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Fulton County Sheriff's Office Satisfies Security Contract Balance Amid Ongoing Funding Challenges

UPDATE

Atlanta, GA – We have confirmed with Fulton County Government accounts payable that the outstanding balance owed to SSC will be delivered electronically on Friday, December 13.

To be clear: this payment is not being made at the direction of the Board of Commissioners or any other entity. This payment has been made possible due to the hard work of the Fulton County Sheriff's Office finance team identifying funds in our existing budget to reallocate to satisfy this debt. The Sheriff's Office has not received any additional funding in our budget to facilitate this payment.

December 10, 2024

Atlanta, GA – Fulton County Sheriff's Office leadership has worked diligently to formulate a plan to pay the outstanding balance owed to Strategic Security Company (SSC) from our existing budget. Due to a funding shortfall at the end of August 2024, SSC chose to end the contract. The amount of \$1,404,799 is the full balance owed and is currently being processed for payment.

As a part of the FCSO end-of-year close-out process and by demonstrating efficient resource management, we are able to satisfy the obligation, although we are still not adequately funded for an agency of this size with the mandates required. This is an issue that our team has been actively addressing with Fulton County Government officials since 2021. Over a four-year period, FCSO has successfully managed to operate effectively despite only a 15% increase in resources, even in the face of inflationary pressures.

While the immediate issue with SSC is being resolved, systemic funding inadequacies remain a critical concern for FCSO. This shortfall has impacted not only contractual obligations but also critical operational capacities that directly affect public safety and community trust.

Previous release regarding Security Services Contract:

<https://fcsoga.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/FCSO-News-Release-Security-Services-Contract-at-the-Fulton-County-Jail-8.29.24.pdf>

ABOUT THE FULTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: The mission of the Fulton County Sheriff's Office is Service; through laser-focused efforts to protect the citizens of Fulton County with coordinated law enforcement operations, special strategic teams, and community outreach methods. The Sheriff's Office is constitutionally responsible for the security of all courtrooms, executing arrest warrants, and serving civil papers. In addition, the Sheriff's Office is responsible for the administration and operation of the Fulton County Jail.

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