

PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION

MEMORANDUM
OF CALL

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TO:

Bill

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YOU WERE CALLED BY--

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YOU WERE VISITED BY--

Craig Uchida

OF (Organization)

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PLEASE PHONE ►

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FTS

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AUTOVON

616-3031

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WILL CALL AGAIN

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IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

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RETURNED YOUR CALL

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WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

he will be there until
5:30 or 6:00pm

RECEIVED BY

DATE

TIME

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Author: Bill Modzeleski at WDCJ01
Date: 7/8/96 9:10 AM
Priority: Normal
TO: William Kincaid at WDCT01
CC: Larry Cohen at WDCT01
CC: Judy Wurtzel at WDCT01
Subject: Re[2]: Info on Funding of COPS

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Bill: AS YOU ARE FINDING OUT THIS IS NOT AN EXACT SCIENCE...FRINGE OR INDIRECT COSTS FOR COPS IS VERY HIGH. ASIDE FROM REGULAR FRINGE BENEFITS...IT INCLUDES: COST OF WEAPON; 20 YEAR RETIREMENT; UNIFORM; TRAINING;

THE \$50,000 FIGURE WE CAME UP WITH, MAY BE A LITTLE LOW IF FRINGE BENEFITS NEED TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. I'D GO TO \$60-\$65,000/

Bill--

Thanks. Sorry I missed your call back. Sounds like they still didn't give you any kind of an overall average figure.

After I left my voice mail message today, I spoke with Don Amerson with the COPS intergovernmental/public liason shop. He also noted the wide variation, but he said that, for himself, when he is trying to envision what something means in concrete terms, he uses a rough figure of 32,000-35,000 as the annual total cost per officer. He said that the COPS office didn't have much of a need for an average figure because their grants are capped at 3 years/75,000 (25,000 per year), or 75% of the cost.

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* this figure includes gross salary, employer contribution to benefits, "jail expenditures" (?), supplies, food, and contracted services.

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Author: Mike Smith at WDCT01
Date: 7/5/96 5:53 PM
Priority: Normal
TO: William Kincaid
Subject: Re[4]: Info on Funding of COPS

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Think we should do something revised for Riley when he gets back? Or wait til there is a specific need?no -- we can wait. M

Bill

Bill: It looks like the 50-60 number might be better for future documents. You know the organization of Police may have the best figures.

Mike

Mike--

Bill M. finally got activated on this, but neither one of us was able to pull a very useful number out of DOJ. Thought you might be able to look at this smorgasbord of numbers and say what you thought made sense. Recall that in my memo to Riley is used Judy's per-cop figure of 45,000.

-- Bill

----- Forward Header -----

Subject: Re: Info on Funding of COPS
Author: William Kincaid at WDCT01
Date: 7/3/96 6:44 PM

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M E M O

TO: Secretary Riley
FROM: Bill Kincaid *Bill Kincaid*
DATE: July 3, 1996
RE: Estimated Cost of "Officers in Schools" Proposal

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These figures rely on the following assumptions:

- Average cost of a security officer: \$30,000^{1, 2}
- Average cost of a police officer: \$45, 000³
- Total number of high schools affected: 16,089⁴

We are continuing to seek more accurate estimates, and will provide you with updated

¹ Cost for both security and police officers includes salary and benefits.

² Based on information from Cincinnati, Boston, Buffalo and Baltimore.

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

cc: Mike Smith
Judy Wurtzel



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Bill: make this for you --
all footnotes.

Get it up to Annie

Mike -

Please look at the
attached and see if it's
what you want. I attached
Tudj's note explaining her
assumptions so you could
see some of the details
I have left out in the
version for Riley.
See my e-mail.

Thanks Bill



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combined elementary and
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School Security Personnel Costs

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cincinnati } \$2,000,000 \div 114 \text{ FTE} \\ = \$17,544 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Detroit } \$2,300,000 \div 75 \text{ FTE} \\ = \$30,666 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Buffalo } \$1,000,000 \div 26 \text{ FTE} \\ = \$38,461 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Baltimore } \$3,600,000 \div 112 \text{ FTE} \\ = \$32,143 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \$3,000,000 \div 150 \\ = \$20,000 \end{aligned}$$