

# Polk County Public Safety Levy

May 21st, 2019

May  
2015

Renewal

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Sheriff's  
Office

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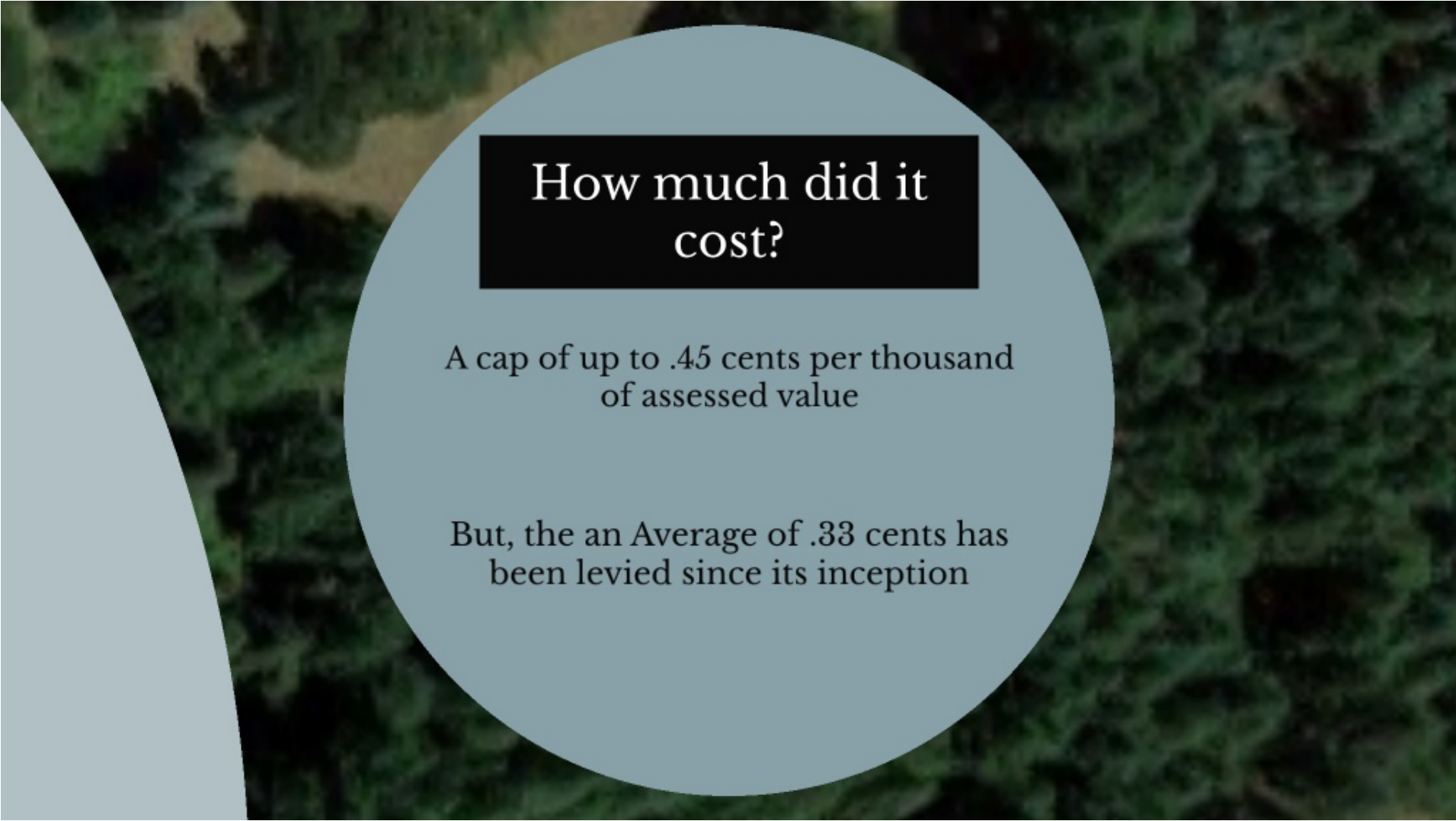
Between 2013-2015 we only patrolled 10 hours per day. But, in May 2015 Polk County Voters approved a 5 year operating levy for the Public Safety System. This levy provided:

- 24/7 Patrols
- 12 Patrol Deputies
- 5 Jail Staff
- 3 Prosecutors
- 2 Legal Support Staff
- 2 Juvenile detention beds

Cost?

Promises





## How much did it cost?

A cap of up to .45 cents per thousand of assessed value

But, the an Average of .33 cents has been levied since its inception



## Promises were made

- 24/7 patrols
- Restore POINT
- Restore the DA's Office
- Court Security
- Support the City Agencies

