



PRAIRIE VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

"A Tradition of Service"

Chief Wes Jordan



December 4, 2014

Johnson County Board of County Commissioners
111 West Cherry Street, Suite 3300
Olathe, Kansas 66061

Dear Commissioners:

As the Chief of Police in the cities of Prairie Village and Mission Hills, Kansas, I am submitting testimony to urge you to support "Metro Law Enforcement Mutual Aid" as part of the joint City/County Legislation Platform for 2015. I am echoing comments authored by the Johnson County Kansas Police Chief's and Sheriff's Association in support and need for this very important legislation, and, I will respectfully disagree with Sheriff's Denning's opinion this action is not necessary.

This legislation impacts my communities due to their close proximity to State Line Road. I can attest that in my 26+ years of law enforcement with this Department, hardly a day goes by where this road does not have jurisdictional impact. In the case of *critical incidents*, the ability to push/pull resources across the pavement of State Line Road will be without jurisdictional uncertainty if the proposed legislation is successfully passed by the State of Kansas. I am certainly not looking for any more authority than what I feel is necessary for the well being of our community and officers.

In closing, it should be noted the crafters of this Bill sought approval from the Johnson County Kansas Police Chief's and Sheriff's Association before approaching the Missouri Legislature last year. There has been unprecedented cooperation with law enforcement in Kansas and Missouri due to the significance and importance of mutual aid. I would respectfully ask you to consider favorable approval of placing this on the joint City/County Legislation Platform for 2015.

Respectfully,

Wes Jordan
Chief of Police

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