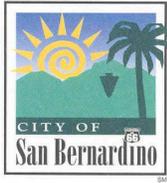


**SECTION 5.13**  
**POLICE PROTECTION**

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## 5.13 POLICE PROTECTION

This section describes law enforcement services within the City of San Bernardino, including police protection standards, existing facilities, personnel levels, programs, service calls, response times, and crime statistics. The analysis in this section addresses potential impacts to police protection services associated with implementation of the proposed project. This section is based on the information obtained from the *General Plan Public Facilities and Services Element*, the *San Bernardino Final General Plan Update and Associated Specific Plans Environmental Impact Report*, the City of San Bernardino website, and the City of San Bernardino Police Department.

### 5.13.1 REGULATORY SETTING

#### CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE

The California Penal Code establishes the basis for the application of criminal law in California.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN<sup>1</sup>

The City of San Bernardino Police Department (Police Department) developed a Strategic Plan to help anticipate change and guide the future of the Department. The plan is divided into three parts: service to the community, service to the employees, and to ensure adequate resources. Six different fundamental strategic issues detailed in the actual report are the foundation for the Police Department's future. The six fundamental strategic issues include: ensure adequate staffing; institute innovative workload management; realign organization structure; support employees; upgrade organizational infrastructure; and enhance the Department's image. The Police Department prepares a report each year outlining the Department's performance in meeting the goals from the prior year.

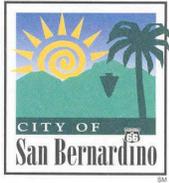
#### BEAT PLAN<sup>2</sup>

The Police Department implemented the "21 Beat Plan" on January 19, 2004. The ultimate goal of the Beat Plan was to grow existing staffing through 2009 as framed by the Strategic Plan. Careful analysis was configured of the "radio car beat" within each district to ensure geographic boundaries and natural neighborhoods were encompassed within one service area.

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<sup>1</sup> San Bernardino Police Department 2004-2009 Strategic Plan, <http://www.ci.san-bernardino.ca.us/civica/filebank/blobdload.asp?BlobID=2119> and the 2004-2009 Strategic Plan Progress, The First Twelve Months and Second Year Goals and Objectives, <https://www.ci.san-bernardino.ca.us/civica/filebank/blobdload.asp?BlobID=2120>, City of San Bernardino Police Department.

<sup>2</sup> San Bernardino Police Department Management Paper, Beat Plan, <http://www.ci.san-bernardino.ca.us/civica/filebank/blobdload.asp?BlobID=5297>, dated January 14, 2004.



## 5.13.2 ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

### POLICE PROTECTION AGENCIES<sup>3</sup>

The Police Department provides police protection services in the City of San Bernardino. Police services provided include patrol, traffic enforcement, investigations, forensics, school resource officer, and community service offices. The Police Department operates under a mutual aid agreement with police agencies in the surrounding cities. This allows use of up to 50 percent of adjacent agency resources upon request and for automatic response within zones of mutual aid.

The unincorporated portions of the City are provided police services from the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department. The County Sheriff operates from an office in the City. The Sheriff’s Department and the Police Department provide mutual backup services upon request within both the City and unincorporated areas.

The California Highway Patrol in the City provides traffic patrol on State Highways and also on roads within the unincorporated areas of the County. The Highway Patrol also provides emergency response backup to the Police Department and the County Sheriff upon request. The Highway Patrol office is located within the corporate limits of the City.

### FACILITIES

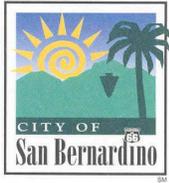
The Police Department’s central headquarters facility and jail is located at 710 North D Street, within the Central City North boundaries of the Project Area. The City is also served by six community service offices that serve five designated geographical patrol districts; refer to Table 5.13-1, San Bernardino Police Department Community Service Offices.

