



**Agenda Item A.3
PRESENTATION
Meeting Date: May 20, 2008**

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Dan Singer, City Manager

CONTACT: Vyto Adomaitis, Redevelopment, Neighborhood Services
& Public Safety Director
Lt. Chris Pappas, Chief of Police Services

SUBJECT: Police Services 2007 Annual Report

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept and file report.

BACKGROUND:

The Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Department has been providing full police services to the City of Goleta since July 1, 2002. In Calendar Year (CY) 2007, revisions were made to the existing contract by way of a collaborative effort between the City of Goleta Public Safety Ad – Hoc Committee and the Sheriff’s Department. The award of the contract was granted by the City Council on June 18, 2007.

Currently, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Department provides a staffing level of approximately 35.08 Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) to the City of Goleta. This includes a Gang Deputy and the newly added position in 2007, Community Resource Deputy. The table below reflects staffing levels for 2006 and 2007.

| Classification | Staffing/FTE: 2006 | Staffing/FTE 2007-YTD |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Commander | 0.33 | 0.33 |
| Lieutenant | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Sergeant | 4.75 | 4.75 |
| Senior Deputy | 8.00 | 9.00 |
| Deputy | 17.00 | 16.00 |
| Office Assistant SR | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Clerk Typist II | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Gang Deputy | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Community Resource Deputy | | 1.00 |
| Total FTEs | 34.08 | 35.08 |

DISCUSSION:

Law Enforcement Patrol Operations: The original priorities received in July 2002 from the City were to increase the enforcement of traffic related laws. Specifically, the Sheriff's Department was asked to place an emphasis on:

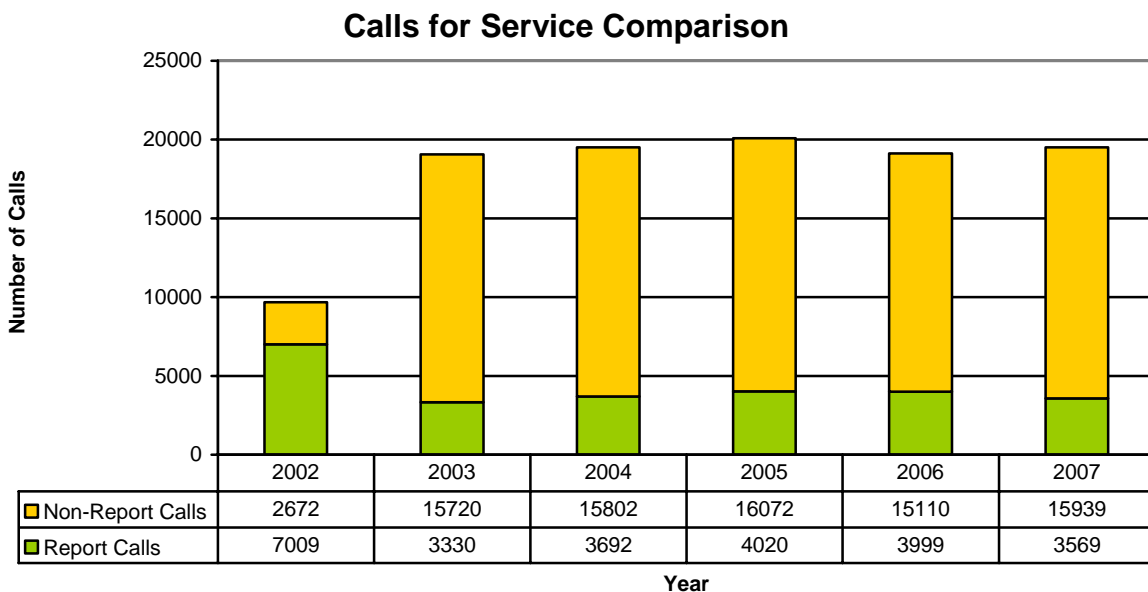
- Abandoned cars and cars parked in excess of 120 hours (in violation of the County ordinance adopted by the City)
- Speed Enforcement
- Accident Reduction

These priorities continue to be addressed by the Goleta Traffic Bureau whose proactive approach to speed enforcement and accident prevention continues to provide for the safety of the motoring public within the City of Goleta. Since 2004, the City Code Enforcement Program has continued to effectively address the on going challenge of abandoned vehicles within the City of Goleta.

