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## CINCINNATI TO CUT POLICE OFFICERS



Officials of the Cincinnati police department have made a proposal to cut 144 officers and demote an additional 160 in an attempt to reach a \$16 million expense savings goal set by City Manager Milton Dohoney. "This is not to say that somebody isn't going to pull a rabbit out of a hat and save some of these jobs," said Capt. Steve Luebke whose own daughter might be cut. The department owes \$4 million to the federal government for a city grant that was given two years ago which saved 50 positions at that time. The average officers salary, including benefits, is \$100,000 and the department as a whole consumes 37% of the cities total budget.

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