

**LOMPOC POLICE DEPARTMENT
Memorandum**

DATE: JANUARY 27, 2020
TO: JIM THROOP, CITY MANAGER
FROM: JOSEPH MARIANI, CHIEF OF POLICE
SUBJECT: POLICE DEPARTMENT FACILITY IMMEDIATE/FUTURE NEEDS

In response to your request, I have prepared this immediate and future needs assessment. The assessment provides the justification for each department need. Several needs will require additional research and estimates.

Immediate Needs

1. HVAC replacement- \$150,000

Justification: The central heating system is in need of replacement. The age and condition of the system prevents consideration of repairs or upgrades. Employees have been subjected to substandard working conditions due to the systems inability to provide heating. It is anticipated that replacement of the system will be completed within the first quarter of 2020.

2. Two-Factor Authentication (DOJ Requirement)- \$20,000

Justification: This is a Department of Justice requirement for law enforcement agencies in order to maintain confidentiality and security of law enforcement database systems. This project is currently in progress using Homeland Security Grant Funds.

3. Police Radio- \$1.5 million

Justification: The police department radios that are currently being used have outlasted their lifespan (30+ years). Encryption and interoperability are necessities for daily operations or in the event that mutual aid is invoked as a result of a natural or manmade disaster. Additionally, the need to upgrade is warranted to enhance public/officer safety. Lompoc has the oldest radios within the County of Santa Barbara.

4. Facilities Upgrade- Cost TBD

Justification: The police station was originally constructed in 1958. The current police station was built in 1986 and no major facility upgrades have been made since 1996.

- a. Exterior renovation- removal of mold on the exterior stucco, repair and paint stucco.
- b. Interior renovation- to include painting interior of building, replace flooring, electrical and plumbing upgrades.
- c. Service the HVAC vents and ducts.

5. New Patrol Vehicles- Cost TBD

Justification: The entire patrol fleet is in dire need of replacement. These vehicles are utilized 24/7 and have been in service in excess of six years. On average the expected delivery date for a patrol vehicle is six months from the time a purchase order is initiated.

Future Needs

1. Detective and Support Vehicles (18)- Cost TBD

Justification: The Department requires eight detectives vehicles, three administration vehicles, two motorcycles for traffic, and two vehicles for Community Services, and two for Community Services Officers, a support vehicle for SWAT and the command post, for a total of 18 vehicles. Current support vehicles are between 6 and 24 years old and require replacement.

2. Dispatch upgrade and relocation- Cost TBD

Justification: The current dispatch center equipment and space are not suitable and have outlived their usefulness. At the time that it was first constructed dispatch was relegated to communications by radio only and did not include computers. Now dispatch requires radios, computers systems with monitors, a CAD system, and cameras. Current technology and future needs require a larger working area to store equipment and eventually increase the staffing levels for dispatch.

3. Property Room Upgrade- Cost TBD

Justification: The department contracted with a subject matter expert to conduct an audit of the LPD property room. The study revealed that the department is in need of numerous changes to bring LPD to standards with existing practices and procedures. Additionally, the current facility is not equipped with the appropriate HVAC system to ensure the maintenance and protection of both property and employees. The upgrade/remodel of the property room would have provisions to safeguard property in the event of a natural disaster or an unusual occurrence.

4. Jail Facility Upgrade- Cost TBD

Justification: The current Jail was constructed in 1959. In order to bring the jail to current standards and to meet the Bureau of State Community Corrections (BSCC) requirements, major construction and remodeling are necessary to comply with ADA, environmental and STC laws and regulations.

5. Building Security Fencing- \$100,000

Justification: Perimeter and internal security measures are dated and should be upgraded to meet current law enforcement needs consistent with Homeland Security recommendations.

6. Parking Structure- Cost TBD

Justification: The current parking lot used by Department personnel is unsecured placing both personal and department vehicles at risk.

7. New Police Headquarters- Cost TBD

Justification: The main core of the police station was built in 1958 followed by renovation in 1986 and 1996. During the last 20 years since the last renovation, the police department has grown in personnel, law enforcement programs, along with changes in operations procedures and technology. The station has become inadequate to support a number of police functions, most notably the dispatch center, property and evidence, emergency operations center (EOC) and Jail. Should Lompoc experience an increase in population, LPD would need to add additional officers and functions, thus justifying additional space. A new police station will relieve the much needed space constraints as well as accommodate future growth of LPD. The last cost estimate for a new police facility was in excess of \$30 million. This estimate was provided in 2015.

If you have any further questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


JOSEPH A. MARIANI
Chief of Police