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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1-30-06

SPONSOR Rehm LAST UPDATED _____ HB 551

SHORT TITLE Bernalillo Sheriff Community-Based Policing SB _____

ANALYST Hadwiger

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 551 appropriates \$100 thousand from the general fund to the Local Government Division (LGD) of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) in FY07 to implement a rapid response community-based policing program at the Bernalillo County Sheriff's department.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY07 would revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DFA noted that HB551 would implement Rapid Response Community-Based Policing at the Bernalillo County Sheriff's department (BSO). It benefits the department by providing more efficient and effective use of department resources, a way to be more responsive to the community, better intelligence about criminals, better communications with neighborhoods and local communities, and more community support for BSO programs.

Community policing provides neighborhoods a greater voice in how they will be policed, including identifying aspects in the neighborhood environment that may contribute to crime (i.e. abandoned buildings, poorly lit parks, etc.). It facilitates exchange of information between sworn officers and the general public to get permanent resolution to reoccurring problems. Citizens also gain a better understanding of police capabilities and limitations and how best to use those resources.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

TDFA will coordinate the administration of the funds with the BCSO in the form of a grant agreement.

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