

*City of Alexandria, Virginia*

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 16, 2010

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO #72 : DEFRAYING THE PARTIAL COST OF A LAB  
TECHNICIAN FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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This memorandum is in response to an inquiry from Councilman Krupicka on the need for a possible increase to the Sheriff's budget for the partial cost of a lab technician for drug testing.

The Virginia Adult Probation and Patrol Office handles drug testing for Pre-Trial Services/Local Probation and background checks. This position was funded through High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) monies via the Community Services Board. The money has been directed for other uses and is no longer available to fund this position. According to Lisa Stapleton, Director of Probation and Patrol, the Alexandria Sheriff's Office accounts for 30% of the testing. Since the position is with the Virginia State Probation and Patrol Office, and they test their own clients, they want to retain the position but would like the City to pay its fair share of the position costs. The position is funded at \$56,375, and the office has requested the City, through the Sheriff's Office, pay \$15,000, less than the Sheriff Office's 30% share of the testing. Drug testing is essential, and it would cost the Sheriff's Office more than \$15,000 to outsource it.