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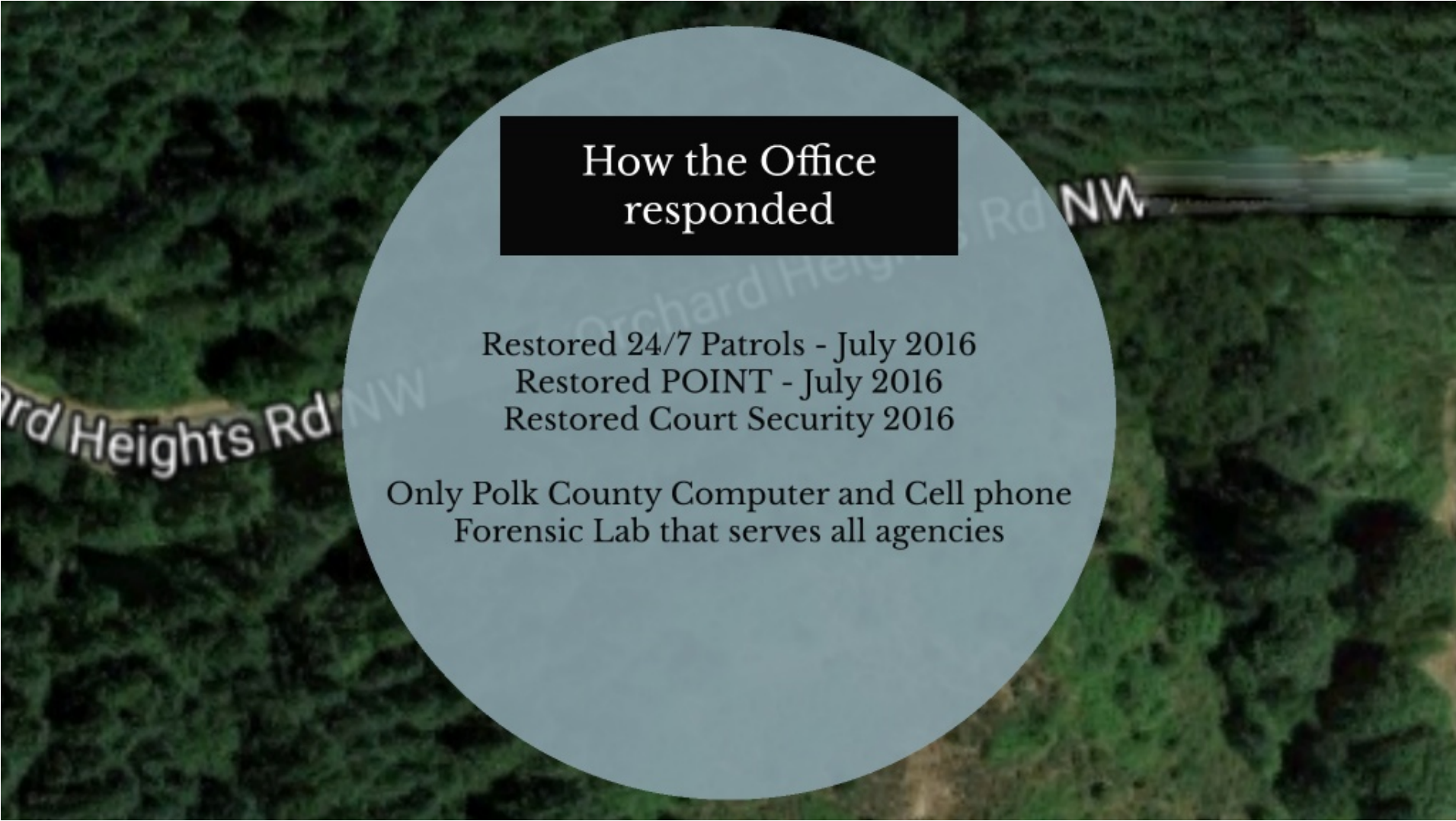
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## How the Office responded

Restored 24/7 Patrols - July 2016

Restored POINT - July 2016

Restored Court Security 2016

Only Polk County Computer and Cell phone  
Forensic Lab that serves all agencies

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## District Attorney's Office

### Increased bandwidth

Even with more prosecutions and lengthy sentences from the DA's Office and the Sheriff's Office continue to focus on crime prevention and ways to reduce recidivism through various programs that would not be possible without the levy.

More  
Prosecution

Treatment  
Courts

Teams





## More Prosecution

Allows over 800 more prosecutions per year, a 66% increase

Increase of over 200 (105% increase) DUII arrests and convictions

170% increase in drug cases (286 in 2015 vs 773 in 2017)



## Treatment Courts

1. Mental Health Court
2. Drug Court

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## Multi-Disciplinary Teams

Sexual Abuse Response Team  
Elder Abuse Team  
Child Abuse Team

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## Safer?

71% increase in calls since the levy  
(24,000 calls per year)

More efficient supervision & effective jail  
programs

More deputies on the road = safer highways

Over 10,000 calls per year wouldn't have been  
answered if not for the levy

Drug Dealers off of the Street

School  
Resource  
Deputy

Mobile  
Crisis

POINT

Increased  
Prosecution



School Resource  
Deputy

Our Kids are  
Safer






## Mobile Crisis Response Team

1. Handles over 500 calls a year in every part of the county
2. Delivers critical mental health services in the moment and diverts from jail



## Polk County Inter-Agency Narcotics Team

- Over 11 lbs of Meth and Heroin
- Over 200 arrests and convictions
- 180 major drug dealing cases



## Prosecution

We are able to prosecute more crimes with the additional staff

- 800 more prosecutions per year

- We are able to help victims more efficiently



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# Levy Renewal

On the Ballot on May 21st, 2019

What has Changed with the renewal?

Cap **Lowered** to 42.5 cents

**No Reduction** in Service

Still 5 Years in Length

Why  
Renew  
early?

Has it  
worked?

**YES!**

# Why 1 year early?

Simply put - its about protecting our investment.

Each new deputy costs about \$150,000 in their first year. We don't want the deputies we have trained going elsewhere because of uncertainty.



*Has it worked?* **Absolutely**

Polk County is Safer community with the levy in place. Because of the levy the Polk County Public Safety System is more effectively able to deter and prevent crime, arrest and prosecute criminals while providing a professional level of service;

At the same time being accountable  
to the people we serve

*Has it worked?* **YES**

It has Worked and is Working. We want the levy to continue serving our community. Please help us Keep Polk County Safer by supporting the renewal of the levy in May 2019

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