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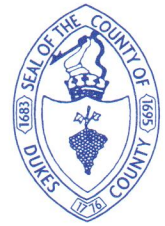*Commonwealth of Massachusetts*
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Re: Request for an Agenda Item for Finance Committee and Selectmen meetings relative to the Dukes County Regional Emergency Communication Center Funding Request for FY 2019

The Dukes County Sheriff's Office operates the Dukes County Regional Emergency Communication Center (RECC) that serves all of Martha's Vineyard communities. RECC, originally supported fiscally through the maintenance of effort County assessments to the Towns prior to 2010 transfer of the Sheriff's Office to the Commonwealth, has not been adequately funded by the State.
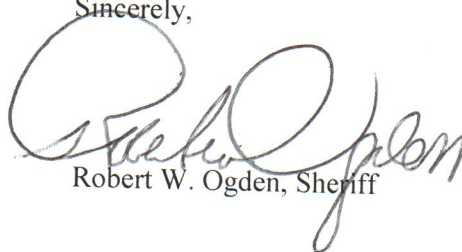
RECC's continued operation at minimum staffing levels and necessary maintenance of dispatch facilities is dependent on funding the budgetary deficiency that can longer be subsidized by the Sheriff's Office due to restrictions on supplemental appropriations. Consequently, a funding request, based on the proportionate share of RECC's use, will be made as part of the FY 2019 budget process for your community.

I respectfully request that the related agenda item be added for discussion and consideration for your community's Finance Committee and Selectmen meetings in time to be included in the FY 2019 preparation process. The Sheriff's Office will be requesting a warrant article to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the Town's proportionate share of the fiscal year 2019 cost of RECC, based on the volume of dispatches for all of the Town's agencies.

Please coordinate the meeting agenda schedule with Cindy Higham, available at (508) 627-5176 or chigham@dcsoma.org. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Ogden, Sheriff

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