

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Dave Phalen, Sheriff



March 15, 2005

To Fairfield County Commissioners:

I am asking each of you to make the safety of our citizens your number one priority. The citizens are looking to you for leadership during this difficult financial time in our county. I was encouraged funding was found to avoid layoffs in the Clerk of Courts office.

To date, I have reduced staffing levels by 26 full time employees. The sacrifice of the Sheriff's Office has far exceeded any other agency within the county. Strong leadership is needed without regard to politics or the fear of the next election. Today I am asking you to do the right thing. We must keep the citizens of Fairfield County safe. I am still \$200,000 to \$300,000 short of a balanced budget. Our courtrooms need to be safe and we need to keep Deputies in our neighborhoods protecting our citizens. I cannot do this without your intervention. During the State of the County Address, you made a convincing case that additional revenue is needed within Fairfield County.

I am requesting you restore \$1 million to the Sheriff's budget. Leaders within the Republican Party, Judges, Deputies, and I encourage you to make the right decision for the safety of our citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave Phalen".

Dave Phalen
Sheriff of Fairfield County

TO SERVE AND PROTECT