**Table 5.13-1  
San Bernardino Police Department Community Service Offices**

Patrol Area	Location
Western District (Area A)	1574 Baseline Street, #103 <b>(Located north of Tri-City)</b>
	1332 W. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street <b>(Located west of Central City North)</b>
Northern District (Area B)	941. W. Kendall Drive
Eastern District (Area C)	1535 E. Highland Avenue, Suite C
Central District (Area D)	334 W. Baseline <b>(Located north of Central City North and Central City East)</b>
Southern District (Area E)	204 Inland Center <b>(Located within Central City South)</b>

Source: *City of San Bernardino General Plan, Chapter 7, Public Facilities and Services Element, Page 7-4, dated November 1, 2005.*

<sup>3</sup> *City of San Bernardino General Plan, Chapter 7, Public Facilities and Services Element, prepared by The Planning Center, dated November 1, 2005.*



According to the Police Department, existing facilities are adequate to meet the needs of the City residents. However, the Police Department is currently looking at expansion in various parts of the City for both the Police Department substations and training facilities.<sup>4</sup>

**PERSONNEL**

The Police Department includes 312 sworn officers and another 150 civilian support staff members who do a variety of service-oriented tasks so that sworn personnel can focus on law enforcement related duties.<sup>5</sup> A larger portion of the Project Area is within the Southeast District of the Police Department, while a smaller portion is within the Southwest District. A total of 112 law enforcement officers serve the Project Area; refer to Table 5.13-2, Law Enforcement Officers Serving the Project Area.

**Table 5.13-2  
Law Enforcement Officers Serving the Project Area**

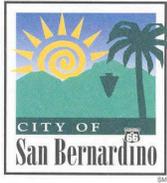
Law Enforcement Officers	Southwest District – “A”	Southeast District – “D”	Total
Patrol Officers	35	36	71
Patrol Sergeants	6	7	13
CIT Officers	6	6	12
CIT Sergeants	1	1	2
DROs	3	3	6
Parole Coordinator	1	1	2
Phoenix Officer	1	1	2
Detective	1	1	2
Operation Sergeant	1	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>112</b>
Notes: CIT – Crime Impact Team – Patrols 4 days a week and targets high crime and problem areas within their district. DRO – District Resource Officer – One Officer assigned to each district responsible for investigating unique crimes within their district. Parole Coordinator – Officer assigned to coordinate parole compliance checks and programs with State Parole Office. Phoenix Officer – Officer assigned as part of the City’s Operation Phoenix program designed to reduce crime and violence through prevention, intervention, and suppression initiatives. Detective – Detective assigned to each district responsible for investigation of major crimes within each district. Operation Sergeant – Sergeant assigned to each district responsible for administrative duties and assignments from District Lieutenant. Source: City of San Bernardino Police Department, Paul Guillen, Police Communications Manager, letter correspondence, November 23, 2009.			

The Police Department does not have an established staffing level based on personnel per population. The Police Department has been authorized for up to 350 sworn officers, which is adequate to police the City limits. The Police Department’s staffing levels are based on service models, not population. The existing staff levels are adequate to meet the needs of the San Bernardino residents.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>4</sup> City of San Bernardino Police Department, Mark A. Garcia, Assistant Chief of Police, letter correspondence, December 16, 2009.

<sup>5</sup> City of San Bernardino Police Department website, [https://www.ci.san-bernardino.ca.us/depts/police\\_department/about\\_sbpd/about\\_sbpd/default.asp](https://www.ci.san-bernardino.ca.us/depts/police_department/about_sbpd/about_sbpd/default.asp), accessed February 23, 2010.

<sup>6</sup> City of San Bernardino Police Department, Mark A. Garcia, Assistant Chief of Police, letter correspondence, December 16, 2009.



The Police Department consists of three divisions: Patrol, Investigations, and Administrative Services. Each division includes specialized units comprised of a variety of trained personnel and services.

Patrol Division: The Patrol Division provides general law enforcement services. Uniformed officers and community service officers respond to approximately 1,000 calls-for-service every 24 hours. Specialized law enforcement services such as canine officers, traffic officers, and bicycle-mounted enforcement officers are part of the Patrol Division. The City Council authorized a reorganization plan that divided the Patrol Division into two divisions (Northern Division and Southern Division) on July 16, 2008.<sup>7</sup>

Investigations Division: The Investigations Division has two bureaus. The Investigations Bureau is made up of several units of detectives. The Specialized Crimes Unit, District Crimes Unit, Burglary, and Robbery Units are all supervised by tenured sergeants. The entire bureau is led by a police lieutenant who is responsible for managing the complex investigative workload of the team. The Special Enforcement Bureau is made up of the Homicide Unit, Multiple Enforcement Team, and Narcotics Unit. The Special Enforcement Bureau is also managed by a police lieutenant.<sup>8</sup>

Administrative Services Division: This division provides all of the support services needed to manage a staff of over 450 employees. The Personnel and Training Unit coordinates all of the Police Department's personnel issues and hosts a variety of departmental training programs. The Communications Center serves as the primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for the City. All of the Police Department's enforcement records are maintained in the Records Bureau. Financial and payroll services are provided by the Department's Financial Services Unit. Automation and communications equipment are maintained by the Information Technology Division's Public Safety Systems Group, which is located at the main police facility.<sup>9</sup>

The Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) offers immediate response to threats or perceived threats to the public safety. The SWAT team is on-call 24-hours a day, seven days a week, and assists other units to conduct arrest and search warrants.

