

Policy Input Provided by Butte County Sheriff  
On Policy Alternatives Document

The below changes to Item #5 of the Policy Alternatives Document reflect the Sheriff's Departments recommendations (in **Shading**) to these policies as provided at a meeting held December 1, 2008 with Sheriff Perry Reniff and Undersheriff Jim Callas. The Sheriff and Undersheriff indicated many successful volunteer programs are currently underway and that Butte County General Plan 2030 should support these existing programs, but that requiring expansion (per Item 5.c below) would be contrary to the spirit of volunteer work (a list of existing programs is provided below). We will discuss how these policy comments will be incorporated into the recommendations to the Board of Supervisors at our upcoming weekly meeting.

Existing Sheriff's Department Programs:

1. STARS (Sheriff's Team of Active Retired Seniors)
2. Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Inc.
3. Butte County Sheriff's Search & Rescue
4. Butte County Sheriff's Posse
5. Butte County Sheriff's Regular Reserve
6. Butte County Sheriff's Communications Reserve
7. Butte County Chaplaincy Corps.

Policy Document Question #5

- 5. How should the General Plan address the provision of sheriff and fire service in rural areas?**
  - a. Educate residents about the realities of rural living and expectations regarding response times for critical services.
  - b. Explore additional funding opportunities for sheriff and fire services such as ~~Mello-Roos Districts and CSA's~~, special districts to fund both capital and on-going operational costs.
  - c. ~~Encourage~~ Require Support expansion of volunteer services support for fire and sheriff.
  - d. ~~Create new funding mechanisms for new development to pay for expanded police and fire services.~~

- e. Continue to work cooperatively with ~~CAL FIRE~~ the Butte County Fire Department on any adopted Standards of Cover for fire protection.
- f. ~~Encourage~~ Require defensible space, fire safe building construction, fuel management and wildfire preparedness, particularly by working in collaboration with the Butte County Fire Safe Council, the municipalities and State agencies.
- g. ~~Encourage~~ Require defensible space and projects which remove ladder fuels to reduce the risk of wildfire.
- h. ~~Adopt fire safe building construction standards.~~
- i. ~~Provide for Set increased impact fees further from existing services to provide funding for police services~~ proportionately to the cost of providing sheriff services.
- j. ~~Provide for Set increased impact fees further from existing services to provide funding for fire services~~ proportionately to the cost of providing fire services.
- k. ~~Establish an advisory board to provide oversight and support for sheriff services.~~
- l. Create communities that are resistant to wildfire by reducing risks through the community wildfire protection plans and fire safe councils.
- m. Other \_\_\_\_\_