

It seems there are 2 issues here: 1) Sheriff is a management position. What are the responsibilities and is Sheriff Fletcher performing them well. One major responsibility would be budget, and it sounds like there are some serious concerns about how what should be a adequate budget is managed. What's his record with hiring, training, utilizing those assigned to his unit? 2) The weekly show is watched and appreciated by many who like to see a sheriff shout "How ya doin'?" at bar closing time, hand out treats, announce birthdays, and be tour guide for Saint Paul locations and history. Give him a tour bus and microphone and give the policing work to people who don't talk over the calls. Last night the show went from 9:11 - 3 a.m. with as much time spent fiddling with the camera equipment as responding to calls. If these hours are spent on top of a full work-day it's not realistic to believe he's at his best by the end of the show. I find the show addictive, but I can also see what objections the City Council might have to a Sheriff who has a popular show but isn't fulfilling the managerial responsibilities that are a priority.