



## CONSTABLE PRECINCT 4

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**Subject: Increasing the Authorized Number of Reserve Deputies for Constable 4**

Please consider this memo a request to increase the authorized number of Reserve Deputies from 25 to 35. Reserve Deputies provide a valuable level of support in my office, which has been especially helpful during this period in which the expansion of my office with full-time deputies has not been possible. Reserve Deputies assist with day-to-day operations, emergency/disaster response, and special events around the County held by various nonprofit groups. These groups often request support as they may have several hundred people attending a given event. It would not be prudent to provide a regular full-time employee, but there is certainly no conflict when the Reserve Deputy provides his services at no charge to the event or taxpayer.

A tremendous amount of scrutiny and consideration goes in to the selection of our Reserve Deputies. Reserves, by State law, are trained the same as full-time deputies and are subject to the same annual training requirements. These deputies are professional members of our community and are often retired officers who still desire to give back to the community in a limited role.

There is no additional cost to the County by increasing our authorized allotment. Additionally, no request for funds or equipment is accompanying this request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Nehls", is written over a white rectangular area.

Troy E. Nehls