

Montcalm County Law Enforcement Millage Information

On February 28, 2012, the voters of Montcalm County will be asked to approve 1 mill to fund the law enforcement function of the Montcalm County Sheriff's Department.

Why is this millage necessary?

To ensure the Sheriff's Department can continue to provide 24 hour law enforcement patrols throughout the county. Cuts have already been made over the past few years within this department and other county departments. The Sheriff has said that any further cuts to the Sheriff's Department budget will mean that he can no longer provide 24 hour law enforcement patrols. This is a huge public safety concern for all of the citizens of this county. This millage will ensure the Sheriff patrols are maintained and will actually provide funds to hire additional deputies throughout the county.

How much more in taxes will I have to pay?

An increase of up to 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) in the tax limitation would cost:

Property Taxable Value	Cost for the Property Owner
25,000	\$25.00
50,000	\$50.00
75,000	\$75.00
100,000	\$100.00
125,000	\$125.00
150,000	\$150.00

What if my municipality has police coverage?

Sheriff Deputies provide coverage to the entire county and are available to respond to calls in all areas of the county. While most municipalities do not provide 24 hour police coverage, the Sheriff Deputies and Detectives routinely respond for backup and assist officers with calls for service within each municipality.

What will the millage be used for?

The millage will only be used to fund the law enforcement operations of the Sheriff's Department. This will include wages and benefits for law enforcement personnel, patrol cars, law enforcement equipment, supplies and training for the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Department Statistics

According to Montcalm County Central Dispatch data Sheriff Deputies responded to 16,841 events in 2011 and responded to 15,693 events in 2010.