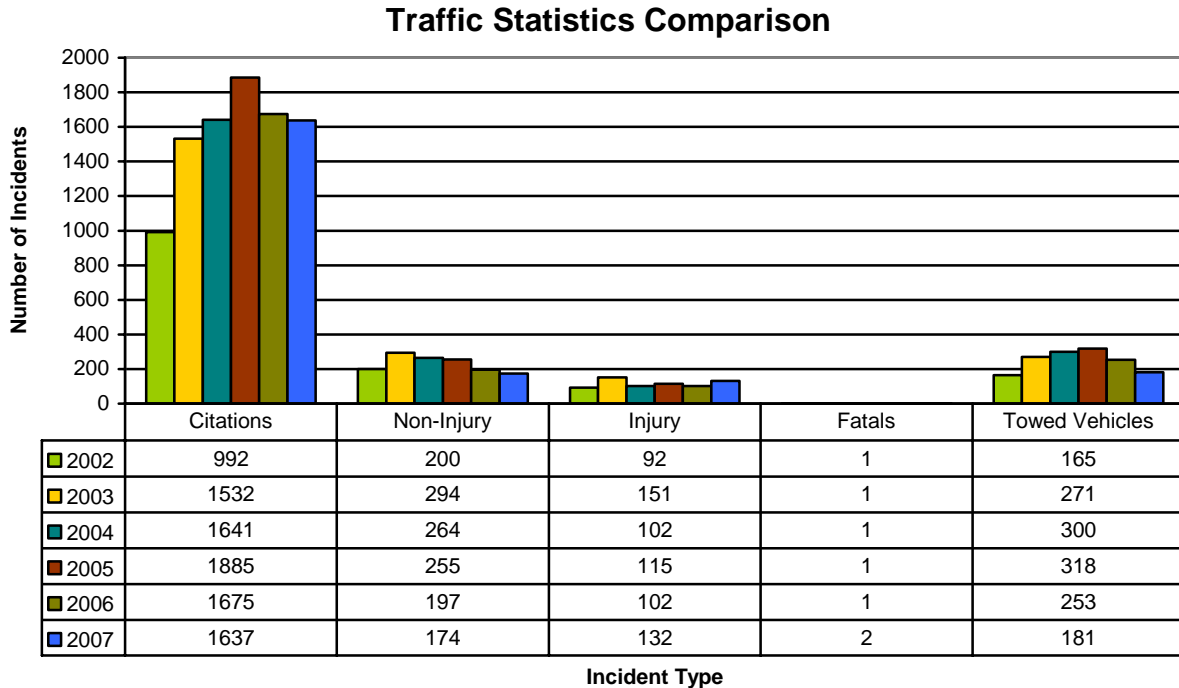
At the time of this report, the ongoing strategic planning in which the City is engaged has resulted in the potential identification of additional priorities specific to the contracted law enforcement services provided by the Sheriff's Department. The continued emphasis on public safety while focusing on gang deterrence, community outreach, the creation of the community resource deputy position and enhanced graffiti abatement efforts have been the focus of these discussions.

Patrol Operations: Calls for service

The *Calls for Service Comparison* chart illustrates the total number of Calls for Service broken down by Non-Report Calls and Report Calls for calendar years 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007.



The *Traffic Statistics Six Year Comparison* chart compares the incidents of citations; non-injury accidents of property damage only; injury accidents, which includes minor as well as serious injuries; fatal accidents and towed vehicles for calendar years 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.



Traffic safety has been an established priority of the City of Goleta since its incorporation in 2002. Over the course of the contract, this priority has been addressed through the services of a highly efficient and dedicated traffic unit. The Goleta Traffic Bureau was established in 2002 and has consistently demonstrated the ability to positively impact traffic safety within the City for the last six years. The *Traffic Statistics Six Year Comparison* chart graphically demonstrates this assertion.

