

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

If the population of the Town of Moraga were to increase, the new residents and workers would create new demands for public safety services. As allowed by law, the Town can collect fees to pay for the capital costs to meet these increased needs. The public safety needs and explanation are presented below:

Radio Command System

During activation of the EOC, radio communication must be established between the EOC Directors, field officers, public works, and citizen volunteers (including CERT and Red Cross). Geographic locations of proposed development will create radio reception problems that may require installation of additional radio towers to facilitate radio transmissions and receptions.

Current CB Radios in the EOC may no longer be adequate as the Town continues to grow. Any radio system the Town uses must be maintained and possibly expanded due to additional areas of responsibility.

Mobile Command Vehicle

The proposed development will abut open space and wild lands, necessitating the need for mobile command. Additional senior housing will create additional need for remote location command centers to conduct search and rescue for missing seniors. A mobile command unit will be required to meet the needs of emergency field assessment, staging, and provide protection and equipment necessary for a designated emergency command post required by NEMS/SEMS and any necessary remote location command centers.

Safety Equipment

If new safety personnel are required to provide the existing level of service to the citizens of Moraga, all new personnel will need adequate equipment and office space. OSHA requirements (current and future) regulate the purchase and use of safety equipment by the public safety officers. Additional officers will be required to maintain the safety equipment mandated by state law. Any new safety personnel will need office space and appurtenances to conduct their business.

Motorcycle

Additional surface roads and vehicle trips associated with anticipated development will add to existing traffic safety issues. The most efficient tool to address traffic issues is motorcycle enforcement. The topography of Moraga and increased missing persons calls (which will increase with additional senior housing) require the use of an enforcement motorcycle with off-road capability. A new traffic motorcycle will be needed to address normal Town traffic enforcement needs within new residential development and for use in searches off road.

Engineering and Traffic Surveys

To enforce speed laws on new surface roads with the use of radar will require new expenses. Unless deemed “local streets or roads” as specified in section 40802 of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) certain roads will require the purchase of Engineering and Traffic Surveys, which must recur every 5 years. This process requires the use of specialized equipment to gather the data (speed data and traffic counts) which must be provided to a State of California Certified Traffic Engineer.

Two New Vehicles

Two new fully equipped patrol vehicles will be required to maintain fleet current fleet ratio with anticipated growth of department to meet service population needs.

DVR /Camera System for Town Parks

With additional developments (at the far edges of Town) to patrol and provide emergency response, current patrol staff will be further inhibited from patrolling popular targets for vandalism in our Town Parks. Camera systems to discourage nefarious activities and/or identify vandals will be necessary to provide opportunity for prosecution and cost-recovery.

Storage

Additional population will generate more written reports which must be retained based on the Town’s adopted Retention Policy. This creates the need for additional storage space and archiving facilities/services with rigid security requirements. Additional property and evidence will also be generated which must also be stored with the highest degree of security to preserve the integrity of the evidence. This storage will require climate controlled floor space, shelving, and refrigeration.