## **VOLUNTEER, TRAINING, AND OTHER PROGRAMS**

The Police Department offers volunteer opportunities and training. Volunteer police officers perform many of the same tasks as the full-time officers, including powers of arrest. The Citizen Patrol program involves members of the community in deterring crimes and to help officers in such areas as traffic control, crime prevention programs, extra patrols, citation writing, and vacation checks. The volunteers are able to assist the Community Service Officers after going through a three-month training. In addition to Citizen Patrol, Specialized Volunteers are involved in areas of detective bureau, traffic bureau, identification bureau, firing range, translation, property and evidence, crime free rental housing, and personnel and training.<sup>10</sup>

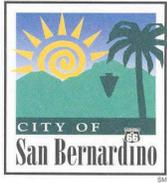
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<sup>7</sup> City of San Bernardino Police Department website, [https://www.ci.san-bernardino.ca.us/depts/police\\_department/about\\_sbpd/the\\_divisions/default.asp](https://www.ci.san-bernardino.ca.us/depts/police_department/about_sbpd/the_divisions/default.asp), accessed February 23, 2010.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid.

<sup>9</sup> Ibid.

<sup>10</sup> *Final San Bernardino General Plan Update and Associated Specific Plans Environmental Impact Report*, prepared by The Planning Center, dated September 30, 2005.



Additional programs offered by the Police Department for community development and crime prevention include the Chaplain's Program, Explorer Post, Operation Phoenix, San Bernardino Taking Action Against Graffiti, the National Office of Traffic Safety Program, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Operation Lifesaver, and the Amber Alert. The Chaplain's Program and Cops and Clergy represent the integration of faith and justice. The Police Department uses such means to share their knowledge with the population through faith-based organizations. This is also an opportunity for police officers to interact with troubled population in an informal setting. The Explorer Post program offers adolescents between ages 14 and 21 a chance to interact positively with police officers and to receive training in law enforcement. The program also teaches responsibility, discipline, self-esteem, teamwork, and ethics.<sup>11</sup> The Operation Phoenix program was designed to reduce crime and violence through prevention, intervention, and suppression initiatives. The program is managed by the City's Phoenix Officer.<sup>12</sup> San Bernardino Taking Action Against Graffiti (SB TAAG) is a multi-faceted partnership of City departments and local agencies. The mission of SB TAAG is to eliminate graffiti in San Bernardino through eradication, enforcement, and education to create a more beautiful City.<sup>13</sup> Annually during May and June the Police Department unites with other law enforcement agencies nationwide under a National Office of Traffic Safety Program to provide saturation enforcement focus on seatbelt and child safety seat violations.<sup>14</sup> The City also participates in Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). While MADD is not a governmental DUI prevention program, it is a program that focuses attention on the need to prevent drunk driving.<sup>15</sup> The City is also involved with Operation Lifesaver. Operation Lifesaver is a non-profit, international continuing public education program first established in 1972 to end collisions, deaths, and injuries at places where roadways cross train tracks, and on railroad rights-of-way.<sup>16</sup> The City also offers Amber Alerts to the citizens. Amber Alert empowers law enforcement, the media, and the public to combat abduction by sending out immediate, up-to-date information that aids in the child's safe recovery. Using television, radio, the internet, highway information signs, and even cell phone networks, Amber Alert gives the public the information needed to locate abducted children. Within the City of San Bernardino, Amber Alert is coordinated by the California Highway Patrol.<sup>17</sup>

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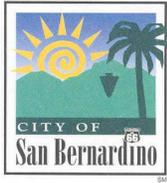
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## SERVICE CALLS

Police calls for service within the Project Area for the years 2006 through October 31, 2009 were provided by the Police Department; refer to Table 5.13-3, Police Calls for Service.