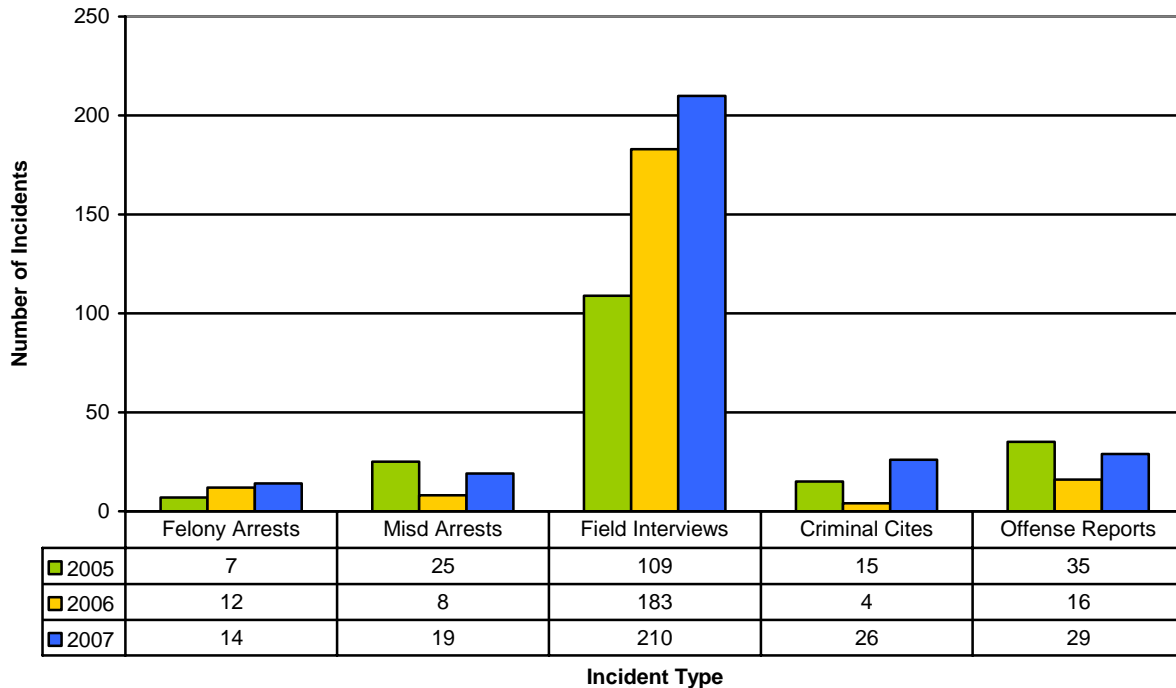
Over the course of this reporting period, non-injury accidents decreased from 197 in 2006 to 174 in 2007, a 12% decrease. It should be noted that the number of vehicle accidents have been reduced on an annual basis since the inception of contract law enforcement services in 2002. These substantial reductions are clearly related to the proactive approach to traffic enforcement in the City of Goleta by the Goleta City Traffic Bureau.

Gang Deputy Activity: Over the course of this reporting period, it has become apparent that gang activity has continued to challenge the resources of the law enforcement community on a countywide basis. The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department has committed substantial resources to address this challenge. In point of fact, that commitment has been evidenced by the inception and subsequent deployment of a county wide Sheriff's Gang Unit. This unit consists of eight deputies whose primary mission is enforcement and intervention specific to gang related criminal activities. Deputy Steve Gonzales, the City of Goleta Gang Officer for a portion of this reporting period, worked tirelessly in this role and was well recognized within the law enforcement

community for his efforts. Deputy Gonzales was recently reassigned to another unit and Deputy Adrian Hernandez is now working as the Goleta Gang Deputy. Deputy Hernandez has established himself an integral part of the gang unit and continues to work with allied agencies, area schools and the community at large in combating the challenge of criminal gangs.

The *Gang Deputy Activity Comparison* chart depicts the Goleta Gang Deputy's activity for calendar years 2005, 2006 and 2007.

