



FY 2017 Recommended Budget Budget Question

Board Question #: 30

BUDGET QUESTION: Why does the County pay dues on a per deputy basis to the Virginia Sheriff's Association when deputies are paying their own dues to the Police Benevolence Association? How much would be saved if we no longer paid the Virginia Sheriff's Association dues?

RESPONSE: The Virginia Sheriff's Assoc. (VSA) lobbies the State for:

1. Pay increases for deputies, resulting in an increase of funding to the County;
2. Better benefits for all VRS members, benefitting all employees of the County; and
3. Better laws to protect all citizens of the State.

Additionally, VSA strives to form a bond between members and lawmakers, so a voice from the public is heard, and sponsors an annual conference to inform all members of both changing laws and newly created laws.

Morale is boosted by a unified front for both sworn and non-sworn employees and allows a continuous open line of communication with lawmakers.

Lastly, VSA members have an opportunity for scholarships and recognition awards.

The County pays approximately \$8,900 to the Virginia Sheriff's Association for annual dues. In FY 2016, the amount paid was \$8,892 - \$732 for the Sheriff and \$30 each for 272 Sheriff's Office staff.