

5. Environmental Analysis

5.11 POLICE AND FIRE

5.11.1 Methodology

This section provides baseline information on, and evaluates potential impacts to, fire and police services related to the City of Anaheim General [Pan-Plan](#) and Zoning Code Update. Information provided in this section is based on information provided by the fire and police services having jurisdiction over the project area.

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Existing Conditions

Fire Protection

The Anaheim City Fire Department operates 11 fire stations and employs a total of 231 safety and 54 full-time personnel. The Department presently staffs 12 engine companies, ten of which are designated paramedic companies; five truck companies; one contract paramedic company; one hazardous-materials unit; one technical rescue unit; and two Battalions, housed in Fire Station 6 (Euclid Fire Station) and Station 8 (Riverdale Station). Table 5.11-1 provides a description of the facilities that provide fire protection service to the Project Area.

**TABLE 5.11-1
FIRE PROTECTION FACILITIES**

Station	Station Location	Equipment
Downtown Station 1	500 E. Broadway Street	Paramedic Engine 1, Engine 21 and Truck 1, and Ambulance 1
Brookhurst Station 2	2141 W. Crescent Avenue	Paramedic Engine 2 and Truck 2
Resort Station 3	1717 S. Clementine	Paramedic Engine 3, Truck 3 and Ambulance 3, and USAR 3
West Anaheim Station 4	2736 West Orange Avenue	Paramedic Engine 4 and Truck 24
Kraemer Station 5	1154 N. Kraemer Boulevard	Paramedic Engine 5
Euclid Station 6	1330 S. Euclid Street	Paramedic Engine 6 and Engine 26, Battalion 2, Ambulance 6
Stadium Station 7	2222 E. Ball Road	Paramedic Engine 7 and Ambulance 7
Riverdale Station 8	4555 E. Riverdale	Battalion 1, Paramedic Engine, Truck and Hazmat 8
Anaheim Hills Station 9	6300 E. Nohl Ranch Road	Paramedic Engine 9 and Ambulance 9
Weir Canyon Station 10	8270 E. Monte Vista	Paramedic Engine 10
Disney Station	Downtown Disney	Medic 43 and Medic 44 (two paramedics on each unit)

In 1986, the Department added Fire Station 10 (Weir Canyon Station) in the Hill and Canyon Area of the City, and has plans for as many as three (3) new fire stations in the City. Plans for new fire stations include Fire Station 12 in the far east end of Anaheim, where development continues.



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Response times for the Anaheim Fire Department require first engine response within 5 minutes to 90% of all incidents and 8 minutes to the remaining 10%. The Department also requires a maximum of 10 minutes for truck company response to 100% of all incidents.

In addition to fire protection services, and due to the unique nature of being a world class resort destination city, the Anaheim Fire Department is an all-risk Fire Department that provides various types of emergency rescue and medical services. The majority of calls placed to the Fire Department are requests for medical aid. In an attempt to meet both the high demand for medical services and the considerable number of uninsured or underinsured residents, the Fire Department maintains a Paramedic Membership Program. This program guarantees that participants pay no out-of-pocket expenses for emergency medical services provided by the Anaheim Fire Department. The program also covers the uninsured portion of the emergency medical service bill.

Along with other fire fighting agencies, the City of Anaheim is also part of a regional coordination system, which saves and prevents the loss of life and property through timely, organized containment. The Metro Cities Fire Authority Communications Center serves the citizens of seven cities: Anaheim, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, and Orange. The Center, located in the City of Anaheim, is commonly referred to as Metro Net. Metro Net dispatches fire and emergency medical services for more than 1.2 million citizens, covering 188 square miles within Orange County. Day-to-day operations of the center are managed by the Anaheim Fire Department.

Police Protection

Law enforcement and crime prevention services are provided by the Anaheim Police Department. Police services provided include patrol, investigations, traffic enforcement, traffic control, vice and narcotics enforcement, airborne patrol, crime suppression, community policing, tourist oriented policing, and detention facilities. The City of Anaheim is divided into five sectors and each of those sectors is divided into six areas. These sectors and areas are used in assigning patrol officers and determining which officers are dispatched for calls for service. The Anaheim Police Department currently employs approximately 370 sworn officers, a support staff of over 195, and a Reserve Officer Detail of 36. The ratio of sworn police officers is approximately 1.13 officers per 1,000 population. The approximate average response time of patrol units to Priority 1 emergency calls throughout the jurisdiction is an average of 6.1 minutes. The response times for non-emergency Priority 2 and Priority 3 calls are an average of 8.6 minutes and 19.2 minutes respectively.