**Table 5.13-3  
Police Calls for Service**

Project Area	Year 2006	Year 2007	Year 2008	Year 2009 (through 10/31/09)	Total
Citywide	99,265	97,592	94,764	76,949	368,570
<b>Central City North</b>	4,315	4,247	3,909	2,469	14,940
<b>Southeast Industrial Park</b>	1,506	1,411	1,204	933	5,054
<b>Tri-City</b>	1,131	1,114	983	739	3,967
<b>South Valle</b>	983	1,019	956	783	3,741
<b>Meadowbrook/Central City Projects</b>	2,048	1,870	1,963	1,614	7,495
<b>Central City East</b>	1,069	1,033	980	867	3,949
<b>Central City South</b>	1,792	1,408	1,392	944	5,536
<b>Total:</b>	112,109	109,694	106,151	85,298	<b>413,252</b>

Source: City of San Bernardino Police Department, Paul Guillen, Police Communications Manager, letter correspondence, November 23, 2009.

According to Table 5.13-3, the Project Area with the highest volume of police calls for service from the year 2006 through October 31, 2009 was the Central City North with 14,940 calls. The Project Area with the lowest volume of police calls for service was South Valle with 3,741. As indicated in Table 5.13-3, police calls for service have decreased over time since the year 2006.

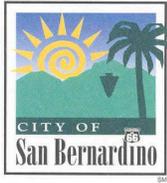
## RESPONSE TIMES<sup>18</sup>

The Police Department has established the target response times for emergency calls within all areas of the City. The target response time for emergency calls is six minutes or less, which is consistent with industry standards. The most recent report shows the average response time is 5.62 minutes for emergency calls.

## CRIME STATISTICS

The incidence of citywide crime for both property crimes and violent crimes for the years 2006 through 2008 were provided by the City of San Bernardino Police Department; refer to Table 5.13-4, Citywide Crime Stats.

<sup>18</sup> City of San Bernardino Police Department, Mark A. Garcia, Assistant Chief of Police, letter correspondence, December 16, 2009.



**Table 5.13-4  
Citywide Crime Stats**

Crime	Year 2006	Year 2007	Year 2008	Total
Murder	46	47	33	126
Rape	50	74	65	189
Robbery	904	862	779	2,545
Assault	1017	1169	1198	3,384
Burglary	2135	2129	2215	6,479
Theft	4708	5358	5073	15,139
Grand Theft Automobile	2917	2603	2150	7,670
<b>Total:</b>	<b>11,777</b>	<b>12,242</b>	<b>11,513</b>	<b>35,532</b>

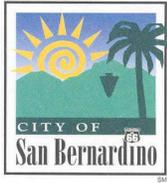
Source: City of San Bernardino Police Department, Paul Guillen, Police Communications Manager, letter correspondence, November 23, 2009.

According to Table 5.13-4, theft was the most common citywide crime stat from the year 2006 through 2008, with 15,139 crimes. The least crimes committed stat from the year 2006 through 2008 was murder, with 126 crimes. As indicated in Table 5.13-4, year 2007 had the highest crime stats.

The incidence of crime per Project Areas for both property crimes and violent crimes for the years 2006 through October 31, 2009 were provided by the Police Department; refer to Table 5.13-5, Crime Per Project Area.

**Table 5.13-5  
Crime Per Project Area**

Project Area/Year	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Criminal Homicide	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Theft	Vehicle Theft	TOTAL
<b>Central City North</b>								
2006	51	32	2	3	46	102	72	308
2007	40	34	1	6	47	113	77	318
2008	43	42	1	8	43	102	49	288
2009 (through 10/31/09)	32	33	-	5	32	58	28	188
<b>Total</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>1,102</b>
<b>Southeast Industrial Park</b>								
2006	8	42	-	3	10	120	58	241
2007	9	32	-	-	3	130	38	212
2008	5	27	-	-	5	124	37	198
2009 (through 10/31/09)	8	22	-	2	3	84	19	138
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>789</b>
<b>Tri-City</b>								
2006	4	33	1	1	10	186	52	287
2007	13	29	2	-	2	182	40	268
2008	7	31	-	-	6	184	46	274
2009 (through 10/31/09)	4	11	-	-	6	149	37	207
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>1,036</b>
<b>South Valle</b>								
2006	11	14	-	1	6	57	27	116
2007	5	19	-	1	5	72	37	139
2008	6	24	-	-	7	65	19	121



