

ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

For your convenience, we have provided space below for your answers. If you choose to answer these questions in the form of a letter, please number your responses to correspond to the questions. We would very much appreciate a response by **March 27, 2015**. Please return the completed questionnaire via email to janet.danker@lsa-assoc.com.

1. Please evaluate the following statement for accuracy. If any of the information contained in the text below is incorrect or should be updated, please indicate the needed revisions below.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) is responsible for providing law enforcement protection within unincorporated areas of Orange County, as well as in incorporated cities, such as the City of Lake Forest, that contract with the OCSD for protection. The OCSD has approximately 4000 sworn and professional staff members and over 800 reserve personnel. The proposed project is located within the service area of the South Orange County Sheriff's Department substation in Aliso Viejo located at 11 Journey in Aliso Viejo. The Aliso Viejo substation has 375 deputies. Additionally, management staff is stationed at Lake Forest City Hall to assist with crime prevention programs in the City. Staff includes one lieutenant, one sergeant, one Deputy, a Crime Prevention Specialist and an Office Specialist. Services provided through the City include direct and preventative patrol, a Special Enforcement Team, Traffic Enforcement (motorcycle and commercial), a deputy assigned to the regional Directed Enforcement Team, School Resource Officer, Homeless Liaison Officer, Bike Patrol, Neighborhood and Business Watch programs, as well as emergency preparedness classes for the community.

Response times to the project site are dependent on various factors, including the location of patrol vehicles at the given moment. Emergency calls receive the quickest response, with alarm calls and non-emergency calls having longer response times. Response times for the City of Lake Forest for both Priority 1 (i.e., red light/siren) and Priority 2 (i.e., urgent – no lights/siren) are less than **5 minutes** and **7 minutes**, respectively.

2. Does the OCSD use a standard officer-to-population or standard response time objective ratio to measure the adequacy of policing levels in the City? If so, what is that standard (e.g., 1.3 police officers per 1,000 residents)? Are existing staffing levels adequate to meet current demands for police protection?

No, OCSD does not currently use a standard officer-to-population or response time objective ratio to measure the adequacy of policing levels in the city. Current staffing levels are adequate to meet the existing demands for police protection within the City of Lake Forest.

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4. Are there any current plans for expansion of Sheriff Department facilities, services, or staff or to construct a new facility? If yes, please explain.

Yes, OCSD has approved and funded a new station within the City of Lake Forest to serve all of southeast Orange County. This facility is located at 20202 Windrow and is called the Saddleback Station. This facility will be the hub of Sheriff's activity for the region and will deploy 118 deputies, twelve sergeants, 13 investigators, eleven Community Service Officers, as well as support staff and volunteers.

5. Would the project substantially increase response times or create a substantial increase in demand for staff, facilities, equipment, or police or other emergency services (e.g., as a result of potential increase in call volume)?

This question cannot be answered at this time due to a lack of data regarding the property (i.e. the number and density of the population, demographic of the population, ease of locating or responding to individual addresses, etc.).

If this project is similar to most developments in the city and surrounding area, then no substantial increase in response times or demand for resources is anticipated.

6. Are there any specific crime prevention design features that the OCSD recommends for incorporation into the proposed project?

Without direct knowledge of the project, no accurate answer can be given, however, lighting at night, keeping windows and doors unobscured by vegetation and hardscape and other common suggestions would likely apply.

7. Based on the proposed project description, will the OCSD be able to adequately serve the proposed project? If not, can you recommend any measures for mitigating project impacts that might be incorporated into the project?

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8. Please provide any additional comments or questions you would like to see addressed in the environmental analysis for this project.

All responses to this survey are based on past performance and an estimated ability to continue service to similar developments in the area. No final estimate, suggestion or recommendation can be made until details, including but not limited to population total, population density, ease of locating individual addresses, ease of ingress, traffic flow, etc. are provided.

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