

IV. Public Safety

A. Police Protection

1. Existing Facilities

With 18 patrol officers, 6 detectives, 3 lieutenants, and a chief, and a 2010 population estimated to be 34,000, the City has 0.85 police officers per thousand residents. Additionally, the city has hired part-time police officers that are used on an as needed basis. Since police officers primarily respond to events generated by people, the actual population is a prime factor in the workload a department can expect. The staffing question is calculated on the ratio of officers per/1,000 population. In addition, other factors for each individual community should be considered such as: crime rate, traffic flow, calls for service, community geography and similar variables.

A recent nationwide trend is to become more pro-active rather than reactive. This is being accomplished through Community Oriented Policing Programs. These programs also contribute to the question of staffing. The police department has three full-time and one part-time civilian employees that are assigned to a daytime dispatching and secretarial work. Twenty-four hour dispatching is provided through the Utah Valley Dispatch Special Service District, of which Spanish Fork City is a founding member. Also assigned to the police department is a full-time animal control officer.

2. Capital Facilities Plan for Project Needs and Recommendations

The City has recently constructed a Police Department building at 789 West Center Street, in conjunction with the Fourth District Court of the State of Utah. This construction was made necessary due to the fact that the former location of 775 N Main Street had become inadequate because of size, security, and functionality issues. The Police Building was oversized to accommodate future growth. It is anticipated that the building will meet the needs of the City through 2026, when the bond will be paid off. The cost for the Police portion of the building is \$7,833,712.00. Forty three percent (43%)of the building meets currant demand. Fifty seven percent (57%) of the building cost represents growth. The portion of the cost for growth is \$4,465,215.87.

B. Fire Protection

1. Existing Facilities

The Spanish Fork City Fire Department has a volunteer force of 34 and an appointed fire chief and officers. The department also has a contract with Utah County to respond to fires in the unincorporated area roughly between (County addresses) 8000 South to 4000 South and from 5600 West to Soldier Summit including Birds Eye to the County Line.

The fire department has instigated a rigorous training program. The department trains weekly

for 1-2 hours each Thursday evening.

With an ISO fire rating of (5), the lowest possible rating without full time personnel, the department is equipped with (2) two pumper trucks that were purchased in 2008 each having 1500 gallon per minute capacity. Other equipment includes a 2000 gallon tanker with a 1500 gallon per minute pump, (2) two 250 gallon 4-wheel drive brush trucks, and a Rescue/Extrication truck with 250 gallons of water. The Rescue/Extrication truck accompanies the city's ambulance on all vehicle and industrial accidents with injuries. In 1997, the City purchased a 75-foot heavy-duty ladder truck to handle the new commercial and industrial buildings in the City.

The Fire Department is located at 370 N Main Street. This will continue to serve as the main fire station in the foreseeable future. However, satellite stations will be needed, as explained in the next section.

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In order to maintain a low ISO rating, which will keep insurance rates low for the residents of the City, response time is critical. In order to meet appropriate response times, the ISO ratings require all residents to be located within five (5) road miles of a fire station. The City has determined, due to the expansion and growth of the City, that satellite stations on both the east and west sides of the City will be needed in the near future in order to meet this standard. In planning for that need, the City has purchased property for the satellite fire stations and electric sub-stations on both the east and west sides of the City. The City has purchased 4.45 acres on the east side of the City for the sum of \$389,284. Land consisting of 2.45 acres on the east side site is dedicated to and reserved for a fire station. The 55% land cost for the fire station is \$214,106. The City also purchased nine acres on the west side of the City for the sum of \$657,099. Three acres on the west side are dedicated to and are reserved for a fire station. The 33% land cost for a fire station is \$216,841. In addition to the land purchases, the growth rate of the City will require that a fire substation will need to be constructed between 2015 and 2020.

Replacement of old fire trucks has been programmed into the Capital Improvements Plan, with first line pumpers replaced at least every five years. The National Fire Protection Association recommends a first line pumper be no older than 15 years, with total in service time for the pumpers of 25 years.