**Table 5.13-5 (continued)  
Crime Per Project Area**

Project Area/Year	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Criminal Homicide	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Theft	Vehicle Theft	TOTAL
2009 (through 10/31/09)	9	11	-	1	9	56	15	101
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>477</b>
<b>Meadowbrook/Central City Projects</b>								
2006	12	40	-	2	27	140	60	281
2007	19	26	1	3	28	151	49	277
2008	17	29	1	-	22	143	28	240
2009 (through 10/31/09)	17	16	1	2	14	96	25	171
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>969</b>
<b>Central City East</b>								
2006	12	14	-	-	13	31	28	98
2007	13	14	-	2	15	47	28	119
2008	17	18	-	3	15	35	29	117
2009 (through 10/31/09)	9	10	-	-	8	26	17	70
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>404</b>
<b>Central City South</b>								
2006	14	32	-	-	19	186	82	333
2007	10	23	-	1	16	164	44	258
2008	9	22	-	-	8	137	56	232
2009 (through 10/31/09)	9	17	-	2	7	227	56	318
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>1,141</b>

Source: City of San Bernardino Police Department, Paul Guillen, Police Communications Manager, letter correspondence, November 23, 2009.

As indicated in *Table 5.13-5*, from the year 2006 through October 31, 2009, the most crime occurred within the Central City South with 1,141 crimes committed. Of those crimes, 714 were theft related. The least crime occurred within the Central City East with 404 crimes committed. Of those crimes, 139 were also theft related.

### 5.13.3 SIGNIFICANCE THRESHOLD CRITERIA

The environmental analysis in this section is patterned after the Initial Study Checklist recommended by the *CEQA Guidelines*, as amended, and used by the City of San Bernardino in its environmental review process, and is contained in Appendix A of the EIR. The Initial Study includes questions relating to police protection. The issues presented in the Initial Study Checklist have been utilized as thresholds of significance in this section. Accordingly, a project may create a significant environmental impact if it causes one or more of the following to occur:

- Substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, or result in the need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which may cause significant environmental impacts in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives.



Based on these significance standards, the effects of the proposed project have been categorized as either “no impact,” a “less than significant impact,” or a “potentially significant impact.” Mitigation measures are recommended for potentially significant impacts. If a potentially significant impact cannot be reduced to a less than significant level through the application of mitigation, it is categorized as a “significant unavoidable impact.”

#### 5.13.4 PROJECT IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

##### ◆ IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT COULD RESULT IN THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL POLICE PROTECTION FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL.

**Level of Significance Before Mitigation:** Potentially Significant Impact.

**Impact Analysis:** Currently, the Police Department staffing levels and facilities are adequate to serve the existing population.<sup>19</sup> Implementation of the proposed project would result in the addition of 1,833 dwelling units, 6,122 persons, 6,200,590 square feet of non-residential development, and 16,601 jobs beyond existing conditions. This anticipated growth has been planned for within the *General Plan*.

The additional 1,833 dwelling units represents approximately 2.5 percent of the projected 73,367<sup>20</sup> households, and the resulting 6,122 persons represents approximately 2.2 percent of the projected 276,264<sup>21</sup> population at buildout of the *General Plan* for Horizon Year 2030. The additional 16,601 jobs represents approximately 4.9 percent of the projected 338,712<sup>22</sup> employment at buildout; refer to Section 5.2, Population, Employment, and Housing.

Future development associated with the proposed project would result in an increased demand for police protection services within the Project Area. The gradual increase in population and development would require continued assessment of the adequacy of law enforcement staffing and facilities within the City. More crime may be anticipated in the Project Area during the construction phase of future development projects, as construction areas can become the targets of thieves and vandals. Future development could include places of significant public gatherings and parking lots that may be hidden and obscured from public viewing. The need for increased police service within the City is determined by increases in emergency 911 calls, sustained rises in crimes reported, and other issues directly related to community safety and the overall quality of life. The Police Department currently does not have an established staffing level based on personnel per population. The Police Department has been authorized for up to 350 sworn police officers, which is adequate to police the City limits.<sup>23</sup> As previously discussed, the Police Department is currently looking at the expansion in various parts of the City for both Police Department substations and training facilities.<sup>24</sup> However, at this time, there are no plans approved to guarantee the construction of these desired police facilities.

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<sup>19</sup> City of San Bernardino Police Department, Mark A. Garcia, Assistant Chief of Police, letter correspondence, December 16, 2009.

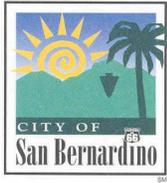
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<sup>24</sup> Ibid.



