



Presentation on the Mountain View Police Department Recruitment and Retention Strategy

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#### **Presentation Overview**

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- Recruiting Strategy
- Retention Strategy

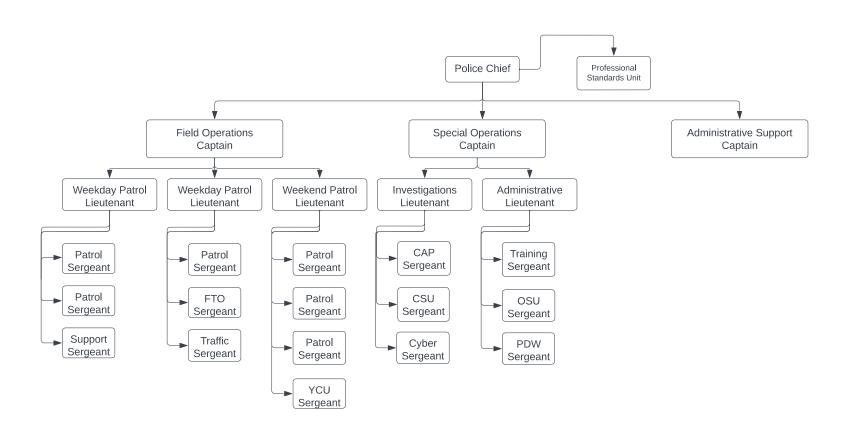


# Background

- Work Plan Item
  - Report on MVPD's Recruitment and Retention Strategy
  - MVPD/HR Partnership



### **Sworn Staffing Levels & Vacancies**



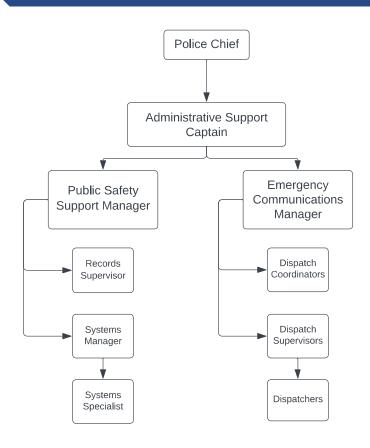


#### **Current Sworn Position Vacancies**

- 1 Police Chief
- 1 Police Lieutenant
- 1 Police Sergeant
- 3 Police Officers
- 3 limited-period/overhire Police Officers



# ECC Staffing Levels & Vacancies





### **Current ECC Vacancies**

- Three Public Safety Dispatcher I/II
- One Public Safety Dispatch Coordinator



### Hiring Processes & Challenges

- Recruitment and Selection Process for Officers
- Onboarding and Training Process for Officers
- Recruitment and Selection Process for Dispatch Staff
- Onboarding and Training Process for Dispatch Staff



#### Recruitment & Selection Process - Officers

- Recruitments throughout the year
  - Lateral Police Officer candidates
  - Entry Level/Police Officer Trainee
- Tracking and Advertising
- Importance of the Hiring Process



### **Application & Hiring Process**

- 1. Submission of an application with any required certifications attached
- 2. Completion of a PHQ
- 3. Panel interview
- 4. Executive interview by Police Captain(s) and the Police Chief
- 5. Background investigation
- 7. Fingerprinting
- 8. Conditional job offer
- 9. Medical examination
- 10. Psychological examination
- 11. Final job offer



# Onboarding & Training Process - Officers

Position	Academy	In-House Orientation	Field Training	Total Time to Solo Status
Police Officer Trainee	~ 6 Months	4 Weeks	4 Months (approx.)	12 Months (approx.)
Police Officer Lateral	N/A	2-4 Weeks	8 Weeks Minimum	3 Months (approx.)

