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## Mounted Unit Budget FY 2007-2008

Cost is based on a 5-horse unit with 3 full time riders, 1 part time rider/instructor,  
And 1 part time rider/supervisor.

<b>4120 Contractual Services</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,000</b>
Stable / Pasture	Paynes Prairie		\$0.00
Horse Care / Feeding	\$400 per month		\$4,800
Veterinarian	Reg. visits every 4 months		\$3,000
Vet Emergency	As needed		\$3,000
Pasture/Finish Mowing	12 mowings at \$850 each		\$10,200
<b>3010 Materials / Supplies</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,851</b>
Feed (grain mix)	C - Avg \$300 per month		\$3,600
Hay (costal and alfalfa)	C - Avg \$350 per month		\$4,200
Supplements and Medications	C - Avg \$230 per month		\$2,760
Medical Supplies	As needed		\$150
Grooming / Stable Supplies	C - Avg \$25 per month		\$300
<b>Horse Tack</b>			
	5 blankets @ \$60 per horse		\$300
	Easyboots @ \$160 per horse		\$800
	Leg wraps @ \$100 per horse		\$500
	5 halters and lead ropes \$115 each		\$575
<b>Uniforms</b>			
	2 pair tall dress boots \$240 each		\$480
	2 short ridding boots \$130 each		\$260
	4 riding pants @ \$100 each		\$400
	10 Black BDU's @ \$40 each		\$400
	4 Insight Tech lights @ \$119		\$476
<b>Public Relations</b>			
	Bookmarks, ect		\$300
<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
	Stable supplies		\$500
	Laundry		\$300
	Water		\$300
	Stall Bedding		\$250

**4230 Maintenance / Building**

<b>3210 Training</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>
Outside Schools / Seminars approx \$1,000 per horse		\$5,000
Travel		\$2,000

**Total Operational Expenses    \$44,251**

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<b>6040 Capital</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
Horse replacement cost		\$5,000

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**Total Proposed FY 2007-2008 Budget    \$49,851**

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Mounted Patrol Unit  
Budget Proposal  
FY 2007-2008

**4120 – Contractual Services**

**\$21,000**

The Mounted Patrol Unit has enjoyed a large savings in Stable / Pasture expenses over the last several years because of a mutual agreement with the Florida Dept of Environmental Protection and Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park. However, our 5 year contract with the state park will end on September 30th 2008. Paynes Prairie has offered us a 20 acre plot of land and a 50 to 99 year lease at no cost to the Gainesville Police Department. We are currently in negotiations with the State Park Director, Michael Bullock. Currently the land is vacant and the construction of a new barn would be necessary. There will be a budget addendum to this proposal which will incorporate a turn-key construction project if the procurement of the park land is successful. There will also be a proposal for a contingency plan to board the horses at an approved stable and the associated costs.

The MPU has agreed to maintain the area occupied by the horses (a multi-stall barn and approx 20 acres of fenced pastures) located at the Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park. In return the State has agreed to let the MPU use the facility at no cost to the Gainesville Police Dept. This agreement is currently in the final year of a renewed five-year contract.

This year Spring Hill Veterinary has offered a special health program which costs approximately \$644 per horse per year. This would include routine checkups ever 4 months with vaccinations, dental work, & blood work for health certificates. Pre-purchase/lease exams, x-ray, and other incidental well-horse requirements would be an additional charge. Fortunately, this past FY there were no major medical issues on the unit, and the total vet cost of the last FY was \$5,257.90 for all 5 horses. However, because emergency vet bills can be expensive, the unit maintains an emergency vet buffer of \$3,000. The total vet contract with Springhill Veterinarians has remained the same as the previous FY year at a maximum of \$6,220 in expenses.

**3010 Materials / Supplies**

**\$16,851**

Historically, this budget item, one of the larger expenses for the MPU, has been underestimated resulting in deficit spending. Every effort has been made to accurately estimate the actual expenses in this category.

The majority of funding is used for Feed, Supplements, Uniforms and Tack, which wears out, with use. It is also used to maintain the stables, pastures, and equipment.

Working on the MPU results in greater than average wear to uniforms and equipment. Each budgeted officer is allowed 1 pairs of replacement breeches, plus three BDU shirts

and three pairs of BDU pants for daily duties other than regular mounted patrol. Also replacement riding boots as needed. The part time mounted officers are allotted one pair of breeches, polo shirts, and BDU's each, along with riding boots as needed. All members receive their own riding helmets. This FY the MPU is now fully staffed with three full time, one part time rider/supervisor and one part time rider/instructor.

This FY I am requesting to purchase 4 Insight Technology tactical firearm lights for the three full time riders and supervisor. This is going to allow the rider to maintain control of the reins with one hand in the event of needing to use the firearm during night time conditions and illuminate the potential target. The MPU primarily works during evening and night hours.

### **3210 Training**

**\$7,000**

During a previous FY, two MPU members were sent to an advanced Mounted Police Instructor school. Both Ofc J Kurnick and Ofc A Hinson successfully completed the 80hr school and are now certified as Mounted Police Instructors. This has eliminated the need to rely on outside instructors to train the Unit's officers and horses. It is however, desirable to attend outside training seminars or to have an instructor host a training clinic at the Mounted stables. This keeps an ongoing dialogue and contacts with other officers in the field. Local agencies usually hold special joint training events, which are free to attend. However, there is travel and lodging costs involved. With this in mind, \$7,000 has been budgeted to cover Equine related seminars for all members of the Unit.

### **6040 Capital**

**\$5,000**

The only item is \$5,000 for a replacement horse. This is requested to be in place in the event of an unexpected injury, death or exigent retirement of one of the current horses.

### **Long Term Issues:**

The Mounted Unit is in need of a new staging area as we are getting pushed out of the current location at the Oscar Lewis Annex. With the purchase of the Walker Building next to the station, it appears that there may be room for a Mounted staging area at that location.