

# OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF MAHONING COUNTY

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## PRESS RELEASE

*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2010*

Sheriff Randall A. Wellington announced this afternoon that he issued 101 layoff notices to his employees, scheduled to take effect Sunday, March 28, 2010. This action is a direct result of an anticipated cut to his budget of between \$ 5.7 m to \$ 4 m from what his operational spending was in 2009. Union Representatives were given copies of the notices at noon today.

“The recession that everyone is facing should probably be called a Depression, as it certainly is one around here. The County is in a financial freefall.” He explained that with the budget shortfalls, layoffs are going to cause a dramatic decrease in jail capacity.

“I am bound by a Federal Court Consent Decree that is impossible to abide by due to a lack of funds. State law holds me accountable to not spend money that is not in my budget.” Sheriff Wellington explained that is the primary reason why all of the parties to the May, 2007 Consent Decree will be heading to Federal Court on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

“This stress and uncertainty is going to be felt throughout this organization. I understand the pain this brings to our deputies and their families. The impact on our criminal justice system and this community could throw us backward to where we were in 2005.”

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Sheriff Wellington closed by stating “The consequences will be real and felt in countless ways.”

**NOTE: Details concerning specifics of the layoff and other financial details are included as an attachment to this Press Release.**

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**PRESS RELEASE ATTACHMENT**

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2009 \$ ACTUAL END-OF-YEAR TOTAL OPERATIONAL EXPENSES  
WERE \$ 17.5 m (County Budget Code 06001)

\*NOTE: CONCESSIONS FROM UNION AND MANAGEMENT  
BETWEEN APRIL AND THE END OF 2009 RESULTED IN A  
SAVINGS OF \$ 1.9 m AS THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE WAS  
FIRST IN THE COUNTY TO INITIATE A 10% PAY AND  
WORK SCHEDULE REDUCTION. THIS AGREEMENT  
EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2010

2010 \$ SHERIFF'S OPERATIONAL BUDGET REQUEST FOR 2010  
WAS \$ 19.4 m (County Budget Code 06001)

2010 \$ ANTICIPATED OPERATIONAL BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR  
2010 EXPECTED TO BE AS LOW AS \$ 11.8 m (County  
Budget Code 06001) **\*SOURCE: COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATOR GEORGE TABLACK ON BEHALF OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

2010 \$ BUDGET REDUCTION FOR 2010 FROM 2009 EXPECTED  
TO RANGE BETWEEN \$ 5.7 m TO \$ 4 m

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- \$    TODAY'S LAYOFF ANNOUNCEMENT IS PROJECTED TO  
        SAVE \$ 4 m THIS YEAR
- STAFF    TODAY'S TOTAL OF SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMPLOYEES IS  
        302 (INCLUDES SWORN AND CIVILIAN)
- STAFF    CERTIFIED MAIL LAYOFF NOTICES WERE MAILED  
        TODAY TO A TOTAL OF 101 STAFF; 4 SERGEANTS, 90  
        DEPUTIES, AND 7 CIVILIANS (4 full-time and 3 part-time)
- 3/28/2010 LAYOFFS TAKE EFFECT AT 7:00 A.M. SUNDAY, 3/28/2010  
        AS THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT  
        REQUIRES NOTICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL AND A 14 DAY  
        NOTICE
- STAFF    EMPLOYEES REMAINING TOTAL 201 MEMBERS  
        CONSISTING OF DEPUTIES, SUPERVISORS, AND  
        CIVILIANS
- INMATES  CURRENT COURT APPROVED CAPACITY OF THE  
        JUSTICE CENTER (Main Jail) AND THE MINIMUM  
        SECURITY JAIL IS 602 INMATES
- INMATES  TODAY'S COUNT FOR BOTH JAILS IS 459 WHICH  
        INCLUDES 40 FEDERAL INMATES
- \$    2008 TOTAL INMATE REVENUE WAS \$ 4.31 m
- \$    2009 TOTAL INMATE REVENUE WAS \$ 2.96 m

§ 2010 TOTAL INMATE REVENUE EXPECTED TO BE LESS THAN \$ 1 m

INMATES THE PRISONER BOARDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN MAHONING COUNTY AND THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN EXPIRED FEBRUARY 23, 2010

3/17/2010 PARTIES TO THE FEDERAL COURT CONSENT DECREE OF MAY 17, 2007 WILL BE IN U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE DANIEL POLLSTER'S CHAMBERS IN CLEVELAND TO DISCUSS THE COUNTY'S BUDGET SHORTFALLS AND ITS PLAN TO REDUCE JAIL CAPACITY STEMMING FROM LAYOFFS

JAIL IF THE SHERIFF'S JAIL REDUCTION PLAN IS APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL COURT, THE MINIMUM SECURITY JAIL WILL CONTINUE ITS FUNCTION AS AN INMATE DAY REPORTING CENTER WITH NO OVERNIGHT INMATE HOUSING. REDUCED INMATE BED SPACE BETWEEN BOTH JAILS WILL BRING BED CAPACITY DOWN TO A TOTAL OF 254 INMATES