

## **Appendix I      Response to Service Letters**

CITY OF IONE  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
ACUSD Fire Service questionnaire  
2023

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- 1) Fire Station #2 is the primary staffed fire station on Preston Ave, Fire Station #1 is unstaffed and only staffed by volunteer fire fighters
- 2) We have a county wide mutual aid system, the closest is Mule creek state prison that may or may not be available, all others resources are a minimum or 15 minutes

- 3) Station #1  
2 structure engines  
1 wild land engine  
1 Rescue squad  
Un staffed – volunteers only

Station #2  
2 Structure engines  
1 wild land engine  
1 105 ft Ladder Truck  
1 2000 gal water tender  
1 Rescue squad  
1 Support / Rehab unit  
1 Quick attack  
1 Haz Mat Decon unit  
1 Light Plant  
Staffed full time with average of 2/3 plus duty officer

Reserve units: 1 Structure Engine  
1 106 ft Ladder truck

- 4) 3-5 minutes
- 5) Access roadways and streets for responding units and exiting vehicles along with the local neighborhood traffic.  
Wild land WUI concerns  
Any changes to the campus will require additional fire hydrants and looped water system  
Low day time staffing
- 6) The city has a master plan for growth, and that includes a third station that would also respond but it would not be the primary station.

7) The proposed changes will have an impact on the response plan of our staffing due to the economic impact this will have on our city, it will also have as previously stated an impact on our access and exiting roadways and streets. Accountability of the elementary school aged students will be harder with the open type campus facility

\*\* The school district already refuses to address these requirements and will have a dramatic impact on any mass casualty type incident on either lone campus.

8) City Budget – Impact fees are collected for new construction, and inspections fee's

9) This is a bad plan for the city of Lone and its community, our area is the only area growing and will continue to grow in the future, the comments regarding the current elementary school are cosmetic and can be corrected with maintenance, other schools in the district are in much worse condition including being located in 100 % in the Wild land fire threat zones with limited access for evacuations for the occupants, and less of a population for the campus or future growth.

A re evaluation needs to be given to keeping the two campus open in our city and look at the present and the future, this was NOT done in 1984 when the closed the high school and it caused a huge economic impact to the community and now we have the largest population in the county including students, the plan needs to stop.

\*\* The current Lone Jr, High Campus will require multiple fire upgrades based on the proposed map.



August 16, 2023

John Alfred, Police Chief  
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*Sent via email to jalfred@ione-ca.com and agedney@ione-ca.com*

**Subject:** Request for Service Provider Information for the Environmental Impact Report for the School Closure/Consolidation Program Project for the Amador County Unified School District

Dear Chief Alfred:

PlaceWorks is preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the School Closure/Consolidation Program Project (proposed project) on behalf of the Amador County Unified School District (ACUSD) who is serving as the lead agency and applicant pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This letter is to request your assistance in updating information regarding existing police facilities serving the proposed project and assessing potential environmental impacts of the proposed project, specifically police services for Ione Junior High School. Please respond to the enclosed questionnaire, using additional sheets if necessary. Note that your responses will become a part of the administrative record for this project and will be included as an appendix to the EIR.

### **Project Location**

The proposed project would affect eight of the ACUSD school campuses, listed below:

- Amador High School (330 Spanish Street, Sutter Creek, California 95685)
- Argonaut High School (501 Argonaut Lane, Jackson, California 95642)
- Ione Junior High School (450 S. Mill Street, Ione, California 95640)
- Jackson Junior High School (747 Sutter Street, Jackson, California 95642)
- Ione Elementary School (415 S. Ione Street, Ione, California 95640)
- Jackson Elementary School (220 Church Street, Jackson, California 95642)
- Sutter Creek Elementary School (340 Spanish Street, Sutter Creek, California 95685, and 110 Broad Street, Sutter Creek, California 95685)

Also refer to Figure 1, *Location Map and Existing Conditions*.

