

JUNEAU POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO: Duncan Rorie Watt, City Manager**

**FROM: Bryce Johnson, Chief**

**DATE: December 8, 2016**

**RE: FY18 Marine Passenger Fee Funding Request**

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The Police Department is requesting \$269,639 of the Marine Passenger Fee funds in order to provide foot and bike patrol presence in the downtown area and cover the increase in dispatch responsibilities during the summer cruise ship season.

This presence has in the past and will continue to be a critical step in ensuring visitor safety. It is not unusual for our downtown foot and bike patrol officers to have contact with hundreds of visitors per week. Since these officers are visible and easily accessible they can often mitigate problems between our downtown locals and marine passengers.

We are requesting funding for two regular downtown Officers, two reassigned (for summer break) School Resource Officers and hours for Police Reserve Officers (PROs). The availability of the SROs and PROs will greatly increase the officers on patrol in the downtown area and provide added coverage.

We are also requesting funding for two bikes to be used for patrolling the downtown area. Having bikes allows Officers to easily maneuver the crowded streets and sidewalks.

During the cruise ship season, Capital City Fire and Rescue staffs an extra ambulance with two personnel from 0800 to 2000 hours every day of the week. This is in addition to the increased JPD field staffing. What we have never addressed is that the calls for service from this influx of people go through a JPD dispatcher before they get to field responders. JPD dispatchers manage the radio traffic and subsequent support calls for both the extra CCFR and JPD staff.

JPD dispatch has not had the necessary staff trained to adequately cover these high volume hours. Generally, we have at two dispatchers on duty during the

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cruise ship season and hours. These two dispatchers have to cover multiple JPD radio channels as well as the CCFR radio channel while still taking 911 calls and non-emergency calls from the public. Funds would be used to deploy a third dispatcher on regular duty hours during the peak activity hours to cover increased call volume and radio traffic that the cruise passengers generate (two dispatch positions over a seven day period). If personnel levels do not provide the ability to staff the peak times on regular time, the funds may be used to cover overtime costs to deploy a third dispatcher during these same times.

Thank you for considering our request.

**Breakdown of JPD's Marine Passenger Fee Request  
FY18**

	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Benefits</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2 Downtown Officers</b>	\$ 72,672.88	\$ 36,477.33	\$ 109,150.21
<b>2 School Resource Officers</b>	\$ 36,245.17	\$ 17,254.19	\$ 53,499.36
<b>Police Reserve Officer Hours</b>	\$ 14,812.30	\$ 1,429.39	\$ 16,241.69
<b>2 Public Safety Dispatchers</b>	\$ 54,748.10	\$ 31,099.90	\$ 85,848.00
<b>Equipment Allowance</b>			\$ 2,500.00
<b>2 Bicycles</b>			\$ 2,400.00
<b><i>Grand Total</i></b>			<b><u><u>\$ 269,639.26</u></u></b>