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**Mayor and City Council
Sacramento, California**

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SUBJECT: INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON DEPLOYMENT OF POLICE OFFICERS

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: D-ALL

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an informational report regarding the current deployment of Police Officers.

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: May 24, 2005

SUMMARY:

The Police Department reallocates its patrol staff annually based on service demands. Patrol staff is augmented by numerous other uniformed units of the Department in responding to calls for service.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION: None

BACKGROUND:

The Police Department allocates its patrol staff to correspond to citizen-initiated calls for service. The average number of calls varies based on the time of day and the day of the week. On an annual basis, the Department analyzes the previous year's calls for service and adjusts the patrol deployment to correspond to changes in service demand.

The mission of the Sacramento Police Department is to work in partnership with the Community to protect life and property; solve neighborhood problems, and enhance the quality of life in our City.

The Department staffs more officers during hours when a higher number of calls are typically received and fewer officers when calls are generally at their lowest levels. Similarly, officers are scheduled to work in greater numbers on days of the week when call volume is high. There are currently six shift start times for Patrol Officers. Increasing the number of start times allows the Department to bring staff into service in a manner that more closely approximates the increase in calls for service that occurs over the course of the day.

In terms of geographic deployment, the Department has divided the City into thirty (30) beats (previously referred to as districts). The Department attempts to equalize workload between beats while still using neighborhood boundaries to define the beats. Because beat boundaries are adjusted to equalize workload, areas of the City that have had higher service demands tend to have beats that are smaller, while areas that generate fewer calls for service have larger beats.

In addition to Patrol Officers, there are a number of other operational units of the Department who work in the field, who are generally or always in uniform, and who can and do respond to calls for service in addition to the other duties they are assigned. Currently, this includes 119 officers assigned to Traffic, SWAT, Bikes, POP (Problem Oriented Policing), PIT (Parolee Intervention Team), Canine and the Patrol Wagon. These resources can be used to address daily shortages in patrol when they occur, or to assist with handling an unusual call or an unusually high number of calls. Officers assigned to these units are included in the figures below. Not included in the numbers below are 24 Officers assigned to Regional Transit and as School Resource Officers, all of whom would be available in an emergency situation.

The average number of uniformed officers currently assigned and working, broken into four time periods is as follows:

Hours	Weekdays	Weekends
7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.	52	34
9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.	86	48
3:00 P.M. – 2:00 A.M.	97	80
3:00 A.M. – 6:00 A.M.	48	47

A map depicting current patrol beats is attached to this report.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This proposal does not constitute a “project” and is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to CEQA guidelines Section 15061 (b)(1) and 15378(b)(3).

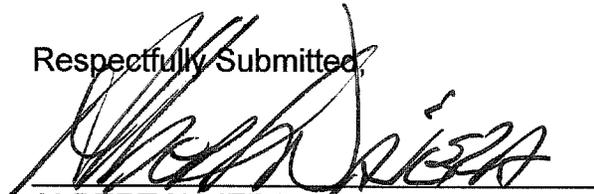
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POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

The City Council recently adopted strategic objectives for the next six months. This report meets one of the objectives identified by the City Council in their strategic plan.

ESBE CONSIDERATIONS: N/A

Respectfully Submitted,



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RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



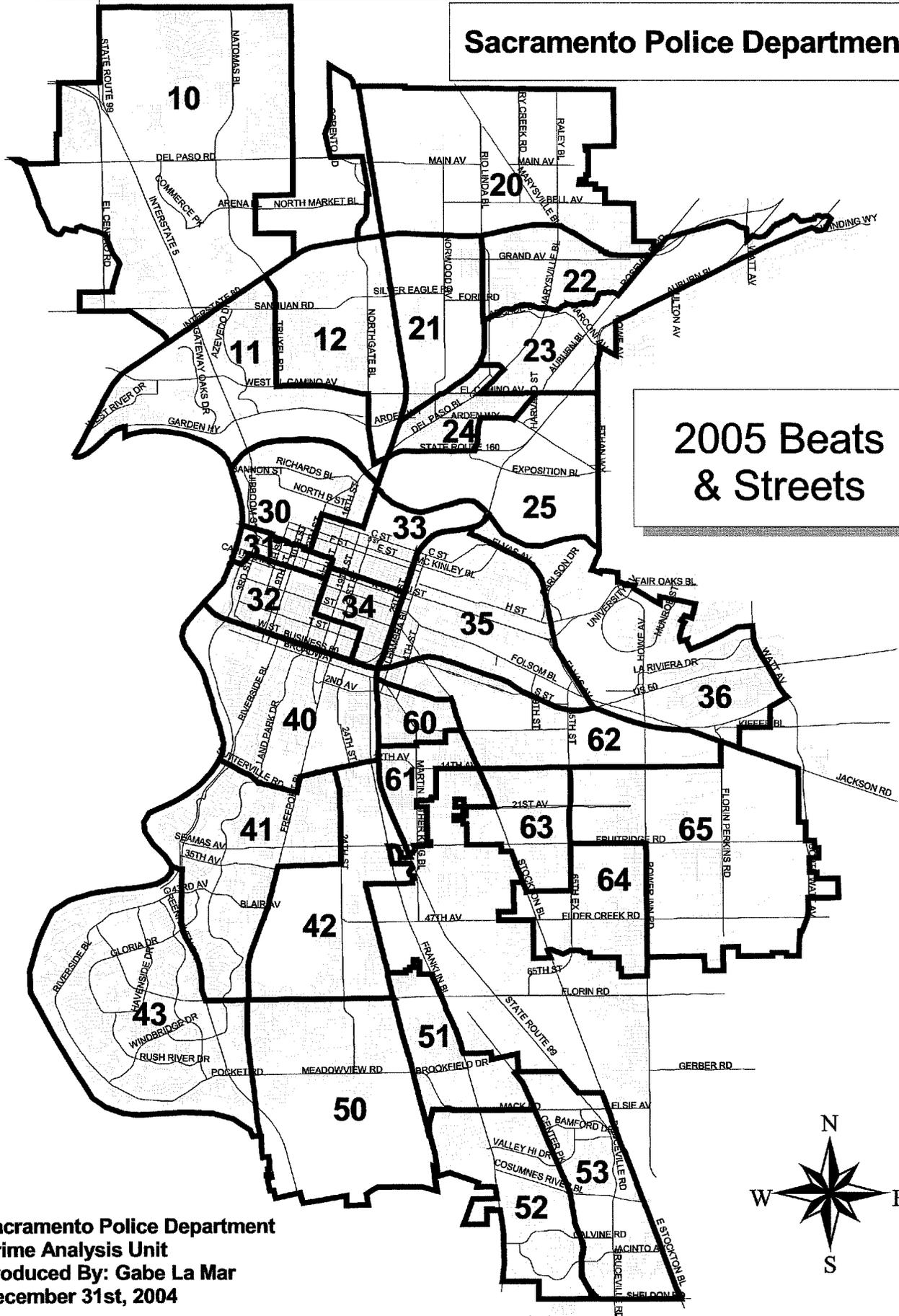
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2005 Beats & Streets

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