



SHERIFF

MONTGOMERY COUNTY



Mounted Patrol Proposal



The Woodlands Township Division

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FY27 Proposal for the Mounted Unit for The Woodlands Township



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The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, The Woodlands Township Division is requesting funding for a Mounted Patrol Unit in The Woodlands Township.

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, The Woodlands Township Division requests funding to establish a premier Mounted Patrol Unit dedicated to serving The Woodlands Township, an investment in safety, visibility, and community connection that reflects the Township's high standards and commitment to public safety. This will provide up to 400 hours per week of Mounted Patrol services to The Woodlands Township.

As one of the nation's most vibrant and carefully planned communities, The Woodlands is defined by its forested landscape, 151 parks, and more than 220 miles of hike and bike trails. This unique environment, where thriving commercial centers, major event venues, and expansive natural spaces converge demands a law enforcement presence that is both highly adaptable and highly visible. A Mounted Patrol Unit delivers exactly that.

Mounted Patrol Deputies would provide an unmistakable and commanding presence that deters crime while remaining approachable and community focused. From their elevated vantage point, deputies can effectively monitor large crowds, oversee busy public spaces, and respond quickly in areas where traditional patrol vehicles cannot operate. Whether patrolling The Woodlands Mall, Market Street, Town Center, the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, or the Township's extensive trail system, Mounted Patrol Deputies would ensure consistent, flexible coverage where it matters most.

Beyond crime prevention, Mounted Patrol Deputies play a vital role in enhancing the overall experience of residents and visitors. They support large-scale events, assist with traffic and crowd management, and provide immediate coordination with additional law enforcement resources without a delay in service. Their mobility and visibility allow for early intervention, helping to prevent minor issues from escalating into larger concerns.

Equally impactful is the connection they create with the community. Mounted Patrol Deputies are naturally inviting and highly approachable, encouraging positive interactions that build trust and strengthen relationships between law enforcement and the public. In The Woodlands, Mounted Patrols Deputies will become more than a safety measure, but a recognizable and valued part of the Township's identity.

Mounted Patrol Deputies do not replace traditional patrol, they elevate it. By adding a distinctive, highly visible, and versatile layer of protection, a Mounted Patrol Unit enhances the Sheriff's Office's ability to serve, protect, and connect with the community in a way that aligns perfectly with The Woodlands Township's reputation for excellence.



SUMMARY

Recurring Costs	
Description	Total
• Salary and Benefits	\$1,106,736.00
• Special Mounted Uniforms and Supplies	\$ 15,225.00
• Axon and Equipment Recurring Cost	\$ 18,918.00
• Fuel (in-kind)	\$ 15,000.00
• Veterinarian Care	\$ 30,625.00
• Feed and supplies	\$ 24,850.00
• Supplemental Overtime Budget for Mounted Patrol	\$ 160,000.00
Total	\$1,371,354.00
One Time Capitol Costs	
• Horses	\$140,000.00
• Building / Stalls	\$385,000.00
• 2- 1-Ton Trucks, Emergency Equipment, MDC, etc.	\$216,286.00
• Furniture	\$12,000.00
• Grooming and Feed Supplies	\$19,990.00
• Saddle/tack	\$54,000.00
• Vehicle / Trailer Costs	\$127,600.00
Total	\$954,876.00
Total Projected Cost: \$2,326,230.00	

