

**CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: City Manager/City Council

FROM: Greg Butler, Assistant City Manager

DATE: May 11, 2021

SUBJECT: Receive Update on the Police Base of Operations Subcommittee Discussions, Clarify Objective, and Consider Appropriating Sufficient Funding to Complete Needs Assessment and/or Police Master Plan (At the Request of Subcommittee Members Mayor Pro Tempore Rahn and Council Member Stewart)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Receive an update on the Police Base of Operations subcommittee discussions.
2. Clarify the objective of the work effort and consider appropriating/budgeting sufficient funding to complete a needs assessment and/or Police Master Plan.

BACKGROUND: At the February 23, 2021 City Council meeting, at the request of Council Member Stewart, the Council created the Police Base of Operations Ad-Hoc Subcommittee and appointed Mayor Pro-Tem Rahn and Council Member Stewart to the new subcommittee.

Soon thereafter the subcommittee met with staff to review facility costs for the current policing model (Sheriff's deputies housed at the Southwest Justice Center, and supported by regional cost centers associated with dispatch, headquarters, investigations, central homicide, etc.). Staff also presented information related to response times vs. travel times.

Finally, the balance of the discussion related to understanding and refining the objective of the work effort as originally presented the objective was to locate a facility within the City limits to serve as the base of operations for the Sheriff's deputies providing policing services through the contract with Riverside County Sheriff's Office (RSO). The facility could be an existing City owned facility or an existing facility to be acquired for such purpose or locating a vacant site to develop a new facility. In all scenarios, a needs assessment would be required to determine the size building necessary to house the operations with an appropriately sized property to accommodate the parking and vehicular storage needs of a policing operation.

The basis for staffing a sufficiently sized police force could be the police force currently serving the City through the contract with RSO, supplemented with sufficient command and support staff solely serving the City as the operations at SW station would remain to serve the county area and the courts. The discussion that followed revealed there was a desire to evaluate a standalone police force and size a facility appropriately for that scenario, not necessary a facility to house a contracted police force with RSO.

At a subsequent meeting, the subcommittee heard an update on items to consider when splitting up the current command at the SW Station.

- Separation between county deputies, SROs, K9s, special teams and their counterparts assigned to the city.
 - Not together for briefings
 - Info exchange suffers
 - Supervision separated
 - More difficult to shift staff around to ensure proper deployments during critical incidents, or during times of increased employee absence.
- Command and control separation.
 - Will require dedicated supervisors and managers
- Public lobby will drive dedicated front office support staff
 - Report Release
 - Vehicle and property release
 - Arson, Sex, Narc Registrations
 - Crime report processing and routing
 - Mail and referral processing
 - public lobby functions (desk deputy for counter reports)
- On-site evidence storage will be required
 - Dedicated staff to manage evidence and the transport of this evidence to/from court
 - Specialized equipment to ensure the security/safety of evidence
 - Biohazard evidence dryers
 - Commercial fridge/freezer
 - Faraday cases
 - Weapon storage
 - Fentanyl and similar hazard storage
- On-site logistics support for the vehicle fleet, weapon management, and related equipment
- Separation of equipment which requires an excess for reserves (approx. 20% overage to allow for repairs, service, and extended shifts for precisely issued equipment)
 - 20% more cars, radios, less lethal equipment, BWC, riot gear, etc....
- Building enhancements for
 - in-custody holding (required by DOJ/BSCC/Dept of Corrections)
 - will be a location for demonstrations so building “hardening” will be required
 - secure parking (to facilitate fleet/deputy safety and in custody management)
- Building needs an area large enough for personal training and operational briefings

A needs assessment is required regardless of end user, contracted police force or a standalone independent police force. Staff reached out to Citygate, the public safety consultant that recently completed the Regional JPA Police Feasibility study as they have intimate knowledge of the current policing model serving the City. There is a vast number of variables to be considered when determining need. As noted above, using the current Sheriff’s staffing model, supplemented with requisite command and support staff can be completed for roughly \$20,000 and be completed in about 3-months. When contemplating a standalone police force, a programming/planning document such as a Police Master Plan should be completed to clearly lay-out the desired type and

level of police serves the Council and Community desire, this level of effort runs \$125,000 - \$140,000 and will take approximately 9-months to complete. Costs could be slightly higher depending on the number site visits/field trips required to finalize facility concepts.

FISCAL IMPACT: Depending on the desired level of effort \$20,000 - \$140,000 would need to be appropriated from Measure S fund balance.

ATTACHMENTS: None