Gang Deputy Activity Comparison



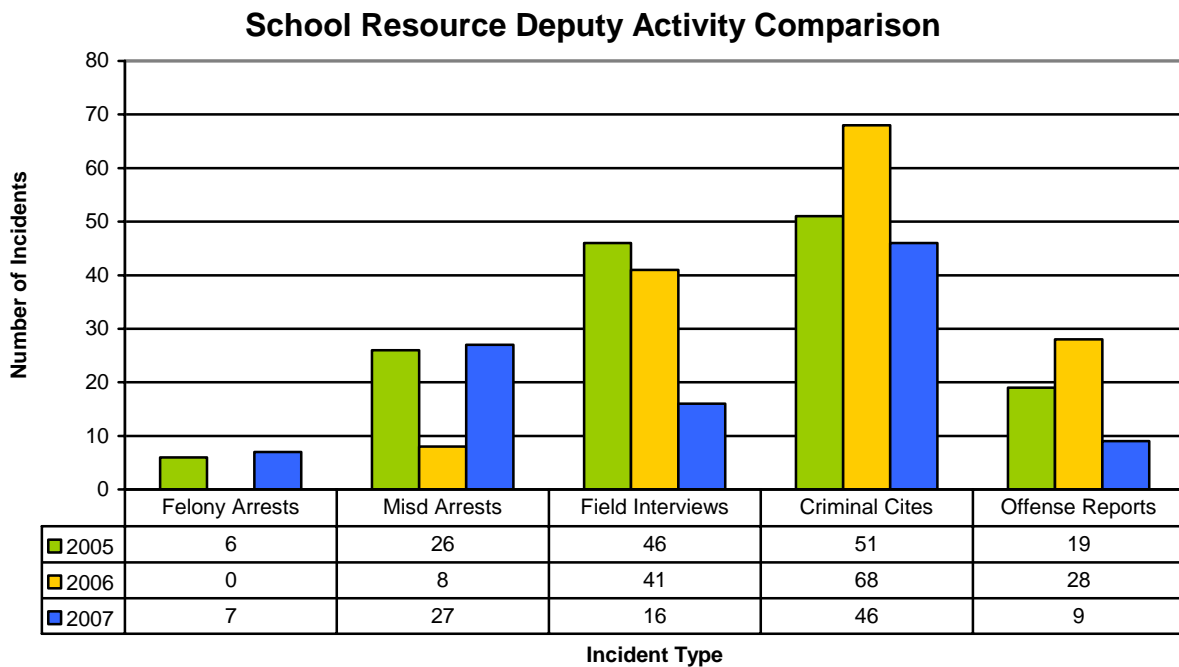
School Resource Deputy: Senior Deputy Scott Hunter continues to provide the highest level of service to Dos Pueblos High School as the School Resource Deputy. His ability to interact with the school administration, staff and students has once again proven to be of great value to the school and the community at large. Senior Deputy Hunter is considered a trusted and integral member of the school staff. His input on a variety of issues, not necessarily limited to enforcement issues, is sought after by school administration and staff on a regular basis.

In point of fact, one unique challenge took place during the Dos Pueblos High School summer session. District officials had scheduled a combined summer school of San Marcos High School and Dos Pueblos High School students, which for the first time, also involved students from Santa Barbara High School. This decision resulted in a potentially dangerous environment on campus as this placed rival gang factions amongst the students in the same location. Senior Deputy Hunter responded to this challenging situation by engaging the school administration in discussions regarding future decisions of this nature and the importance of anticipatory collaborative planning. Senior Deputy Hunter then took a lead in assembling the resources to handle the impacts of the mixed session and successfully resolved the issue.

During this reporting period, he also initiated a substantial number of investigations that included alcohol use/possession, battery, drug possession/sales, expulsion from school, loitering, probation violations, search warrant services, theft, vandalism, vehicle code violations, and witness intimidation.

Senior Deputy Hunter's outstanding working relationship with the school administration, Probation, the PTA and the citizens in the surrounding community continues to improve the educational and social environment on the Dos Pueblos campus.

The *School Resource Deputy Activity Comparison* chart depicts Senior Deputy Hunter's activity for calendar years 2005, 2006 and 2007.



Community Resource Deputy

In October of 2007, a long term goal for Public Safety in the City of Goleta was realized; the addition of the Community Resource Deputy to the contract law enforcement staffing. Although Senior Deputy Dave Allcott has been in the position for a relatively brief period of time, he has focused his efforts in the following areas:

- Worked with community members on graffiti abatement;
- Initiated and facilitated Neighborhood Watch chapters in Goleta;
- Given presentations on crime prevention and other related topics at local schools and community groups;
- Worked closely with School Resource Deputies at area schools on enforcement and intervention with at-risk youth;
- Met with over 100 businesses in Old Town and the Calle Real Shopping Center in an effort to establish ongoing communication and to update "Emergency Business Notification Information;" and

- Established an anonymous tip line at City Hall.

