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DON'T CUT CORNERS IN PUBLIC SAFETY!

Urgent News About Park Ridge Public Safety Cuts

The City of Park Ridge is proposing drastic cuts to **your** public safety for the upcoming May 1, 2010 fiscal year. They are proposing to cut: **5 Police Officers**

➤ The **impact** of these cuts would mean...

- The *elimination* of the Traffic Bureau to compensate for the shortage in patrol.
- *Limited* selective enforcements of dangerous intersections.
- A *reduction* of concentrated school zone enforcement.
- The Department's *proactive* efforts will become *reactive*.
- The *reduction* of overall quality and quantity of traffic safety.
- *Overall officer and public safety will be reduced*

➤ **Facts** about the Park Ridge Police Department...

- The F.B.I. established a national standard of 2.5 police officers per 1000 residents. At current staffing levels, PRPD falls below that standard by serving the community with only 1.59 police officers per 1000 residents.
- A study of 59 surrounding municipalities using this staffing standard ranked Park Ridge 45th. The proposed cuts would lower Park Ridge's rank to 53rd.
- The Police Department answers an average of **24,000** calls for service per year.
- On average, the City of Park Ridge has **only five police** officers on patrol **protecting a population of 40,000** which can reach as high as **90,000** during the daytime.
- In 2005, a City survey was conducted and **citizen concerns** regarding traffic problems caused the City Council to increase the Department's commitment to traffic safety. As a result, the Police Department reorganized and created the Traffic Bureau.
- Police Officers gave the city \$138,000 to help balance the budget last year. Now we need your help to say **NO** to cuts that would reduce the service you deserve from the Police Department.

What can you do as a citizen?

Contact your elected official now and let them know that cuts to **your** Public Safety are not acceptable! Please visit www.iaff2697.org for more information.

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The City of Park Ridge is proposing drastic cuts to ***your*** public safety for the upcoming May 1, 2010 fiscal year. They are proposing to cut: **3 Firefighter/Paramedics**

What does this mean to you?

Reducing minimum staffing levels will result in **taking a fire company out of service**. This means your own community will not have a dedicated ladder truck for elevated rescue, extrication and firefighting efforts.

- **Less people and equipment** will be available to respond to emergency calls for service.
- **Longer response times** due to even greater dependency on automatic and mutual aid.*
* (Assistance from neighboring Fire Departments, if available)
- **Reduced safety margin for emergency operations (for personnel and victims).**
- **Possible increase in homeowner's insurance premiums to residents and business owners** due to a drop in the City's Insurance Service Office (ISO) Property Protection Class rating.

Cutting 3 positions will bring fire department staffing levels to ***one less*** than what it was in 1974. Call volumes have ***more than doubled*** since then.

Firefighters gave the City \$156,000 last year to help balance the City budget.
Now we need your help to **say no to cuts** that could endanger residents and firefighters.

Is there anything you can do?

Yes! **Please contact one or more of the elected officials below** and let them know that **cuts** to your Public Safety **are not acceptable**. Fire and Police protection is one of the most basic responsibilities of a government.

Please visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.iaff2697.org"](http://www.iaff2697.org) for more information.

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