
CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS

Mayor's
Office

Bryan K. Barnett, Mayor

BKB

DATE: September 8, 2008

TO: City Council

RE: Deer Management Proposal

Attached please find a proposal that Sheriff Bouchard and I have been working on for the past several weeks. As council prepares to deliberate on the deer management issue, I am hopeful that you will consider this latest proposal. The proposal indicates that the Oakland County Sheriff's Office is willing to assist us in culling the herd. Sheriff Bouchard has been proactive in our discussions and offers a potential solution at little or no cost to the city.

The deer management issue is scheduled for discussion later this month, and I have asked Captain Johnson to attend the council meeting to answer questions specific to this new proposal. As you are all aware, this is a complicated and controversial issue. I applaud Sheriff Bouchard for taking a proactive stance and giving the council an additional low cost alternative for our consideration.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to the discussion on September 15, 2008.

c: Sheriff Michael Bouchard
Captain Michael Johnson

COUNTY OF OAKLAND
OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

MICHAEL J. BOUCHARD



September 8, 2008

Mayor Bryan Barnett
City of Rochester Hills
1000 Rochester Hills Dr.
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Dear Mayor Barnett:

The city is wrestling with a large amount of car/deer accidents and how you will reduce the accidents and/or the deer population. We know you are looking at many options including, civilian bow hunting and hiring and paying for professional sharpshooters. The choice and policy decision is obviously yours. But, as we always are told by our sheriff, we look for ways to save our communities money in these tough times. In that vein, I submit the following information.

If you and council ultimately choose to reduce the herd by sharpshooters, instead of paying tax money to do so, we can accommodate you with our snipers. I have included a working draft of the option. We look forward to helping you in whatever direction you determine.

Sincerely,

Captain Michael Johnson
Rochester Hills Substation Commander
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MJ/
Attachment

**Oakland County Sheriff's
Special Response Team**

Memo

To: Sheriff Michael Bouchard, through the chain of command
From: Lieutenant Timmy Atkins
Date: August 14, 2008
Re: Assist Rochester Hills – Reduce Deer Population Plan

Objective:

Significantly reduce the deer population in Rochester Hills through a safe and controlled hunt (kill).

Participants:

Oakland County Special Response Team – Sniper Unit utilizing their Armalite 308 rifle equipped with silencer and night scope.

Site(s) of Operation:

Meeting with local governmental officials to determine the site(s) within the city for the controlled hunt. We can accommodate up to 5 sites simultaneously.

Pre – Operation:

- SITE: Survey the selected sites to locate a safe, controlled area. Setup tree stands to elevate the shooters for safety. Determine safe shooting zones; elevated back ground.
- Establish transportation of the deer to processors
- Establish volunteers to process the meat
- Establish local food banks

Execution of Plan:

I propose we utilize darkness to avoid disturbing the community. The snipers have rifles with silencers and night scopes. After the sniper engages the deer, other team members and volunteers will assist with processing the deer; such as locating, gutting, and loading the deer in the transportation vehicle.