



## Washington Police Department

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TO: Honorable Mayor Manier and City Council  
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SUBJECT: Multi-County Enforcement Group (MEG) Position

For council discussion and consideration is the request that the Washington Police Department increase authorized strength by one (1) position. This would allow the Washington Police Department to assign one person to the MEG unit full time. Total cost for a new basic position is

Salary	\$ 50,956.15
Health/Dental	\$ 24,565.44
FICA/MC	\$ 3,898.14
Workers Comp	\$ 836.70
Unemployment	\$ 68.04
First year clothing	\$ 5,000.00
Total	\$ 85,324.47

The MEG unit is an independent undercover drug unit that operates under the jurisdiction of the Illinois State Police. The Peoria MEG is headquartered in Peoria County. The Director is David Briggs, the Chairman is Chief Michael McCoy of Washington and is the only unit that does not have a State Police Director.

The MEG unit is comprised of 6 agents and 2 command and serves 4 Counties: Peoria, Knox, Tazewell and Woodford. Six (6) different agencies have agents assigned full time to the Unit. The MEG unit currently has about 100 open drug cases and has served 5 house search warrants in the last 2 months. Total budget for 2018 and 2019 is \$261,793.65 with current assets of \$ 366,484.41.

The City of Washington is an affluent community that has the same basic drug issues as similar community of our size within the MEG covered area. The Washington Police has served 5 search warrants during the past year on houses and for phone information. We have conducted over 30 trash pulls (all with positive results). We have 5 open investigations for drugs alone and have 2 open investigations that involve drugs and money laundering. During the past year we have made close to 50 drug related arrests.

Having a full time Washington Officer assigned to MEG would ensure that we would be getting full time attention...not by our person but by another agent that would be available when ever needed...in addition to the undercover work that would be being done.0