

### 5.10 PUBLIC SERVICES

This section of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) addresses fire protection and emergency services, and police protection. The analysis in this section is based in part on the service provider correspondence contained in Appendix K of this DEIR. The Initial Study, included in Appendix A of this DEIR, substantiates that impacts associated with public services, including school and park services would be less than significant. These topics are not addressed in the following analysis.

#### 5.10.1 Fire Protection and Emergency Services

##### 5.10.1.1 Environmental Setting

The Newport Beach Fire Department (NBFD) is responsible for reducing loss of life and property from fire, medical, and environmental emergencies. In addition to fire suppression, NBFD also provides fire prevention and hazard reduction services. The Fire Prevention Division works in conjunction with the City's planning, public works, and building departments to ensure that all new construction and remodels are built in compliance with local and State building and fire codes, including the provision of adequate emergency access and on-site fire protection measures.

The NBFD currently employs 146 full-time and 170 seasonal employees to provide 24-hour protection and response to the City's residents and visitors. NBFD is divided into four divisions: operations, fire prevention, training, and administrative. NBFD divides its staff into three shifts per day, with approximately 40 personnel working each shift. An overall total of 112 fire suppression and emergency medical services (EMS) personnel are divided up among the eight NBFD stations.

The NBFD also handles incidents associated with hazardous materials. The NBFD's goal is to protect the public health and the environment throughout the City from accidental releases and improper handling, storage, transportation, and disposal of hazardous materials through coordinated efforts of regulation, management, emergency response, enforcement, and site mitigation oversight. The hazardous materials personnel are responsible for in-house training and education, and do not respond to emergencies. In case of a hazardous materials emergency, Huntington Beach Fire Department or Orange County Fire Department is called.

Fire stations are strategically located throughout the City to provide prompt assistance to area residents. Station No. 3 would serve the proposed project site. This station is at 868 Santa Barbara Drive and serves the Newport Center area of the City. This station is staffed by one battalion chief, two captains, two engineers, two firefighters, and two firefighter paramedics. Equipment at this station includes one fire engine, one ladder truck, one paramedic van, and one battalion chief. The average response time for Station No. 3 is approximately four and a half minutes. (Newport Beach General Plan Update EIR 2006).

##### 5.10.1.2 Thresholds of Significance

According to Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines, a project would normally have a significant effect on the environment if the project would:

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| FP-1 | Result in a substantial adverse physical impact associated with the provisions 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 fire protection services. |
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#### 5.10.1.3 Environmental Impacts

The following impact analysis addresses thresholds of significance for which the Initial Study disclosed potentially significant impacts. The applicable thresholds are identified in brackets after the impact statement.

**IMPACT 5.10-1: THE PROPOSED PROJECT'S INCREMENTAL INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR CITY FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES WOULD NOT SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT THE NEWPORT BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE FIRE AND EMERGENCY/MEDICAL SERVICES. [THRESHOLD FP-1]**

**Impact Analysis:** Increased usage generated by the expansion of the Hyatt Newport Beach may increase the need for fire protections services, emergency medical services, ambulance transportation, and rescue operations. Provision of additional fire facilities are added incrementally as the need arises. The NBFD indicated that no additional fire equipment or personnel would be needed to maintain the necessary level of service. The public service correspondence can be found in Appendix J of this DEIR.

#### 5.10.1.4 Cumulative Impacts

The April 2006 EIR prepared for the City's General Plan Update concluded that upon compliance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations governing the provision of fire protection services—including the California Fire Code as adopted and amended by the City, and policies adopted in the General Plan—the increased demand for fire protection services would be a less than significant impact. According to NBFD, the proposed project would not significantly impact the department's ability to provide fire and emergency/medical services. Project-related impacts would therefore not combine with impacts of other development projects in the City to result in cumulatively considerable impacts to fire protection services. Cumulative impacts would be less than significant.

#### 5.10.1.5 Existing Regulations and Standard Conditions

##### California Building Code

- All elevators shall accommodate gurneys in accordance with Chapter 30 of the California Building Code, 2001 Edition.

##### City of Newport Beach Municipal Code

- Title 9, Fire Code, of the City's Municipal Code, contains provisions that deal with a range of issues, including articulating fire flow requirements, the provision of automatic sprinkler systems in public buildings, requiring an accurate occupant count in public places, and the provision of emergency power in public assembly places.
- Plans shall indicate that all buildings shall have fire sprinklers installed by the property owner/developer in accordance with the Newport Beach Municipal Code. Said sprinklers shall be installed prior to each final Building and Zone inspection.