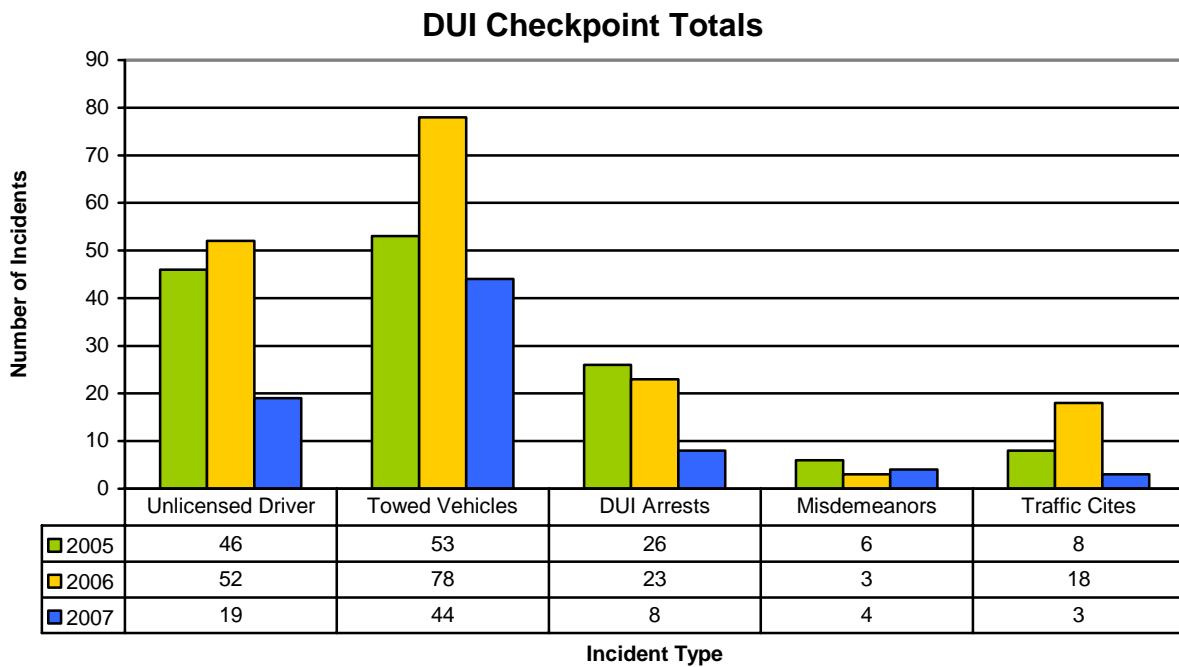
As anticipated in discussions regarding the addition of this position to the law enforcement staffing, the ability to focus on community based programs has been significantly expanded. It should be noted that as this is a new position for the City of Goleta Police Services, additional priorities and operational objectives will continue to be identified in the future.

Grants

Office of Traffic Safety Grant:

The Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant was awarded in October 2007 in the amount of \$45,000. This two-year grant covered a comprehensive program for Drunk Driving education, including salary and equipment for DUI checkpoints and saturation patrols. This grant will be in effect until September of 2008.

Over the course of CY 2007, the Goleta Traffic Bureau conducted 4 DUI checkpoints. More than 3,000 vehicles were checked during these operations resulting in 8 arrests for DUI, 44 towed vehicles and 19 citations being issued for unlicensed / uninsured drivers.



These operations, funded by the OTS grant obtained by the Goleta City Traffic Bureau, have allowed for the provision of a very high level of service of DUI enforcement and saturation patrols within the City of Goleta. The Goleta Traffic Bureau aggressively continues to pursue grant funds to facilitate their ongoing commitment to this critical enforcement issue.

State Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) Grant:

In June of 2007, the Council again authorized the appropriation of COPS grant funds for FY 2007/2008. The grant was awarded for \$100,000 in November of 2007. These monies continue to fund the City Gang Enforcement Deputy position.

