



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
DAVID O. LIVINGSTON
SHERIFF – CORONER

November 19, 2015

Alamo Police Services Advisory Committee
150 Alamo Plaza, Ste. C
Alamo, CA 94507

RE: Request to consider Per Diem Deputy Sheriff position

Dear APSAC Board Members:

It is my pleasure to follow up with you regarding your letter requesting that consideration be given to hiring a part-time Per Diem Deputy Sheriff to support police services for the Alamo – County Services Area P2B.

I assure you that I take your concerns about property crimes and the needs of the community of Alamo very seriously and have asked Lieutenant Jason Haynes, who was recently assigned as the Patrol Division Valley Station Commander, to work with the APSAC to explore options for a viable staffing solution.

Lieutenant Haynes has informed me that he has been unable to identify qualified candidates that are interested in accepting a part-time Per Diem Deputy Sheriff position at Valley Station. Please be assured that we remain steadfast in our ongoing efforts to provide high quality law enforcement service delivery to the Alamo community.

Thank you for taking the time to write and share your concerns. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or other issues you wish to discuss.

Sincerely,

DAVID O. LIVINGSTON
Sheriff – Coroner

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cc: Michael V. Casten, Undersheriff
Mark Williams, Assistant Sheriff, Field Operations Bureau
Dan Hoffman, Captain, Patrol Division
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*The Alamo Police Service Advisory Committee serves as an advisory body to the
Contra Costa County Sheriff.*

July 7, 2015

Sheriff David Livingston
Contra Costa County
651 Pine Street 7th floor
Martinez, CA 94553

Re: Request to consider a per diem deputy position.

Dear Sheriff Livingston,

The Board of the P2B, now called APSAC, is trying to find ways to make our tax dollars go farther and to better protect our Alamo. For many years P2B funds were able to support two full time deputies. Over the years we've had to cut back to one deputy. Currently, Deputy Topete is assigned to the position, working four ten hour day shifts a week and on his days off, the Valley Station tries to fill in the remaining days with volunteer overtime deputies.

Like many affluent communities recently, Alamo has seen a dramatic jump in residential burglaries (29 in 2013 to 65 in 2014). The recent burglaries have affected every board member either personally or in their immediate neighborhood. Alamo has also seen a jump in identity thefts from 29 in 2013 to 52 in 2014. Our community has voiced their concerns and many have said they believe they are not safe.

Residential burglaries require follow up investigation and are labor intensive. We applaud Deputy Topete's success and tenacity in solving a number of burglaries since he arrived, but we know one deputy cannot effectively focus on the recent burglars while doing all of the other functions that the APSAC deputies have traditionally performed. These functions include working with the local schools; managing a diversion program with the less serious juvenile offenders; maintaining visibility and a working relationship with the business community; managing and controlling the traffic problems that besiege this small town during commute hours; and maintaining a visible presence at community functions such as the music festivals, car show and the annual tree lighting.

Simply put, we believe the overtime deputies do not fill the void left by Deputy Topete on his days off. They do not have the continuity or the connection to the community to assist in the above APSAC deputy functions. We also believe that while we cannot afford a full or half time deputy, we could afford a Per Diem Deputy position.

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We are therefore, respectfully recommending and requesting you and your command staff to consider opening a per diem deputy position at the Valley Substation. Ideally we think a retired Contra Costa sworn deputy, who is familiar with the inner workings of the Sheriff's office, who has crime investigation experience and who could assist Deputy Topete and the Valley Substation on Topete's days off, would be a perfect match for our community's needs.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Alamo Police Advisory Board

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