

CRISIS!

at the Santa Barbara Police Department

The Santa Barbara Police Officers Association needs your help to convince City Hall that public safety is its TOP PRIORITY.

FACT: In 2001 we were authorized 151 officers. Today we have only 125 officers. In the last year alone, we have lost 20 officers and unless City Hall acts now to stem the record rate of officers leaving, there could be only 100 of us left - or less. This is simply not enough officers to protect you.

FACT: Crime protection has been cut to the bone. Consider this:

• Officers on patrol	8%
• Drinking Driver Team	50%
• Detectives	22%
• Motorcycle officers	88%
• Bicycle officers	50%
• School resource officers	50%

Cold case detectives, Beat Coordinators, D. A. R. E. Officers and the Police Explorer Program have all been cancelled.

FACT: Santa Barbara police officers are the worst paid among comparable cities. Consider how much more police officers in these cities are paid:

Sunnyvale P.D.	\$24,000 yr. more
Santa Clara P.D.	\$19,400 yr. more
Newport Beach P.D.	\$14,300 yr. more
Oxnard P.D.	\$10,200 yr. more
Santa Monica P.D.	\$ 9,500 yr. more
Costa Mesa P.D.	\$ 9,300 yr. more
Irvine P.D.	\$ 8,900 yr. more
Palo Alto P.D.	\$ 7,100 yr. more
Burbank P.D.	\$ 5,500 yr. more
San Mateo P.D.	\$ 4,800 yr. more
Huntington Beach P.D.	\$ 2,700 yr. more
Glendale P.D.	\$ 2,000 yr. more

Using these same cities the Santa Barbara City Administrator, Fire Chief, and Police Managers are at the average or above. City Hall's actions and inactions have created this crisis. Unless City Hall takes corrective action immediately, many more officers will be leaving.

Here's how you can help support your police officers

- 1. Call, write and email City Hall today.**
- 2. Tell City Hall your safety must be their TOP PRIORITY.**
- 3. Tell City Hall you want your experienced officers to stay.**
- 4. Tell City Hall your police have your full support.**

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