

Town of Chevy Chase Security

Public Services Committee

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Agenda

- Background
- Current status
- Security options
- PSC recommendation

Town Survey

- Tally of comments on:
 - Concerns regarding traffic violations: 35
 - Concerns about lack of visibility of police or need for increased presence: 49
 - Comments on security or feeling unsafe: 45

Town Survey

- “don’t feel like I could walk in the neighborhood”
- “I am afraid to walk outside after dark”
- “lately, I have grown uncomfortable walking my dog at night
- “The level of crime in the Town is disturbing, particularly in Elm Street Park”

Crime statistics

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008*
Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1	1	1	0	1
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	1	1
Residential Burglary	4	7	2	8	9
Theft from Auto	3	23	17	41	49
Sex Offenses	1	0	1	1	1

*2008: Jan 1-Nov 30

Dec 2008: 5 car break-ins

Jan 2009: 5 car break-ins, 1 unlocked garage rummaged, 1 home window broken/purse taken

Feb 2009: 4 car break-ins

Mar 2009: 7 cars rummaged

Current Status

■ Security staffing

- Montgomery County Police officers
 - » Security Management Systems (SMS)
 - » Managed through John d'Albora
- Montgomery Investigative and Security Services
 - » Report of incidents in Town provided and relayed to officers
 - » Patrols provide daily report of patrol locations, items of note

■ Coordination by Town:

- Todd Hoffman
- 3-4 hours per week

Coverage and Cost

End of 2008

Provider	Coverage	Hrs/month	Cost/yr*
MCP-SMS	Weekday	260	\$121k/yr
MCP-SMS	management		\$42k/yr
MISS	Tu-Sa 9pm-5am	160	\$54k/yr
Total		420	\$217k/yr

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MCP-SMS	Fri/Sat/Sun 10PM-6am	96	\$57k/yr
MCP-SMS	management		\$42k/yr
SMS	7 days 9pm-5am	224	\$54k/yr
Total		580	274k

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Chevy Chase Village

- 1 Chief
- 11 on staff to be increased to 12 next year to allow potential for 2 officers on duty at all times
- Annual budget: \$1.1-1.2 million
- No MCP presence in CCV

Options

- 1. Status quo
- 2. Contract for services with CCV
- 3. Combined CCV/TOCC Police Dept.
- 4. Dedicated MCP officer
- 5. Town Police Officer

1. Status Quo

- Mix of off-duty Montgomery County Police officers and private security
- This option includes
 - increasing the coverage by MCP off-duty officers
 - Alterations in the balance between MCP and MISS

2. Contract for services, CCV

- CCV has contract with other municipalities to provide coverage
- CCV fails to meet its service contract 8-9 months of the year in which they cannot meet the contract hours
- Lack of control by TOCC

3. Combined CCV/TOCC Police Department

- Shared resources
- Joint management of unified police dept.
- Presents administrative and political hurdles
 - Town Council + Village Board
 - To whom would the chief report
 - If 2 chiefs, then not really 1 department

4. Dedicated MCP Officer: Friendship Heights Model

- “Friendship Heights Model”
 - Paid for an MCP FTE to have dedicated police staffing
 - Arrangement terminated years ago.
- MCP unlikely to agree to arrangement, per Commander Hamill (Bethesda)
 - Current staffing limitations
 - Hiring reductions
 - Restricts allocation of limited resources

5. Town Police Officer

- Professional management of security services
- Dedicated police presence with visibility, coordination with other Police Departments, greater control by TOCC of staffing
- Provides additional hours of police coverage over that currently contracted with MCP officers
- Potential for additional services, e.g., home checks when residents are away
- Authority to hire TOCC police exists in the Charter

Option 5

- Elements: salary, benefits, insurance, car uniforms, office space
- Non-salary start up costs: \$50k
- Annual/recurring costs: \$100k

PSC: Option 5

- Provides dedicated security expertise
 - Provide additional security services
 - Experienced, professional management of security resources
 - Visible “cop on the beat” in tune with residents, understanding the needs of the community
- Town can improve over the current system
 - Visibility in the Town
 - Coordination with other departments
 - Control of policing in the Town