



DEL CITY LODGE #114

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

Del City Fraternal Order of Police Statement on Recent Budgetary Decisions

The Del City Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 114 stands in support of Chief Berger.

After a recent audit revealed a \$1 million shortfall in City's reserve funds, the decision was made to reduce the police department's budget by approximately **\$708,000 in personnel alone**. An additional **70% was eliminated from training funds**, along with other cuts. While the Lodge recognizes the City's responsibility to balance its budget, these reductions have affected the police department more heavily than other City departments, resulting in the only active employee layoffs.

Among those positions were a part-time animal control officer, an administrative support secretary, the assistant police chief, and a support services coordinator with more than four decades of service. These employees carried out important responsibilities for the department and the community. Some of those responsibilities are mandated by law. These layoffs come as some departments in the City face zero budget cuts.

The Del City Police Department remains one of the busiest in the metro area, and our officers continue to serve with professionalism and dedication. The Lodge will remain committed to supporting our officers, working with City leadership, and keeping the public informed as we move forward.

Signed,

All Members of the Del City Fraternal Order of Police #114