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TO: Ms. Brevetta Jordan

FROM: Chief Ronald A. Ricucci *BAR*

DATE: January 2, 2003

SUBJECT: Wal-Mart's Impact on Police Services

- *1. Emergency Response – Residential development will not impact our response like commercial development would, i.e. Wal-Mart. Commercial development would generate more traffic, more calls for service, and increased workload.
- *2. Attached research shows Wal-Mart stores located near interstates dramatically increase workload. (See attachment).
- ? 3. Our response to emergencies, in my opinion, should not be impacted as we will travel from town to Wal-Mart, and we should be able to respond in our normal manner.
- *4. Reporting area where Wal-Mart proposes to build is not a busy one at this time as there are only five commercial establishments along with the Riverton Subdivision. The addition of Wal-Mart would have a major impact on the reporting area.

*MORE TRAFFIC
SAME RESPONSE
TIME?*

Conclusion: Wal-Mart will impact police service if past history (Woodstock) is any indicator. Depending on what restrictions were put on Wal-Mart (parking, unloading hours, etc.) by Town Council, they would affect our workload. The addition of sworn personnel to deal with increased workload will have to be a consideration in the Council's deliberations.

2 Police @ 40,000 =



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March 6, 2002

MEMORANDUM

To: Cpt. Steve Schiro
Front Royal Police Department

Jerry P. Miller
Chief of Police

Police Service Calls

The Total Number Of Police Service Calls For Wal-Mart (Jan 01 Thru Dec. 01) Was:

127 (24% Of All Police Service Calls).

1/4 OF ALL CALLS
WERE FOR WAL-MART

LURAY POLICE DEPARTMENT WAL-MART CALLS FOR SERVICE

AUGUST 2000 TO PRESENT

21	9-1-1 Hang-ups (Pay Phone)
10	Shoplifting
3	Hit & Run
3	Keys Locked in Vehicle
1	Handicapped Parking Violation
3	Disturbance
1	Embezzlement
5	Fraudulent Prescription
1	Assist Rescue Squad
1	Motor Vehicle Accident
3	Larceny
1	Loitering
5	Suspicious Person
1	Counterfeit Money
1	Animal Complaint
1	Trespassing
1	Hazardous Material / Suspicious Substance
3	Bad Check
	Assist Motorist
1	Intoxicated Pedestrian
1	Abandoned Vehicle

A Attachment



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To: Chief R.A. Ricucci
From: Capt. S.W. Schiro
Date: March 7, 2002
Subject: Wal-Mart

In response to your request for information on the impact of Wal-Mart on calls for service, I have the following information. I contacted the Luray Police Dept. and they gave me calls for service at Wal-Mart. Surprisingly, it is relatively low. In a six-month period ten shoplifting, three disturbance calls, three larcenies, and five suspicious persons lead to requests for service. Chief Campbell indicated that there has not been a big impact created by Wal-Mart 's locating in Luray.

I also contacted Chief Miller, Chief of Police in Woodstock, and received a totally different scenario. Chief described it as a nightmare. His fax indicates 127 calls for service from Jan. 01-Dec.-01. In speaking to an investigator from Woodstock P.D., he indicated bad checks were the largest call for service. The Woodstock Police eventually advised Wal-Mart they were not a collection agency for bad checks. I was told a lot of the problem is because the store is immediately off the Interstate, which makes for transit crime and that these cases are almost impossible to solve. This also creates horrible clearance rates.

I do feel the difference in the store's impact on Police Services is its proximity to the Interstate. This should be taken into consideration here also, as the new Wal-Mart will be in very close proximity to the I-66 exits.