

COUNCIL POLICY

SUBJECT: ADDITION OF SWORN POLICE OFFICERS
POLICY NO.: 500-01
EFFECTIVE DATE: June 15, 1992

BACKGROUND:

The City of San Diego has 1,854 sworn police officer positions budgeted for Fiscal Year 1992 (ending June 30, 1992). Charter Section 11.1 provides that public safety has the highest priority of the City of San Diego in allocating resources. In Fiscal Year 1992, more than 50% of all General Fund expenditures are for public safety.

PURPOSE:

This policy is intended to establish a long term policy for the augmentation of police officers in the City's budgetary process. This policy is consistent with Charter Section 11.1.

POLICY:

The City Council is deeply committed to improving the public safety of this community. The Police Department is adopting an aggressive neighborhood policing strategy. The Council recognizes the need to increase the number of sworn police officers as part of the City's Neighborhood Pride and Protection Plan to help address the crime and drug problems in the City.

It is the intention of the City Council that a total of 250 sworn police officers and additional related support staff and equipment be added between July 1, 1993 and December 31, 1998. This addition of sworn police officers may be accelerated and increased if a significant new tax or revenue source is implemented and/or budget reductions not affecting public health and safety are achieved.

The timing and phasing of the 250 additional officers will be subject to the impact of the economy on the City budget.

The City Council is also committed to ensuring that other City services, particularly those in the Neighborhood Pride and Protection Plan, will continue to be budgeted at levels which ensure their success.

The Police Officer's Association states that it supports this policy and will neither initiate nor support a Charter amendment which is inconsistent with this policy.

HISTORY:

“Parades”

Adopted by Resolution R-169959 03/15/1962

Repealed by Resolution R-213639 06/26/1975

“Addition of Sworn Police Officers”

Adopted by Resolution R-280138 06/15/1992