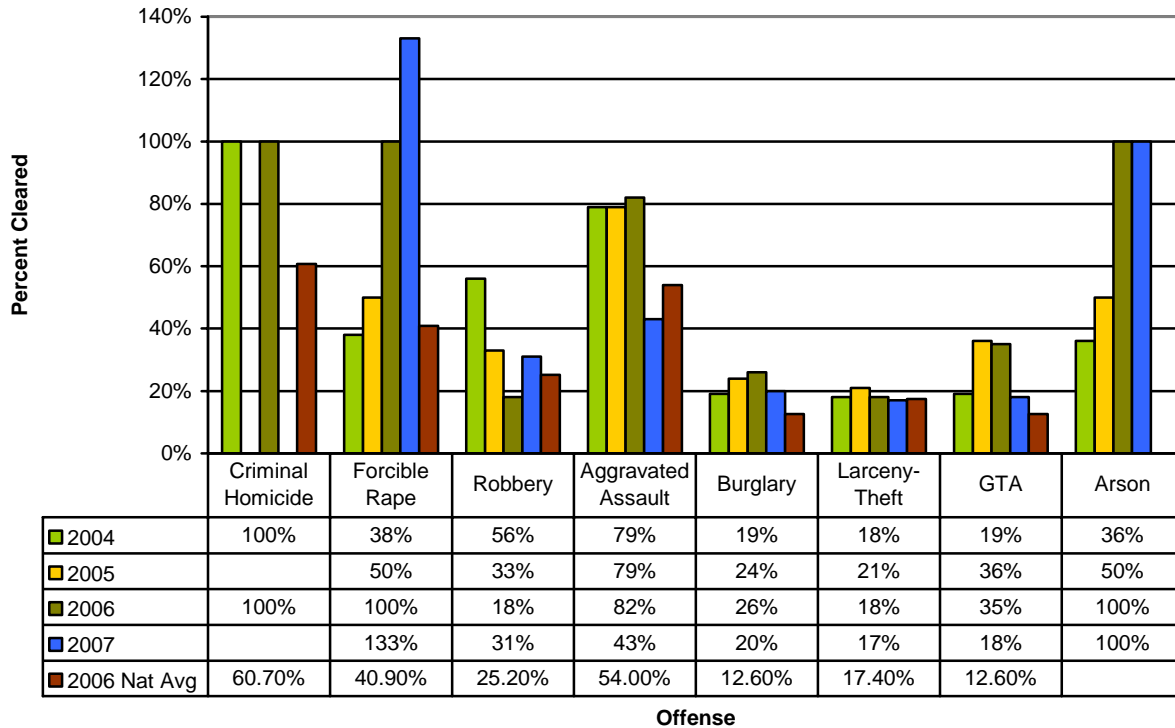
Criminal Investigations Division:

During calendar year 2007, the Criminal Investigations Division, City of Goleta Detectives, investigated 480 of the 3,569 reports taken in the City of Goleta. Of the 480 reports, 76 were closed due in part to uncooperative victims, returned runaway juveniles or located missing persons; 5 were determined to be unfounded; 124 were cleared by arrest or charges being filed against a defendant; 231 were suspended due to no further leads; 34 cases are pending further investigation and 10 were sent to other jurisdictions because the crime had been committed outside the City of Goleta.

Part 1 Crimes are crimes against persons (homicide, robbery, rape, and aggravated assault) and some property crimes (grand theft, larceny auto theft, and burglary). The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department reports the City of Goleta Part 1 Crime counts to the California Department of Justice Office of the Attorney General. This state office reports these statistics to the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI). The FBI publishes the counts in the annual publication *Crime in the United States* as part of the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program.

The *Part 1 Crimes: Clearance Rate Comparison* chart illustrates the last four years' clearance rates of Part 1 Crimes for the City of Goleta and the latest released Part 1 Crimes National Clearance Rate Average from the UCR.

Part 1 Crimes: Clearance Rate Comparison



Ongoing Project and Efforts:

- The addition of the Community Resource Deputy to the law enforcement services staffing has allowed for the creation of programs that seek to address an array of community issues while employing a community oriented policing approach.
- Goleta Motor Unit continues to enhance traffic safety within the City utilizing the improved capabilities of the four new BMW motorcycles.
- The Goleta Traffic Unit continues to pursue the commercial vehicle enforcement in an effort to protect the motoring public and city infrastructure.
- The City Gang Deputy continues to engage the community through enforcement and education. The recent dedication of additional deputies to the gang unit will allow for added enforcement opportunities within the City.
- The Goleta City School Resource Deputy maintains his critical function at area schools enforcing applicable laws and providing intervention for at risk students.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

The costs for basic Police Services are included in the City's operating budget.

The Police Services budget for FY 07-08 is \$5,659,919.

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