



What is Prop. L

Prop. L = Law Enforcement Funds

- Prop. L will provide the funding to keep the St. Ann Police Department's financial comparable to what it has been since 2013.
- Currently, court revenue is at an all time low due to Senate Bill 5.
 - Senate Bill 5 lowered the cap on fines for traffic violations and other municipal ordinances. It also prohibits jail time for those who don't pay their fines.
 - As a result of Senate Bill 5, many criminals do not pay their fines or serve jail time, resulting in a loss of funds to the City of St. Ann (\$2.8 million dollars 2016).

What Will Prop L Look Like on the Ballot

CITY OF ST. ANN SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED PROPOSITION L

Shall the special purposes property tax of 28 cents (approved by the voters in November, 2012) be repealed and shall the general property tax rate authorized for all subclasses of real and personal property be increased to one dollar per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation beginning in the 2017 tax year in order to provide more tax revenue for general purposes, including police services?

YES

NO

What does Prop. L Really Mean?

Currently, St. Ann residents pay 48¢ in Property Tax.
Prop. L will change that tax to \$1.00.

In other words, Prop. L will increase the St. Ann Property tax by 52¢ of \$100 assessed valuation.

For the average home in St. Ann,
that is about \$74.04 per year or 20¢ per day.

IF WE ARE FORCED TO LOSE 15 POLICE OFFICERS WHAT WILL CHANGE?

Today, average response time in St. Ann is less than 2 minutes per call.

Without the passage of Prop. L:

- Response time will be significantly increased by 3 minutes (average response time will be 5 minutes per call).
- Patrolling will be limited, resulting in increased crime.
- Safety for both officers and residents will be lessened.
- Medical issues, check the welfare calls, and vacation checks will be reduced, if not eliminated.
- Crime Prevention Notifications will be stopped.

St. Ann Detective Bureau

Today, the St. Ann Detective Bureau is available 24-hours a day, seven days per week. They work diligently to rid our streets of crime, eliminate threats to the community, and close cases.

If Prop L does not pass, we will lose 2 detectives resulting in investigations taking longer and cases being delayed.

FBI statistics show that the same criminals commit multiple crimes in the same neighborhoods. When our detectives arrest criminals, it prevents more crimes from occurring in St. Ann.

School Resource Officers

The St. Ann Police Department has 5 School Resource officers. Each of those serve three roles: Studies have shown that the #1 factor for determining a child's success in school is feeling safe and secure at school.

Students provide a large amount of leads which often prevent crimes before they happen or help to solve them in our neighborhoods.

SRO's have positive contact with 100's of young people while in the schools (looking for intruders, truant students, and anything else that could jeopardize the safety of the buildings' occupants).

SRO's help to keep our kids safe in these times – COLUMBINE AND SANDY HOOK made us more aware than ever that SRO's and DARE officers are necessary in schools for the safety of our children.

SRO's at the Ritenour High School have been involved in situations including incidents of trespassing, assaults, peace disturbance, resisting arrest, drug usage, possession of drug paraphernalia, and stolen property. By building relationships with these students, we are helping to keep kids out of trouble.

While the Ritenour School District provides some funding for these officers, without the passage of Prop. L, these positions will be among the first to be eliminated and we believe that we will see an increase in illegal activity both in the schools and community without them.

SRT – Special Response Team

The Special Response Team consists of St. Ann officers who are also trained to work in volatile circumstances. This team is called out several times a month to execute search warrants in high risk conditions, assist with hostage situations, and search for high profile fugitives, working with other municipalities and agencies.

Recently, our SRT served 3 search warrants on Wright Ave. and because we do not rely on other departments to serve our warrants, we can serve them efficiently to keep our neighborhoods safe.

Canine Program

Our two K-9 officers, Titan and Tucker provide valuable resources while searching for drugs, **tracking criminals**, missing persons including children, the elderly, and those suffering from dementia and other illnesses that may cause them to wander.

These canine officers will be eliminated if Prop. L does not pass.

Why do we need 2 dogs?

Both dogs are trained to find drugs, Tucker is trained to find missing people.

Tucker came to us free of charge. We currently pay to keep the dogs trained. Other expenses like food and routine veterinary care are donated to the program.

Without Prop. L, officers on assignment to federal agencies including the DEA, ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms) and the Federal Marshall's Office will be recalled.

Not only are these positions providing valuable information, resources, and training for St. Ann Police Officers, we currently have over \$150,000.00 in agency accounts that will be **FORFEITED** if we withdraw our officers. That money may be spent on cars, equipment, including bullet proof vests and uniforms when it is released. This money may **NOT** be used for salaries by federal law.

CIT (Crisis Intervention Team)

Each officer of the St. Ann Police Department has been trained to deal with individuals in crisis, including people with developmental delays, emotional disorders, and unpredicted episodes.

Without the passage of Prop. L, will not be able to get our officers certified training and officers will **only be available** to respond to CIT calls when weapons or threat of serious injury is perceived.

Animal Control will be eliminated should Prop. L fail.

The St. Ann Animal Control Officer works under the guidance of the St. Ann Police Department and our Animal Control Officer provides patrol services when animals are on the loose, searches for lost or missing pets, monitors vicious or dangerous pets, and assists when wild animals are ill.

Without an Animal Control Officer, residents will be forced to contact other agencies for issues with domestic animals and vector control services delaying services **AND** some issues will be handled by patrolmen, taking them out of service for residents.

The St. Ann Police Department Can Continue to Show Positive Changes with Your Support

	2014	2015	2016
Property Damage	145	165	159
Stolen Vehicles	29	45	65
Burglaries	116	116	79
Motorist Assist	276	179	122
Car Accidents	361	338	311
Car Cloutings	22	26	25
Reports	3030	1795	1518
Fugitives	1846	881	639
Felony Arrests and Warrants	303	544	601
Calls	30118	26821	25289

In just 3 years, we have managed to take a large bite out of crime!



St. Ann Residents!