Financial Impact Analysis of Reductions to General Fund Departments: Police

Sierra Madre Police Department

The reductions to the Police Department, outlined in Figure 1 below, include eliminating 6 of the City's 10 Police Officer positions, all 4 of the Sergeant Positions, and an assumption that Police Dispatch would be outsourced eliminating all 4 full-time dispatch employees. In addition to this, a portion of the City's part-time patrol officers would also be laid-off as necessary, based on the \$909,000 in cuts which are not yet identified and may not be able to be absorbed by other means.

These changes would reduce Police patrols by more than 60%. Currently the City is patrolled by 2 officers and 1 Sergeant every day, 24 hours a day. Moving forward with these reductions would mean 1 officer will patrol the city with no assistance, backup, or supervision.

Due to these staffing reductions necessitated by loss of UUT revenue, the City would also lose two additional revenue sources that the Police Department presently relies upon. The first additional revenue source is the State Public Safety Augmentation grant which is awarded to the City and transferred into the General Fund. This grant requires a "maintenance of service" of police operations meaning it cannot supplant funds already being spent on service or "fill-in" for reduced funding. The second area is the expected lost revenue from parking permits as well as citations which officers write, resulting from loss of enforcement due to personnel reductions. Traffic enforcement, parking enforcement, and other items which could be cited will not rise to primary importance for an officer's patrol should the City go from 3 sworn personnel patrolling at all times to 1 sworn personnel patrolling in Sierra Madre. It is possible some of the \$220,000 in revenues could be maintained, however, for this exercise an assumption is made the revenue would likely be lost.

After laying off 10 sworn personnel, dramatically reducing patrols and enforcement, and outsourcing dispatch, the total General Fund savings is anticipated to be \$1,050,000.

Figure 1.

Police Department Reductions		
Officers	\$	670,000
Sergeants	\$	600,000
Dispatch* (outsource)	\$	100,000
Subtotal Reductions	\$	1,370,000
Police Department Lost Revenue		
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Public Safety Augmentation	\$	100,000