

December 08, 2008

Dear Board of Township Trustees,

"One of the reasons the County finds itself in such severe financial constraints is the \$3.5 Million reduction in Local Government receipts. You will remember that this reduction was due to a shift in census population which occurred a couple of years ago. These reduced funds were ultimately redistributed to the County's other 34 political subdivisions.

We are proposing a discussion to help offset the \$1.1 Million reduction to the Sheriff's Department for 2009 which will definitely have an impact on the level of Road Patrol available throughout the County's 18 Townships. We realize that some Townships already have individual contracts for additional protection with the Sheriff's Department.

What is projected here is based on the population figures contained in the Township Directory for the years 2008-2009 which total 55,558. If each Township were to adopt a \$10 per capita figure for the 2009 year, this could/would supplement the Sheriff's reduction by \$555,580.

We would ask the Lorain County Prosecutor's Office to prepare an agreement for action by your Board of Trustees if you wish to participate.

We look forward to working together with you and effectively working towards the stabilization of the townships and the future of Lorain County.,

Please let us know by return mail or e-mail of your interest in this concept or if a meeting to discuss same is desired.

Thank you,

**Betty Blair**

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