### **Project Description**

ACUSD provides preschool through 12th grade and adult education services to Amador County. ACUSD is considering a program to consolidate eight schools onto six campuses. Table 1, *Proposed Campus Changes*, summarizes the changes proposed in grade levels, student enrollment, and student capacities at the six remaining campuses. Proposed building and site improvements are also identified. Sutter Creek Primary School (at 110 Board Street in the city of Sutter Creek) and Ione Elementary School will be closed for later disposition. As shown in Table 1, three campuses would include an increase in enrollment capacity and physical improvements, including Argonaut High School, Ione Junior High School, and Sutter Creek Elementary School campuses. See Figure 2, *Proposed School Closure/Consolidation Program*.

<b>Site Improvements</b>		<p>New 2 classroom building and playground for preschool, TK and Extended Learning.            Convert science labs into K classrooms.            Convert restrooms to K restrooms.            Kitchen expansion.            Expanded parent drop-off/pick-up areas.            Expanded kindergarten drop-off/pick-up areas.            New play structure and hard court areas.            3,000 square feet of new lawn area</p> <p>(See Figure 4, <i>lone Elementary School at Former lone Junior High School Site Improvements</i>)</p>
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**Jackson Junior High School**
**Proposed Action: Jackson Jr. High Becomes County Preschool Center**

<b>Enrollment</b>	346 students Grades 6-8	41 students Preschool
<b>Capacity</b>	475 students Grades 6-8	195 students Preschool, TK grades
<b>Teaching Stations</b>	19	15
<b>Site Improvements</b>		Convert restrooms and fountains with age-appropriate fixtures

**Jackson Elementary School**
**Proposed Action: Jackson Elementary School adds back Sixth Grade Students**

<b>Enrollment</b>	500 students Grades TK-5	528 students Grades TK-6
<b>Capacity</b>	575 students TK-5 grades	575 students Grades TK-6
<b>Teaching Stations</b>	23	23

**Sutter Creek Elementary School**
**Proposed Action: Sutter Creek Elementary School expands to create Transitional Kindergarten - Sixth Grade Campus**

<b>Enrollment</b>	204 students Grades TK-2	388 students Grades TK-6
<b>Capacity</b>	325 students Grades TK-2	625 students Grades TK-6
<b>Teaching Stations</b>	13	25
<b>Site Improvements</b>		<p>New 12 classroom building, including a lunch shelter</p> <p>(See Figure 5, <i>Sutter Creek Elementary School Site Improvements</i>)</p>



Please respond to PlaceWorks no later than **August 30, 2023**. If you need additional time to respond, please let me know as soon as possible. You can email your responses to me at [mzimmermann@placeworks.com](mailto:mzimmermann@placeworks.com). If you prefer, mail the completed questionnaire to my attention at 700 South Flower Street, Suite 600, Los Angeles, California 90017. Feel free to contact me at 714.966.9220 or via the aforementioned email. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

**PLACEWORKS**

**Mariana Zimmermann**

Senior Associate

Enclosures:

Questionnaire and graphics

**School Closure/Consolidation Program Project EIR**  
**Police Services Questionnaire – Lone Police Department**

1. Please provide the information requested regarding staffing for police services for lone Junior High School, as well as any other station(s) not noted but pertinent.

Station	Location	Daily Staffing	Total Staffing	Equipment
lone Police Department	1 East Main Street	1 Officer on Days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 Chief</li> <li>- 1 Sergeant</li> <li>- 1 Corporals</li> <li>- 4 full-time patrol officers</li> <li>- 1 part-time reserve patrol officer</li> <li>- 20 volunteers</li> </ul>	8 patrol cars 1 motorcycle
<i>Other stations or smaller office facilities? (if relevant)</i>				

2. What is the lone Police Department's response time goal/policy standard (in minutes) for responding to emergency and non-emergency calls in the service area?