Officers operate out of four stations and patrol an area of 49.7 square miles, divided into four districts (West, Central, South, and East). The police stations are located as follows: Central Station, located at 425 S. Harbor Boulevard; East Station, located at 8201 E. Santa Ana Canyon Road; Resort Station, located at 1520 S. Disneyland Drive; and, West Station, located at 3150 W. Lincoln Avenue. There are plans to replace the existing West District Police Station with a new station, built in conjunction with the West Anaheim Youth Center.

The four police districts also serve as the geographic base for the Anaheim Neighborhood Improvement Program. This program, dedicated to improving the livability of Anaheim's neighborhoods, targets neighborhoods that are already deteriorated or are showing signs of deteriorating, and seeks improvement through comprehensive interdepartmental projects and integrated public participation.

Additional programs offered by the Department include the Anaheim Police Activities League, which provides recreational and educational opportunities to the young people of Anaheim; the Tourist Victim Program, which provides assistance to tourists who have been the victim of a crime; and, the Anaheim Ambassador Program, which provides assistance to tourists and visitors in The Anaheim Resort area.

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Through its Crime Prevention Specialists, the Department offers crime prevention assistance, as well as coordinating the Neighborhood Watch Program. Furthermore, crime prevention recommendations are provided for all major residential, commercial, and industrial construction projects.

The capacity of and level of service provided by the Police Department will be maintained to keep pace with the rate of development and growth in the City of Anaheim.

5.11.3 *Thresholds of Significance*

The criteria used to determine the significance of impacts on public services and utilities are taken from City-approved Thresholds of Significance based on the City's Initial Study and the model Initial Study checklist in Appendix G of the State CEQA Guidelines. The project would typically result in a significant impact on public services if it would result:

- in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services.

5.11.4 *Analysis of Environmental Impacts*

IMPACT: **WOULD THE PROJECT RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL ADVERSE PHYSICAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROVISION OF NEW OR PHYSICALLY ALTERED GOVERNMENTAL FACILITIES, NEED FOR NEW OR PHYSICALLY ALTERED GOVERNMENTAL FACILITIES, THE CONSTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD CAUSE SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS, IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ACCEPTABLE SERVICE RATIOS, RESPONSE TIMES OR OTHER PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES FOR ANY OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES**



Impact Analysis: The proposed General Plan and Zoning Code Update would increase the overall demand on fire and police protection services in the City of Anaheim. Future growth in accordance with the General Plan and Zoning Code Update are expected to create the typical range of fire service calls, including structure fires, garbage bin fires, car fires, and electrical fires. New fire facilities and apparatus will need to be provided in order to provide adequate response times to serve future growth. There would also be an increase in the number of responses within the ~~City which~~City, which would increase the demand for existing apparatus, equipment and personnel. Therefore, the City of Anaheim's costs to maintain equipment and apparatus and to train and equip personnel would also increase. In addition, the redistribution of the population into areas where there are currently no residences, could necessitate the reassignment of certain kinds of resources pertaining to fire and police services. However, the additional personnel and materials costs may be offset through the increased revenue, and fees, generated by future development. In addition, future projects will be reviewed by the City of Anaheim on an individual basis and will be required comply with requirements in effect at the time building permits are issued (i.e., impact fees, etc.) or if an initial study is prepared and the City determines the impacts to be significant, then the project will be required to comply with appropriate mitigation measures (i.e., fire station sites, etc.).

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Relevant Goals and Policies

Proposed General Plan policies related to the provision of police and fire services include:

- Maintain adequate resources to enable the Fire Department to meet response time standards, keep pace with growth, and provide high levels of service. (Public Facilities Element 1.1, Policy 1)
- Maintain and/or upgrade water facilities to ensure adequate response to fire hazards. (Public Facilities Element 1.1, Policy 3)
- Maintain adequate resources to enable the Police Department to meet response time standards, keep pace with growth, and provide high levels of service. (Public Facilities Element 2.1, Policy 1)
- Maintain a well-trained, well-equipped police force to meet changing needs and conditions by continually updating and revising public safety techniques and providing for effective evaluation and training of personnel. (Public Facilities Element 2.1, Policy 2)

Existing Codes and Regulations

- Future projects shall comply with the applicable provisions of the Anaheim Municipal Code relevant to fire prevention and suppression and security.

Level of Significance Before Mitigation: Potentially significant.

Mitigation Measures:

- 5.11-1 Future projects will be reviewed by the City of Anaheim on an individual basis and will be required to comply with requirements in effect at the time building permits are issued (i.e., impact fees, etc.) or if an initial study is prepared and the City determines the impacts to be significant, then the project will be required to comply with appropriate mitigation measures (i.e., fire station sites, etc.).

Level of Significance After Mitigation: Less than significant.

5.11.5 Significant Unavoidable Adverse Impacts

There are no significant unavoidable adverse impacts related to police and fire services.