

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 26, 2024

PREPARED BY: Chris Escobedo, Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION ON CRIME TRENDS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT
SERVICE LEVELS

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file a presentation on crime trends and law enforcement service levels and respond to any questions from the City Council.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The City contracts for law enforcement services with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department (RCSD), which provides a total of 80 sworn law enforcement staff and non-sworn Community Service Officers. Palm Desert's safety levels are maintained through the regular deployment of the following sworn officers and teams:

- Dedicated Lieutenant and Sergeants,
- Daily proactive law enforcement patrol,
- Traffic and motorcycle enforcement team,
- Special enforcement team,
- Business district team,
- Burglary suppression team,
- School resource officers, and
- Officers assigned to regional gang and narcotics task forces.

In addition to providing law enforcement services to residents and businesses, Palm Desert serves as a major employment center for the region, is home to the region's educational institutions, serves as a major tourist destination, and has several retail outlets that are a draw for Southern California visitors. Over the last five years, the City has responded to post-Covid-19 call volume activities, deployed the automated license plate reader system to assist RCSD staff with improved technology, and continues to make investments in public safety. In conjunction with Sheriff's Department, staff will provide a presentation on crime trends and projected law enforcement service levels at the meeting.

Legal Review:

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.