Emergency response - <2 min  
 Non-emergency - 5min

3. What is the lone Police Department's current average response time (in minutes) for emergency and non-emergency calls?

Emergency - 2min  
 Non-emergency - 6min

4. Are there any existing deficiencies (personnel, equipment, facilities) in the police protection service currently provided to the city?

Current staffing levels not adequate for traffic.  
 Challenges in hiring qualified staff.



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5. What is the current population for the service area in which Lone Junior High School is located? What is the goal for ratio of police to population? Do you currently meet that goal?

Our current population is around 5500 not including the prison. The national ratio published by the FBI is 2.4 officers per 1000 residents. We would like to be at that average but are under it with current staffing allocations.

6. Are there any plans for new police stations that may serve Lone Junior High School?

We are working with the State of California to hopefully procure state surplus property.

7. Given the existing level of resources (stations, equipment, personnel), does the Lone Police Department anticipate that it will have adequate resources to meet the additional demands that would be generated as a result of the additional students and development at Lone Junior High School?

No.

If not, please summarize any additional resources that would be needed.

We would require added staff for traffic mitigation and investigations.

8. What impact (if any) other than increased service calls will the proposed project have on the Lone Police Department's ability to provide police protection service to the Lone Junior High School area?

We already have major traffic issues and the added traffic at the school will add further congestion during drop off and pick up times. We currently don't have sufficient resources to address added traffic.



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Police Services Questionnaire – Lone Police Department**

9. What are the primary sources of funding for the Lone Police Department's operations and improvements?

City general fund

Will the proposed project be responsible for any police impact fees? If yes, who collects the fees? (e.g., City of Lone as part of other development fees or Lone Police Department?)

Not that I'm aware of.

10. Does the Lone Police Department have any design guidelines or programs pertaining to reducing and/or preventing crimes through environmental design? If yes, please provide the guidelines and/or program procedure.

Yes, a traffic study and plan to improve ingress and egress of the school. South Sacramento St was not designed to handle the bus traffic that is proposed as an exit.

11. Please provide any additional comments you wish to make regarding the proposed project.

Access and response times at the proposed elementary school must be addressed. The proposed kindergarten drop off location poses a number of problems including turning movements, access, and pedestrian conflicts with the bus drop off location. Additionally, the footprint of the site also encompasses property that is a part of the Union Pacific Railroad, not the school's.

Response Prepared By:

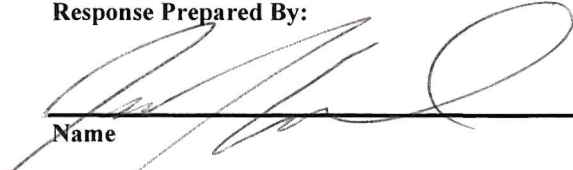
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Name	Title
LONE P.D.	8/30/23
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Figure 1 - Location Map and Existing Conditions



----- Amador County Unified School District  
 \_\_\_\_\_ County Boundary

■ High School  
 ◆ Junior High School  
 ▲ Elementary School

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 Scale (Miles)

Note: District schools not included on the maps will have no change.

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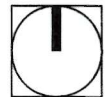




Figure 2 - Proposed School Closure/Consolidation Program



----- Amador County Unified School District  
 \_\_\_\_\_ County Boundary

■ High School  
 ◆ Junior High School  
 ▲ Elementary School  
 ● Preschool  
 ▲ Closed Campus