Construction activities could potentially affect emergency access to various locations within the Project Area on a short-term basis. Incorporation of temporary traffic controls, in accordance with the City's requirements, would reduce the potential short-term impacts to emergency access within the Project Area to a less than significant level.

Implementation of the proposed project would develop vacant and underutilized properties, involve public facility improvements, street and traffic improvements, streetscape improvements, economic development, housing rehabilitation, and rehabilitation of blighted properties within the Project Area. These improvements would serve to alleviate blighted, detrimental physical and economic conditions, which could thereby ease pressures of the Police Department in terms of crime and emergency response.

It is critical that future development projects mitigate project-related impacts to police services. New development projects would be evaluated by the Police Department on a project-by-project basis to determine potential impacts to police services. Currently, the City of San Bernardino Police Department does have an established Developer Fee Program to mitigate development impacts to police services.<sup>25</sup> The *General Plan* Public Facilities and Services Element includes goals and policies to provide police protection services. Mitigation measures are also recommended to ensure police protection services are adequately financed. Mitigation Measure PS-1 requires that individual development projects associated with the proposed project be evaluated and required to mitigate project-related impacts to police services. Furthermore, the anticipated growth has been planned for within the *General Plan*, and permitted land uses within the Project Area would be those permitted by the General Plan. Compliance and/or adherence to the goals and policies in the *General Plan* and Mitigation Measure PS-1 would reduce impacts to police services to a less than significant level.

#### **General Plan Goals and Policies:**

### **PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES ELEMENT**

#### **Goal 7.1 Protect the residents of San Bernardino from criminal activity and reduce the incidence of crime.**

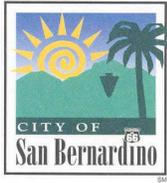
Policy 7.1.1 Maintain a complement of personnel in the Police Department that is capable of providing a timely response to criminal activity and can equitably protect all citizens and property in the City.

Policy 7.1.2 Coordinate inter-agency agreements with the County and adjacent jurisdictions to provide assistance and cooperation on inter-jurisdictional cases.

Policy 7.1.3 Continue to support and encourage community-based crime prevention efforts through regular interaction and coordination with existing neighborhood watch programs, assistance in the formation of new neighborhood watch groups, and regular communication with neighborhood and civic organizations.

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<sup>25</sup> City of San Bernardino Police Department, Mark A. Garcia, Assistant Chief of Police, letter correspondence, December 16, 2009.



- Policy 7.1.5 Ensure that landscaping (i.e., trees and shrubbery) around buildings does not obstruct views required to provide security surveillance.
- Policy 7.1.6 Require adequate lighting around residential, commercial, and industrial buildings in order to facilitate security surveillance.
- Policy 7.1.7 Require the provision of security measures and devices that are designed to increase visibility and security in the design of building siting, interior and exterior design, and hardware.

**Mitigation Measures:**

- PS-1 All development projects within the Project Area shall be evaluated and required to mitigate project-related impacts to police services. Individual development projects shall pay any fees required by a Developer Fee Program, if established, by the City of San Bernardino and/or the Police Department.

**Level of Significance After Mitigation:** Less Than Significant Impact.

### 5.13.5 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

- ◆ **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT COULD RESULT IN CUMULATIVELY CONSIDERABLE IMPACTS TO POLICE PROTECTION FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL.**

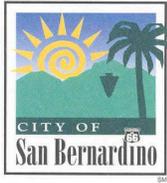
**Level of Significance Before Mitigation:** Potentially Significant Impact.

**Impact Analysis:** Implementation of the proposed project has the potential to create a significant impact on police protection services. The anticipated growth has been planned for within the *General Plan*, and permitted land uses within the Project Area would be those permitted by the *General Plan*. Future development projects would be evaluated by the City of San Bernardino and the San Bernardino Police Department on a project-by-project basis to determine potential impacts to police services. The *General Plan* goals and policies would reduce impacts resulting from the proposed project to a less than significant level. As such, implementation of the proposed project would not result in cumulatively considerable police protection impacts.

**General Plan Goals and Policies:** Refer to the goals and policies identified above.

**Mitigation Measures:** Refer to Mitigation Measure PS-1. No additional mitigation measures are required.

**Level of Significance After Mitigation:** Less Than Significant Impact.



### 5.13.6 SIGNIFICANT UNAVOIDABLE IMPACTS

Police protection impacts would be less than significant with compliance with the *General Plan* goals and policies. Therefore, no significant unavoidable police protection impacts would occur as a result of the proposed project.

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