



## Police Services Study Update

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Tuesday night, the City Council received a report and held a public input session regarding how police services are delivered in Oakley. The Oakley Police Department is well-regarded, well-respected and doing an outstanding job in working with the community to keep it safe. In fact, Oakley was recently named one of the safest cities in California.

The City Council understands how critical police services are for a safe, vibrant and successful community. That is why last year the Council directed City staff to begin exploring how the City can best maintain (or even improve) these quality police services – especially as the City grows. The key concern as we look into the future is the cost of these services, currently contracted through Contra Costa County, and the additional annual cost of each new officer when we propose to add officers, something the City will need to do as it grows.

The report presented to the City Council and the community last night indicated that there would be significant savings if the City established its own Police Department. The report reviewed the various steps taken and issues analyzed in coming to this conclusion. Of great interest, is that with its own Police Department, the City could determine better how and where it needs to grow the Department in order to maintain service levels; and the City could work to control in-house costs, independent of another agency. Under the County model, the “per officer” costs include more than just each officer’s current costs – so it takes a financial commitment that is greater, just to add each officer. Of course, the City model would have a lower “per officer” incremental cost when adding to the Team.

To see the Power Point presented visit our website at [www.oakleyinfo.com](http://www.oakleyinfo.com). If you have any questions, comments or want to provide input please email [info@ci.oakley.ca.us](mailto:info@ci.oakley.ca.us).