

**FIGHT CRIME
VOTE "YES" AUGUST 3
PUBLIC SAFETY MILLAGE RENEWAL**

Van Buren County says **No to Drugs** and **No to Crime**. Vote **YES** for the **RENEWAL of the Public Safety Millage**.

What has the Millage accomplished since 1986?

- Increased Road Patrol to guarantee 24 hour police protection
- Created a Detective/Narcotics Unit staffed by 8 full time detectives
- Confiscated over 14 million worth of illegal drugs
- Narcotics Unit, working in conjunction with federal, state and local agencies, continue to aggressively investigate Meth abuse.
- Lowered crime rate in Van Buren County by over 25% since 1986 while the population has increased 17% during the same time period
- Created a Child Porn/Computer Crime Unit
- Created K-9 Unit

TOTAL MAJOR CRIMES REPORTED

<u>1986</u>	<u>2009</u>
3484	2633

ENDORSED BY:

- Van Buren County Township Association
- Van Buren County Fire Chief's Association
- Van Buren County Police Chief's Association
- Van Buren County Board of Commissioners
- Van Buren County Firefighter's Association

COST

Although the initial millage was approved for .6 mill, *the Headlee Amendment has lowered the amount* assessed to .5351 of a mill

<u>Market Value Home</u>	<u>Taxable Value (SEV)</u>	<u>Cost Per Month</u>
\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 1.11
\$100,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 2.23
\$150,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 3.34

The County general fund cannot absorb the loss of revenue generated by the Public Safety **RENEWAL**. Without this **RENEWAL, WE WILL LOSE:**

- 24 hour Road Patrol
- County Narcotics Unit
- Detective Unit
- Participation in the County Major Crimes Task Force
- Traffic Patrol Unit
- Jail Work Crew
- Community Policing Programs
- Computer Crimes Investigation Unit
- Federal Traffic Safety Grants

RENEW the PUBLIC SAFETY MILLAGE
Help Keep Van Buren County a Safer Place to Live

The Van Buren County Sheriff's Office shall provide leadership, coordination and delivery of quality, professional law enforcement, and public safety services to the residents of Van Buren County, while respecting the rights and dignity of all persons.