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Lake Township Board of Trustees  
12360 Market Avenue, North  
Hartville, Ohio 44632

Dear Board of Trustees:

I understand the Board has decided to place before Lake Township voters a proposal expanding the Uniontown Police Department to all of Lake Township. According to the documentation you provided, four patrol officers would patrol the township 24 hours per day. According to the Stark County Auditor's Office, the police levy will generate approximately \$2,591,965.00.

The Stark County Sheriff's Office would be able to provide the same level of police services at a much lower cost for Lake Township residents. We could provide 20 deputies dedicated to Lake Township at an annual price of \$1,853,317.80. This price would include all wages and benefits for the deputies and their supervisors, as well as payroll services, union contract negotiations, law liability insurance, dispatch services, records management, officer training, vehicle maintenance and virtually every expense related to operating a law enforcement agency. Vehicles would need to be purchased by Lake Township, just as they would be if the Uniontown Police Department took over. Our price for patrolling the entire township is just \$416,000.00 more than the current levy brings in for operating only the policing district:

I am requesting an opportunity to meet with you and the Lake Township residents at a trustee meeting to present additional details and answer any questions.

I look forward to hearing from you.

TIMOTHY A. SWANSON  
Stark County Sheriff

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