### City of Newport Beach Standard Conditions

- Fire hydrants shall be placed every 300 feet on the main road.
- Porte cochere on the new ballroom building shall be a minimum height of 13 feet 6 inches.
- The fire access road shall not exceed a grade of 10 percent.
- All gates to the property shall open automatically and be provided with a Knox key switch and approved strobe.
- The fire alarm system in all buildings shall be tied into the main panel in the Catalina Building.
- Smoke detectors in all sleeping areas shall be powered through the fire alarm panel.
- Class I standpipes in all stairwells of the timeshare buildings shall be provided.
- A 20-foot minimum fire access road between the Lido and Catalina Buildings shall be provided.

#### 5.10.1.6 Level of Significance Before Mitigation

Upon implementation of regulatory requirements and standard conditions of approval, the following impacts would be less than significant:

- Impact 5.10-1 The proposed project's incremental increase in demand for City fire protection services would not significantly impact the Newport Beach Fire Department's ability to provide fire and emergency/medical services.



#### 5.10.1.7 Mitigation Measures

No mitigation measures are necessary.

#### 5.10.1.8 Level of Significance After Mitigation

No significant unavoidable adverse impacts relating to fire protection and services remain.

### 5.10.2 Police Protection

#### 5.10.2.1 Environmental Setting

##### Police Services

The Newport Beach Police Department (NBPD) provides police service to the proposed project site. The police department is located at 870 Santa Barbara Drive and provides services in crime prevention and investigation, community awareness programs, and other services, such as traffic control.

According to the service questionnaire returned by NBPD and the EIR prepared for the City's General Plan Update, the NBPD employs a total of 280 personnel, including 1 chief, 3 captains, 7 lieutenants, 22 sergeants, 109 sworn officers, 85 civilian personnel, and 53 seasonal and part-time personnel. The NBPD is divided into three divisions, including support services, patrol/traffic, and detectives.

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NBPD currently has authorization for 148 sworn officers. With a population of 85,120 residents, the ratio of officers per 1,000 residents is currently 1.7 officers per 1,000 residents (City of Newport Beach General Plan Update EIR 2006). On average, 2,000 emergency calls are received per month, with an average answer time of five seconds. Averages of 60,000 calls per year are dispatched. In 2005, the average police response time to emergency calls was just under four minutes, while the average response time for nonemergency calls was seven minutes. (General Plan EIR 2006)

#### 5.10.2.2 Thresholds of Significance

According to Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines, a project would normally have a significant effect on the environment if the project would:

- PP-1 Result in a substantial adverse physical impact associated with the provisions 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 police protection services.

#### 5.10.2.3 Environmental Impacts

**IMPACT 5.10-2: THE PROPOSED PROJECT'S INTRODUCTION OF NEW STRUCTURES, WORKERS AND VISITORS INTO THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH POLICE SERVICE BOUNDARIES WOULD NOT SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THE DEMAND FOR POLICE PROTECTION SERVICES. [THRESHOLD PP-1]**

**Impact Analysis:** According to the service correspondence received from NBPD (see Appendix J of this DEIR), the proposed project would add to the number of service calls received to serve the area, and the department has no immediate or near future plans to expand police facilities, staff, or equipment. However, NBPD indicated that they have adequate staffing levels to serve the proposed project.

#### 5.10.2.4 Cumulative Impacts

Based on the EIR prepared for the City's General Plan Update, to maintain the current ratio of 1.7 officers per 1,000 residents, NBPD would need to provide an additional 53 officers upon buildout of the General Plan. The additional police personnel would also require that the NBPD construct additional police facilities. As noted above, there are no immediate or near future plans to expand facilities or services. Future projects, however, would be subject to project-specific environmental review. As required by the General Plan policies, the City would be required to adequately serve all areas with appropriate police services. Cumulative police protection services for the General Plan were therefore concluded to be less than significant. The minimal increase in police protection service demand due to the proposed Hyatt Regency expansion would not combine with future demand to result in cumulatively considerable impacts.

#### 5.10.2.5 Existing Regulations

There are no federal, state, or local police policies that are directly applicable to police services within the project area.

### **5.10.2.6 Level of Significance Before Mitigation**

Upon implementation of regulatory requirements, the following impacts would be less than significant:

- Impact 5.10-2 The proposed project would not increase the demand for police protection services.

### **5.10.2.7 Mitigation Measures**

#### **Impact 5.10-2**

No mitigation measures are necessary.

### **5.10.2.8 Level of Significance After Mitigation**

No significant unavoidable adverse impacts relating to police protection remain.



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