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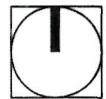
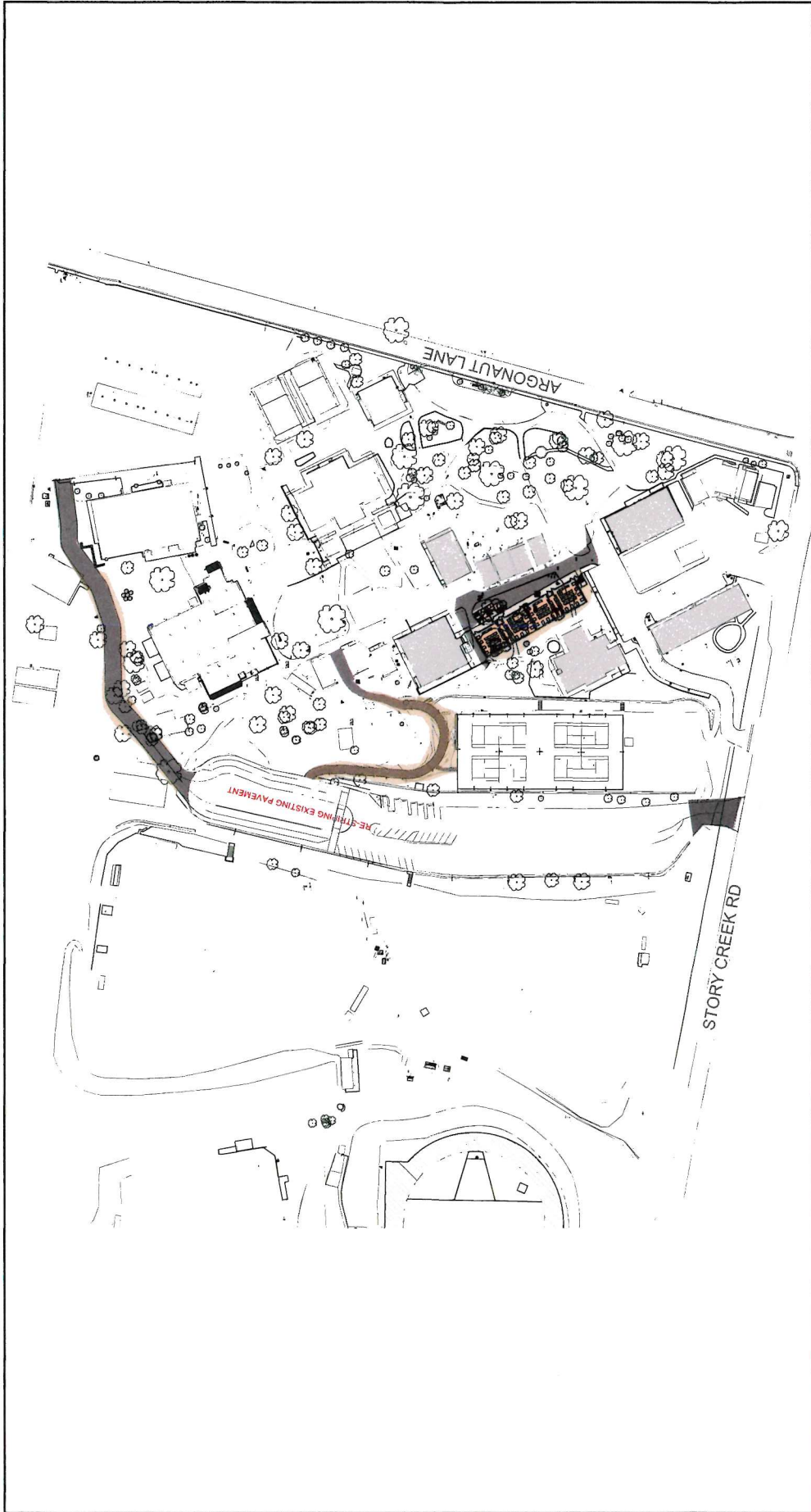




