

# LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT



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The Honorable Budget and Finance Committee  
The Honorable Public Safety Committee  
c/o Holly Wolcott  
Office of the City Clerk  
City Hall, Room 395  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Honorable Members:

Enclosed for your review are the Los Angeles Police Department's responses to the following Special Studies assigned to the Department during the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget deliberations:

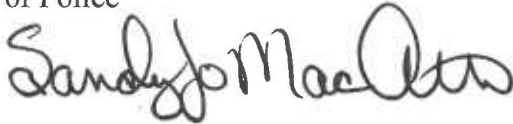
- R. 156. Instruct the Los Angeles Police Department to report to the Public Safety Committee regarding per capita information for other cities and the change in the size of the Department's as it relates to crime rates.
- R. 157. Instruct the Los Angeles Police Department to report to the Public Safety Committee regarding the average number of non-light duty sworn officers assigned to civilian duties.
- ✓ • R. 158. Instruct the Los Angeles Police Department to report to the Public Safety Committee regarding the number or ratio of support staff to sworn. The report should include historical data for the past five years and identify best practices in this area.
- R. 160. Instruct the Los Angeles Police Department to report to the Public Safety Committee regarding the cost difference of having sworn positions performing civilian duties. What is the fiscal impact of doing so.
- R. 161. Instruct the Los Angeles Police Department, with the assistance of the City Attorney to report to the Public Safety Committee regarding the investments made and efforts the City should undertake to reduce liability payouts.
- R. 164. Instruct the Los Angeles Police Department to report to the Public Safety Committee regarding how many hours a day officers are spending on completing paperwork. The report should include how many people, steps or forms are involved in filing a police report and how many required traveling to another office or facility.

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We look forward to the opportunity to discuss these issues with you. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact me at (213) 486-8410.

Very truly yours,

CHARLIE BECK  
Chief of Police

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandy Jo MacArthur". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "S".

SANDY JO MacARTHUR, Assistant Chief  
Director, Office of Administrative Services

Enclosures

**R. 158. Instruct the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to report to the Public Safety Committee regarding the number or ratio of support staff civilian to sworn. The report should include historical data for the past five years and identify best practices in this area.**

Over the last 14 years the ratio of sworn to civilian staff in the LAPD has ranged from a low of 2.8 sworn : 1 civilian in fiscal year 2007/08 to the current ratio of 3.6 sworn : 1 civilian.

Additionally, a survey was performed comparing the LAPD to other police agencies in the State. The average ratio of the cities contacted was 2.3 sworn : 1 civilian. Burbank had the lowest ratio of 1.27 sworn : 1 civilian and San Francisco had the highest with 4.5 sworn : 1 civilian. The LAPD had the second highest ratio of the cities surveyed.

Details of this information are attached.

# Ratio of Sworn to Civilian Personnel

OAKLAND PD		
Funded positions/Sworn:	675	61.1%
Funded positions/Civilian:	430.35	38.9%
Ratio:	1.6 sworn : 1 civilian	

SAN BERNARDINO PD		
Funded positions/Sworn:	272	63.6%
Funded positions/Civilian:	156	36.5%
Ratio:	1.74 sworn : 1 civilian	

TORRANCE PD		
Funded positions/Sworn:	224	64.7%
Funded positions/Civilian:	122	35.3%
Ratio:	1.83 sworn : 1 civilian	

SAN FRANCISCO PD		
Funded positions/Sworn:	2116	81.9%
Funded positions/Civilian:	467	18.1%
Ratio:	4.5 sworn : 1 civilian	

ANAHEIM PD		
Funded positions/Sworn:	364	66.3%
Funded positions/Civilian:	185	33.7%
Ratio:	1.96 sworn : 1 civilian	

Dispatchers are no longer budgeted and now work for San Francisco's Department of Emergency Management.

RIVERSIDE PD		
Funded positions/Sworn:	373	70.11%
Funded positions/Civilian:	159	29.89%
Ratio:	2.35 sworn : 1 civilian	

CULVER CITY PD		
Funded positions/Sworn:	105	66.46%
Funded positions/Civilian:	53	33.54%
Ratio:	1.98 sworn : 1 civilian	

NEW YORK PD		
Funded positions/Sworn:	34,712	70.03%
Funded positions/Civilian:	14,853	29.97%
Ratio:	2.34 sworn : 1 civilian	

BURBANK PD		
Funded positions/Sworn:	159	55.99%
Funded positions/Civilian:	125	44.01%
Ratio:	1.27 sworn : 1 civilian	

SAN DIEGO PD		
Funded positions/Sworn:	1,987	74.43%
Funded positions/Civilian:	682.75	25.57%
Ratio:	2.91 sworn : 1 civilian	

LAPD		
Funded positions/Sworn:	10,480	76.46%
Funded positions/Civilian:	3,226	23.54%
Ratio:	3.25 sworn : 1 civilian	

# LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fiscal Year	Body Count		Total Body Count	Ratio Sworn/Civilian
	Sworn	Civilian		
1999-00	9,647	2,987	12,634	3.2 : 1
2000-01	9,347	3,068	12,415	3.0 : 1
2001-02	9,000	3,028	12,028	2.9 : 1
2002-03	8,973	3,076	12,049	2.9 : 1
2003-04	9,256	3,092	12,348	2.9 : 1
2004-05	9,176	2,973	12,149	3.0 : 1
2005-06	9,225	2,950	12,175	3.1 : 1
2006-07	9,354	3,205	12,559	2.9 : 1
2007-08	9,533	3,300	12,833	2.8 : 1
2008-09	9,751	3,237	12,988	3.0 : 1
2009-10	9,990	3,252	13,242	3.0 : 1
2010-11	9,961	2,912	12,873	3.4 : 1
2011-12	9,861	2,879	12,740	3.4 : 1
2012-13*	9,920	2,809	12,729	3.5 : 1
2013-14	9,906	2,706	12,612	3.6 : 1
Jan 2014	9,809	2,691	12,500	3.6 : 1

All figures as of July 1 of each fiscal year except where noted.

\*Based on body count for January 2013 - Sworn 10010 - 90 = 9920,  
Civilian - 2934 - 125 OPS personnel = 2809

