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SBOC Chairman Mark Westrum,  
Honorable Board Members

Per your request, I am providing an impact statement as it pertains to the Waldo County 72 hour hold and Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center, with regard to flat funding for FY 14/15.

First off let me state that I will not drag this down with too much detail. I will state that much of the flat funding exercise consists of examining contractual, commodities, and capital expenses in an effort to maintain staffing and provide them with a very conservative 1% COLA while many other county employees with bargaining units enjoy substantially larger increases. As I'm sure you will hear over and over, our major expense is people, and those dedicated individuals work very hard to maintain the safety and security of our facilities.

Flat funding for Waldo County will not mean staffing layoffs, or shortages, it will however require sacrifices in the maintenance of our physical plant with substantial reductions in maintenance and capital improvement funds. It will also mean that any failing or aged technology will have to await better times for replacement or repair. Some of this includes surveillance cameras, communications equipment such as radios, phones, computer stations, etc. There will be some reduction in programs at the reentry however the core program should be able to be kept in tact. Flat funding can also be accomplished with reductions in line items that will require a good run of LUCK, such as unemployment, self funded medical, inmate medical and legal/consult. FY 14 can be flat funded with the aforementioned ramifications. It may not be possible to do so in FY 15 without program or staffing sacrifices.

I want to close this by stating that I recognize that many counties will be coming to you with greater negative impacts that what I am presenting here. I continue to encourage the BOC to make ALL EFFORTS to get ample funding for this system and work towards a day when we can once again work towards our goal of a better system focused on corrections and not warehousing.

Sheriff Scott Story