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Subject: Re: Payroll and overtime this weekend
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Councilmember Taylor:

Following up on the response below to address your questions. Please note the updated table below that includes the updated overtime numbers, now including the Sheriff's numbers as well:

Event	Police Overtime	VBSO Overtime	VBSO OT for PD
2023 Jackalope	\$37,281	\$0	\$0
2023 Beach IT	\$293,857	\$13,787	\$34,760
2023 Neptune	\$10,308	\$4,663	\$0
2023 July 04	\$229,437	\$6,749	\$17,212
2024 Audacy	\$216,041	\$9,241	\$35,430

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Councilmember Taylor:

As was mentioned last year following Something in the Water festival/Tornado Response, payroll can be adjusted 6 weeks after the close of the given pay week so the numbers from April 26 – 28 will be an estimate until June 21, 2024. This is the reason for the asterisk by the numbers for Audacy.

In the meantime, here are the overtime numbers for the other events mentioned in your request from Police and VBSO:

Event	Police Overtime
2023 Jackalope	\$37,281
2023 Beach IT	\$293,857
2023 Neptune	\$10,308
2023 July 04	\$229,437
2024 Audacy	\$193,088*

We are still waiting on numbers from the Sheriff's department and will include those once they are available.

Regarding the staffing decisions for the 2024 Audacy festival, numerous factors were considered as City staff met weekly for the last couple of months to develop the visibility and traffic control plan for the weekend, which is traditionally referred to as College Beach Weekend (CBW).

During those discussions, the Police Department and staff considered the following non-inclusive list of incidents:

- During 2013 College Beach Weekend (CBW), at one point the VBPD was actively managing two shootings, two stabbings, and two robberies simultaneously in the Oceanfront. All these offenses were interdependent of each other.
- During 2018 CBW, the city experienced three non-fatal shootings and affected 139 arrests for various offenses at the Oceanfront.

<https://www.pilotonline.com/2018/05/02/despite-multiple-shootings-college-beach-weekend-was-a-calm-atmosphere-city-says-2/>

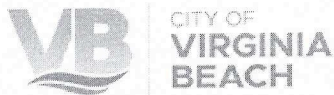
- March 26, 2021, several thousand individuals showed up to the Oceanfront which culminated in a mass shooting involving eight victims, a separate homicide, and a fatal Officer Involved Shooting. There was no intelligence or forewarning regarding the influx of this crowd.
- March 2023, a singular social media post attracted close to 3,000 young adults to the Oceanfront on a weekday. The police department had to pull resources department-wide to deploy to the Oceanfront to address numerous fights, leaving the rest of the city without adequate staffing.
- Coming out of COVID, SITW 2023 appeared to have provided a venue for all attendees to enjoy the Oceanfront during this historical CBW weekend with relatively few incidents. Now that SITW has moved to October, there was concern that CBW might relapse back to previous years where gun violence and arrests had become commonplace.
- Also, very much a consideration was the current crackdown by the City of Miami Beach and other Florida locales on disorderly and violent spring break activities and whether there would be displacement to other resort cities, especially Virginia Beach.
- The Police Department also factored in social media monitoring of the CBW event weekend where they identified over 20 flyers, as well as a dozen active social media pages, encouraging large crowds to events within Virginia Beach that were not officially permitted or sanctioned. These possible additional attendees would have been in addition to the 10,000-15,000 attendees that was originally purported by Audacy for the Audacy concert series.
 - We are aware of at least one event that moved to a neighboring city as the result of the enhanced police presence. This event resulted in at least one shots fired incident and the recovery of several stolen handguns.
- Of the officers deployed for Audacy, approximately 30% were dedicated to traffic control functions that did not materialize due to the weather and low crowd attendance.

Thank you,

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From: Paul W. Neudigate <pneudigate@vb.gov.com>
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Good morning Councilmember Taylor,

I will begin compiling the requested information.

Regards,

From: Christopher Taylor <ChTaylor@vb.gov.com>
Date: Monday, April 29, 2024 at 6:28 AM
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Good morning-

Hope you both had a nice weekend.

I had an opportunity to visit down at the Oceanfront and was shocked at the number of uniformed officers at the beach.

What methodology was used to ensure most locals and visitors would feel so unwelcome by the clearly visible police/sheriffs presence?

Please share the data points that would justify so many officers being called to assist the

“ghost” concert goers?

I would like to know specifically:

How much overtime was paid between Friday morning and Sunday at Midnight?

What threat or concern was established or determined?

It was a horrible optic. As the only African American male on city council, I’m starting to believe we have a issue and clearly some bias when it comes to concerts/events that cater to a certain demographic.

Because I respect you both, this is a heads up prior to some very public comments.

Jackalope- give me statistics on payroll and overtime

Beach IT: provide the same

Neptune festival: same

The goal was accomplished: make everyone at the oceanfront very uncomfortable this weekend.

I want to be very clear; College Beach weekend is a farce. No one is coming to VB two weeks before classes get out. That was 1989! Prove me wrong.

Regards,
Chris Taylor
Council member

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