Figure 3 - Argonaut High School Site Improvements



- New Asphalt Pavement
- New Grading
- New Building
- New Grading

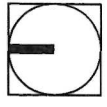


Figure 4 - Lone Junior High School Site Improvements

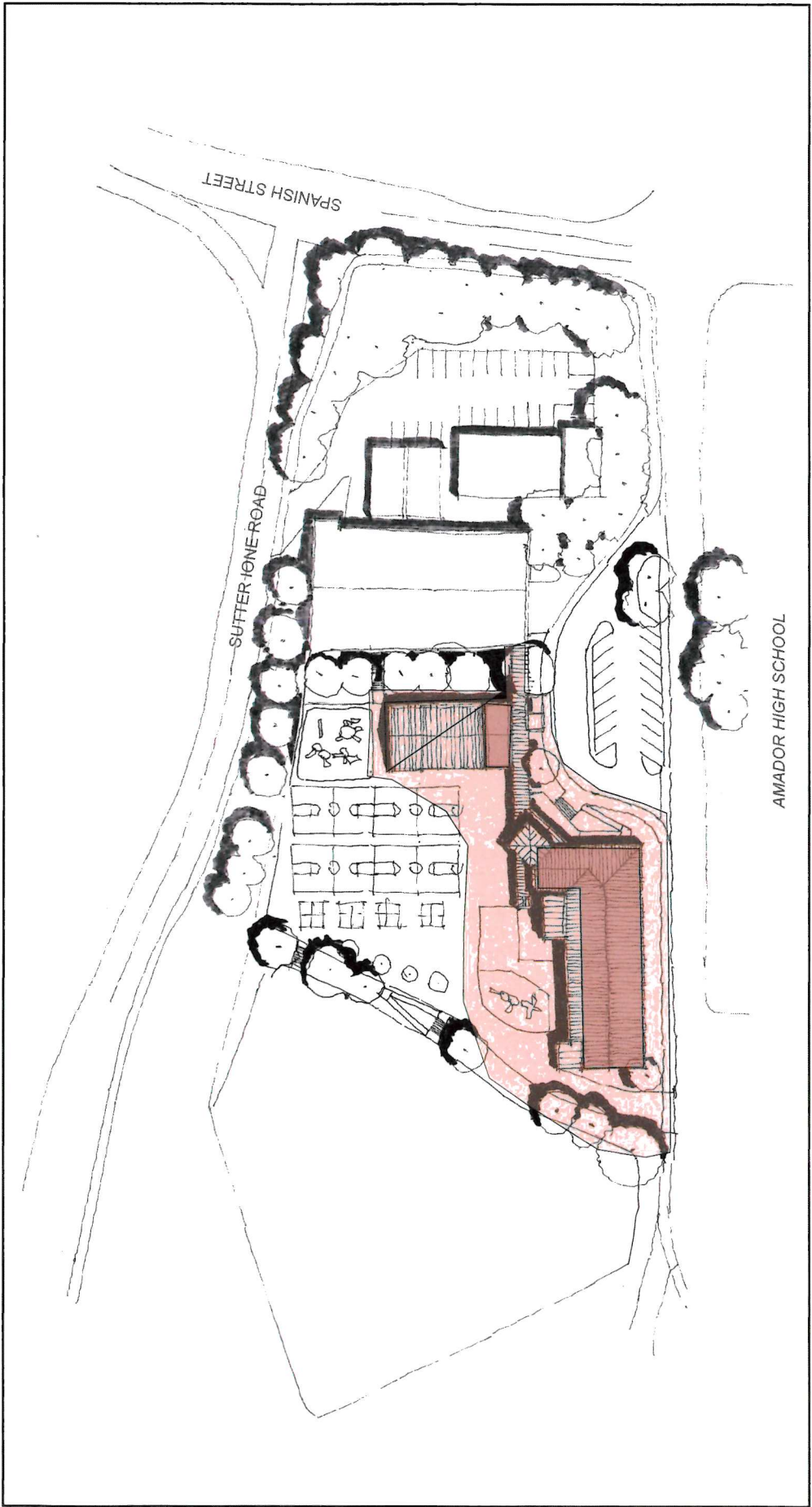


Scope of New Site Work

Source: California Design West Architects 2023.



