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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council President Schutt & Members of Council

FROM: Police Chief Paul Matias

DATE: January 16th, 2025

RE: SPAN Contributions for 2025

The Suburban Police Anti-Crime Network (SPAN) was established in 1972 as a cooperative effort between governments for the mutual interchange and sharing of police personnel and police equipment, as well as police equipment, to be jointly acquired and owned, to be utilized by all participating members. These members are Mayfield Village, Mayfield Heights, Lyndhurst, Highland Heights, and Richmond Heights.

The units that make up SPAN are the SWAT Team, Bomb Squad, Traffic Accident Investigative Unit, the Crisis Intervention Unit, and the Drug Enforcement Unit. Each unit comprises Officers from each city who work on the unit in addition to their regular assignments. Each unit is on-call 24/7 and requires exceptional dedication from each Officer.

The member contributions for 2023 were \$44,040.00, and 2024 contributions were \$42,560.00.

Due to the efforts of the SPAN Chiefs and SPAN Unit Commanders, the Drug Enforcement Unit budget of \$81,100.00 is self-funded for 2025. In addition, during the past two years we have received over \$130,00.00 in grant funding for equipment purchases. The resulting Span contributions for 2025 are \$32,660.00

I request approval for the 2025 SPAN member contribution of \$32,660.00

Respectfully;

Chief Paul J. Matias.