” town patrol every day

- *Service Contract*

- Full-time deputy 6 am – 6 pm, and on-call night service
 - 25-30 key activities reported to Town monthly (traffic stops, batteries, disturbances, criminal mischief, suspicious persons, traffic enforcement, area residence patrol, etc.); this info will not be available with *MSTU*,
 - Expect Lt Gish won't be attending our monthly Commission Meetings

Service Contract vs MSTU

- Other Services Available to Us
 - Child safety checks, personal safety presentations, drug awareness, self-defense class, vacation house checks, etc.
- Traffic Enforcement
 - *Service Contract* – major part of deputies activities during the day
 - *MSTU* – if only expecting “at least one” patrol a day, how much traffic enforcement will there be?
- Annual cost to each TMV household
 - *Service Contract* – \$250k, 4% annual increase limit
 - *MSTU* – is not \$0
 - Both provisions have a cost to each household
 - *Service Contract* – full-time officers - 12 hours a day, 7 days per week; or *MSTU* – part-time patrol with minimal presence

Estimated Cost Summary

Property Assessed Taxable Value	Estimated Annual Taxes ¹	
	Service Contract	MSTU
\$600,000	\$1,302 ²	\$580 ³
\$350,000 ⁴	\$760	\$338
\$300,000	\$651	\$290
\$200,000	\$434	\$193
\$35,000	\$76	\$34

1 - in conformance with Town's formulas for computing estimated BCSO taxes

2 - based on 9.4381 millage, and 23% estimate of town's budget

3 - based on .9660 Brevard County millage

4 - based on estimated taxable value of median TMV homes

Summary

- Although we do have some criminal activity during the year, it is so much less than most places. The Town has a reputation for being one of the safest places in Florida to live.
- Cut-thru traffic continues to be one of our most significant problems, affecting the quality of life and endangering the lives of those who live along the Sheridan-West Pine-South-Dayton corridor.
- Two options for the renewal of an agreement with the BCSO.
 1. *MSTU*, where we'll be provided "at least one" daily patrol of the Town; about half the cost of our current *Service Contract*.
 2. *Service Contract*, where we'll be provided full-time officers from 6 am to 6 pm; with on-call service from 6 pm to 6 am.
- Residents from other municipalities have reported that with their *MSTU*, there are *infrequent* sightings of sheriff vehicles, and calls requiring dispatch take longer than expected.
- If we choose *MSTU*, the law enforcement reputation of the Town will soon change (and I believe, for the worse). Is that acceptable to you?

Monthly BCSO Activities Report

Melbourne Village	
Create Date.Calendar	April 2023
Canceled	No
Primary Officer.ORI	FL0050000
Beat	95
Primary Officer.Division	South Precinct
Primary Officer.Squad	All

Melbourne Village	
Create Date.Calendar	May 2023
Canceled	No
Primary Officer.ORI	FL0050000
Beat	95
Primary Officer.Division	South Precinct
Primary Officer.Squad	All

Row Labels	Call Count
911 Misdial	2
911 Open Line	1
AOA	1
Assist Citizen	1
Assist DCF	2
Assist Motorist/Disabled Vehicle	2
ATC	3
Battery	1
Citizen Contact	2
Criminal Mischief	1
Disturbance	2
Information	4
Injured/Ill Person	1
Investigation	1
Open Door	1
Patrol Area Ag Marine	1
Patrol Area Business	124
Patrol Area Foot Patrol	1
Patrol Area Park	20
Patrol Area Residence	254
Property Found	1
Property Lost	1
Reckless Driving	1
Search Person	1
Search Vehicle	1
Special Detail On Duty	2

Row Labels	Call Count
911 Hangup	1
911 Misdial	4
911 Open Line	1
Animal Complaint	3
Assist Citizen	2
ATC	4
Crash No Injuries	5
Disturbance	2
Information	1
Intoxicated Person	1
Patrol Area Business	137
Patrol Area Foot Patrol	11
Patrol Area Park	23
Patrol Area Residence	245
Phone Call Obscene/Thre.	1
Reckless Driving	2
Sex Offender Address Ver	2
Suspicious Incident	2
Suspicious Person	3
Suspicious Vehicle	3
Theft	4
Traffic Complaint	4
Traffic Enforcement	45
Trespassing	1
TS	24
Grand Total	531