Figure 5 - Sutter Creek Elementary School Site Improvements



Scope of New Site Work

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Scale (Feet)



Source: California Design West Architects 2022.

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Police Services Questionnaire – Jackson Police Department**

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1. *Please provide the information requested regarding staffing for police services for Argonaut High School, as well as any other station(s) not noted but pertinent.*

**Jackson Police Department**, 33 Broadway, Suite D, Jackson, CA 95642

**Total PD Staff:** 8 sworn (Chief of Police, Captain, Sergeant, 5 patrol officers)

**Daily Staffing:** Chief of Police Monday – Friday 0900-1700 hours  
Captain Tuesday – Friday 0700-1700 hours  
Day Shift Officer - Monday – Friday 0600-1400 hours  
Swing Shift Officer – Tuesday – Friday 1300 – 2300 hours

**Equipment:** 8 Patrol Vehicles, 1 motorcycle, and 2 admin vehicles

2. *What is the Jackson Police Department's response time goal/policy standard (in Minutes) for responding to emergency and non-emergency calls in the service area?*

**Emergency:** There is no policy standard (in minutes) for response times, but we strive to respond as quickly as we can while driving with due regard and caution for the safety of all persons and property.

**Non-Emergency:** There is no policy standard (in minutes). We respond to calls for non-emergencies based on priority status and as quickly as possible with available resources.

3. *What is the Jackson Police Department's current average response time (in minutes) for emergency and non-emergency calls?*

**The average emergency response time is 3 minutes.**

**The average non-emergency response time is 4 minutes.**

4. *Are there any existing deficiencies (personnel, equipment, facilities) in the police protection service currently provided to the city?*

The Jackson Police Department's fleet of vehicles consists primarily of older vehicles with an average of 100k miles or more, which are in constant need of repairs. The police station is old and outdated, having been built in the 1970's. Staffing levels are currently down one full-time position.



5. *What is the current population for the service area in which Argonaut High School is located? What is the goal for the ratio of police to population? Do you currently meet that goal?*

According to the Census Data from 2021, the City of Jackson's population is 4,958. The goal for the ratio of police to population is to have 2 officers per 1000 residents. In 2020 the United States average full-time sworn officers in local police departments by size of population served was 2.5 officers for the population range of 2,500 – 9,999 (Statista.com),

The Jackson Police Department currently has 8 full time sworn officers. There is one vacant spot, which when filled will bring our total to 9 sworn.

There would be a need of 10 sworn to meet the goal of 2 officers per 1000 residents.

6. *Are there any plans for new police stations that may serve Argonaut High School.*

No.

7. *Given the existing level of resources (stations, equipment, personnel), does the Jackson Police Department anticipate that it will have adequate resources to meet the additional demands that would be generated as a result of the additional students and development at Argonaut High School?*

At present, the Jackson Police Department has adequate resources to meet the additional demands. The addition of a designated School Resource Officer would be a great asset and would alleviate the burden placed on patrol services.

8. *What impact (if any) other than increased service calls will the proposed project have on the Jackson Police Department's ability to provide police protection service to the Argonaut High School area?*

The Jackson Police Department anticipates an increase in traffic volume, an increase in traffic violations, and an increase in vehicle collisions. The proposed project doesn't seem to include any increased parking areas for students and staff, which may lead to an increase of off-campus parking in the residential areas. School sporting and special events will attract larger crowds, which will increase the need for police security and traffic control.

9. *What are the primary sources of funding for the Jackson Police Department's operations and improvements.*

Currently the Jackson Police Department's primary funding source comes from the city's general fund.

*Will the proposed project be responsible for any police impact fees? If yes, who collects the fees?*

No impact fees have been discussed. Any fees due would be collected by the City of Jackson.

10. *Does the Jackson Police Department have any design guidelines or programs pertaining to reducing and/or preventing crimes through environmental design?*

No.

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## Appendices

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