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#### Recruitment & Selection Process - Dispatch

- Recruitments as needed throughout the year
  - Lateral Dispatch candidates
  - Entry Level Dispatch candidates
- Tracking and Advertising
- Importance of the Hiring Process



### Onboarding & Training Process - Dispatcher

#### **Dispatch Trainee & Lateral Training**

- Orientation
- Call-taking and 911
- Fire Services Dispatch
- Police Dispatch



## Recruiting Challenges

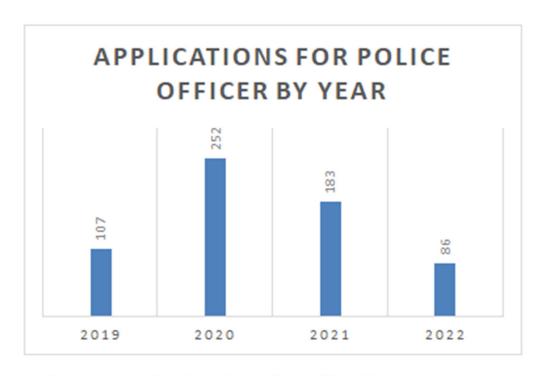


Figure 1: Applications for Police Officer from 2019 to 2022



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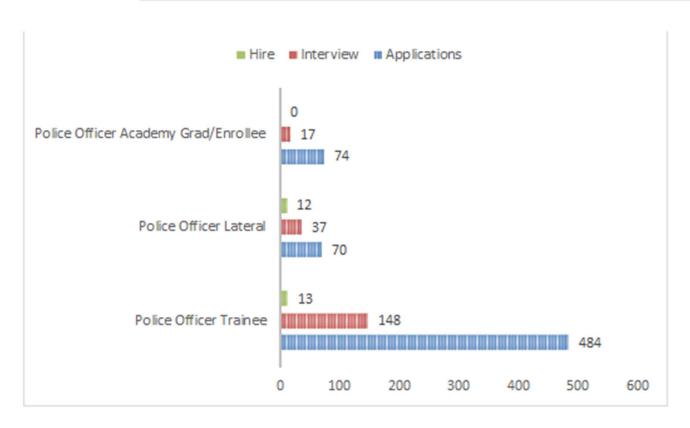


Figure 2: Total Applications Received for Officer Recruitments Posted from 2019 to 2022



# Forecasting & Planning

Table 1: Recruitment and Onboarding Timeline

Position	Recruitment Timeline (Posting Date to Final Offer)	Onboarding and Training Timeline	Total Timeline from Application to Solo Work
Police Officer Lateral	3 months minimum	2 months	5 to 7 months
Police Officer Trainee	5 months	10 months (6 months academy and 4 months FTO)	14 to 16 months
Public Safety Dispatcher I/II	6 months	12 to 18 months	18 to 24 months



## Forecasting & Planning

Table 2: Police Department Turnover While on Probation

Division	Total Turnover While on Probation			
	2020	2021	2022	
PD	3	0	2	
PD/ECC	1	0	2	
TOTALS	4	0	4	



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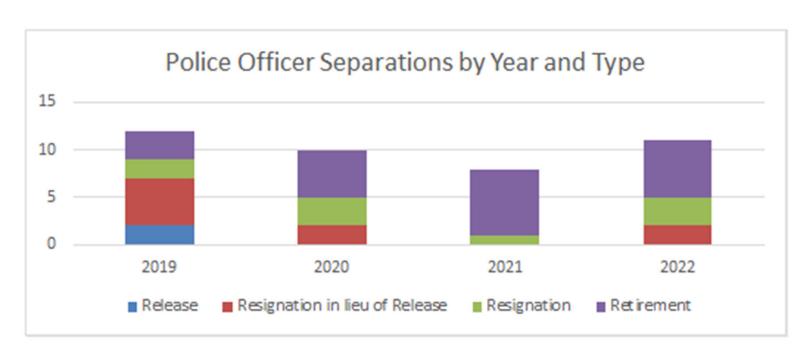


Figure 3: Police Officer Separations by Year and Type



## **Recruiting Strategy**

- Changes in the recruitment environment
- Concierge service model
- Adverstising



### **Retention Strategy**

- Employee focused
- Professional development & wellness
- Learning organizational culture
- Historical and deep community connection
- Opportunity to work a number of specialty positions and promote to supervisory role
- Human Resources Department partnership



# Questions?



