

**CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA
2003 BUDGET TESTIMONY**

By

**John D. Green, Sheriff
City and County of Philadelphia
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Good morning Madame President and members of Philadelphia City Council. Please let me begin by thanking the members of City Council for allowing me to speak before you this morning.

As you may know, the Philadelphia Sheriff's Office is responsible for providing security in and around all county courthouses. Local facilities meeting the definition of "county courthouse" are the Criminal Justice Center (CJC) located at Juniper & Filbert Streets, Family Court at 1801 Vine Street, Domestic Relations Court at 34 South 11th Street and Traffic Court at 8th & Spring Garden Streets. In addition, our office has now taken on the responsibilities for the new Community Court located at 1401 Arch Street.

In light of the events of September 11, 2001, the demand on the Sheriff's Office for extra security has become a constant. Even so, with the immeasurable dedication of our sworn personnel and other staff, the office has risen to the occasion and fulfilled its responsibilities as required under stringent budgetary constraints.

For the meantime, the Sheriff's Office is doing fine, and we concur with the City's recommended Fiscal Year 2003 Budget allocation of \$12,245,955. This amount, we believe, is adequate to fund our operation for the next budget year.

Thank you for your kind attention to this testimony and consideration of the Sheriff's Office request.