SFPD Staffing Analysis

Proposition E





CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Police Department

Background & Context

2017 - 2019

Per BOS Resolution No. 63-17, SFPD forms Task Force on Strategic Police Staffing.

2020

Matrix releases report.

Voters approve Proposition E.

Staffing Task Force

Matrix Consulting Group

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2019 - 2020

SFPD hires police staffing expert to develop methodologies with input from Staffing Task Force, and conduct staffing analysis.

2021

Police Commission prescribes staffing analysis methodologies in Resolution No. 21-60.

SFPD conducts analysis.

Staffing Task Force

Community Members	Carolyn Thomas, Dr. James Taylor			
Police Staffing Experts	Craig Fraser, Leonard Matarese			
City Partners and Data Analysts	Samara Marion (DPA), Anne Raskin (DEM), Heather Littleton (Controller)			
Police Commissioners	John Hamasaki, Thomas Mazzucco, Dion-Jay Brookter			
Police Department	Commanders O'Sullivan and Ford, Captain Paul Yep, Lieutenant Nicole Jones			
Task Force Administration	Executive Director Catherine McGuire, Celeste Berg			

The Task Force met six times through summer 2018 to fall 2019.

Methodologies Used to Determine Staffing

Workload-based Methodology

This analysis uses community generated calls for service – **demand for police services** – and a target percentage of time devoted to community engagement to determine recommended staffing levels.

Community Engagement Time Responding to Calls for Service Administrative Time

30% Target 35-45% 25-35%

The workload-based methodology using calls for service from the public is the **industry best practice**, used in previous SFPD staffing analyses: Matrix Consulting Group (2020), Controller's Office (2018), PERF (2008).

Methodologies Used to Determine Staffing

Ratio-based Methodology

Recommended staffing scales based on the value of another metric, such as span of control for street-level supervision.

1 Sergeant to 6 Officers – police organization standard

Fixed Post Methodology

Recommended staffing is determined based on **operational coverage needs**. Positions and teams must be staffed across time of day and day of week.

Non-scaling Methodology

Recommended staffing does not correspond to workload or scale to another metric. An example is a senior leadership position.

Results of the Staffing Analysis

The results of the analysis indicate that the San Francisco Police Department has a **significant staffing deficit** across both sworn and non-sworn professional staff.

Summary of Staffing Analysis Results							
	SWORN		CIVILIAN				
	Current	Recommended	Need	Current	Recommended	Need	
Bureau							
Field Operations Bureau	1,263	1,528	+265	68	82	+14	
Investigations Bureau	278	322	+44	98	136	+38	
Special Operations Bureau	151	199	+48	23	24	+1	
Administration Bureau	84	80	(4)	121	148	+27	
Strategic Management Bureau	11	11	0	64	96	+32	
Chief of Staff	40	39	(1)	46	66	+20	
Chief's Office	3	3	0	1_	2	+1	
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	1,830	2,182	+352	421	554	+133	

[&]quot;Current" figure is as of September 2021.

Department Staffing – Comparison to Previous Analysis

Recommended Staffing Comparison							
	Matrix (2020)	Sept 2021	Apr 2022				
CURRENT SWORN	1,911	1,830	1,723				
Additional Staffing Required	+265	+352	+459				
RECOMMENDED SWORN	2,176	2,182	2,182				
Difference - Matrix Recommended	Base: 2,176	+6	+6				
Difference - Current Sworn	Base: 1,911	(81)	(188)				

^{*}Includes all Citywide Sworn except 1) Disability Leave and 2) Academy Recruits.

Professional Staff Analysis – Takeaways & Themes

- SFPD has a significant need for highly trained professional staff to support analytical, policy, technical, and management functions throughout the Department.
 - Analytical: BAT, Crime Strategies Division, Staff Services
 - Policy and Reform: Policy & Public Affairs, Written Directives
 - Technical: IT functions including Project Management, Applications
 - Management: Support staff at the District Stations and in units such as ALU and Permits, CED
- SFPD has a need for professional staff who possess specialized skillsets, such as Criminalists and Police Service Aides (PSAs).

Street Crisis Response Team and Priority C Calls

In addition to Proposition E and pursuant to Police Commission Resolution 21-60, adopted June 17, 2021, the San Francisco Police Department has engaged with the Controller's Office on a large project to:

- determine the ongoing SFPD workload related to 800-B calls as the Street Crisis Response Team continues to be fully staffed and operational; and
- 2) to assess if and how other City agencies may be able to handle workload currently attributed to SFPD for specific Priority C calls in areas such as homelessness, mental health, and substance use.

