

BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HALF MOON BAY

AGENDA REPORT

For meeting of: **August 15, 2023**

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

VIA: Matthew Chidester, City Manager

FROM: John Doughty, Assistant City Manager

TITLE: FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 ANNUAL REPORT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

RECOMMENDATION:

By motion, accept FY 2022-23 Annual Report on Law Enforcement Services and Activities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

STRATEGIC ELEMENT:

This action supports the *Healthy Communities and Public Safety* and *Fiscal Sustainability* elements of the Strategic Plan.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Over the course of the last twelve years, the City of Half Moon Bay has utilized the services of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services. This contract service was adopted in June 2011 as part of the City's transition to contract services model through San Mateo County.

The community has realized annual operational cost savings and long-term savings in retirement related costs under the contract services model. City residents and residents of the greater Coastsides have also directly benefitted from increased efficiencies and expanded services facilitated by continuity of service provision on the entire Coastsides.

The City's Agreement requires the Sheriff's Office to provide an annual report regarding the prior year's services and activities. Traditionally this report has included statistical analysis of crime and local trends. The report is also an opportunity to highlight successes and new opportunities to engage and support the community. Due to turnover in Sheriff's executive and local leadership over the last few years, the last report was presented in August 2020.

2022 was a year of transition in many respects. In June, Christina Corpus was elected the San Mateo County Sheriff, with her term beginning January 1, 2023. In August, Captain Rebecca Albin

was appointed to serve as the Coastside Bureau Chief and the City's Chief of Police. On August 15, 2023, we are pleased to have Sheriff Corpus, her leadership team, and Captain Albin speak to the City Council, following a year of service to the community. We would like to thank each for their commitment to the City and the Coastside. We also want to acknowledge and thank each of the Sheriff staff that serve the City and Coastside.

The attached report is now based on a standardized format utilized across all of the Sheriff's bureaus, and includes updated statistics based on the National/California Incident-Based Reporting System (CIBRS/NIBRS), which the Sheriff's Office began the transition to in late 2021. This change in reporting significantly impacted the way crime statistics are captured and reported, which also means that there is not historical data to compare to, except anecdotally. Going forward, the report will include historical comparisons. It is also important to point out that most of the statistics refer to incidents, not the numbers of victims. This is most apparent in the violent crimes section, which doesn't visually reflect the tragic number of victims of the January 23 mass shooting event. Another area that is of note is the increase in vandalism during spring of 2023. This is mostly related to a rash of graffiti that is being addressed and hopefully resolved for the time being.

Overall, Half Moon Bay and the greater Coastside community remains a safe place to live, work and visit, and the sheriff is committed to maintaining that sense of peace and safety for everyone.

ATTACHMENT:

FY 2022-23 San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Annual Report: Half Moon Bay Police Bureau