

## **PLANS FOR EXTENDING POLICE PROTECTION**

Present Level of Service: The Wilmington Police Department has the following service characteristics:

- 1) Annual number of committed hours per patrol officer is 1,274 city-wide. The average length of time for a police officer on a call for service is 32 minutes. The current number of patrol officers permits the police department to handle the average number of total calls for service in the current city limits.
- 2) Two Patrol Divisions (Southeast and Northwest) serving a projected population of 99,623 as of June 30, 2008.
- 3) Officers organized into 6 geographic-based districts provide a range of community policing services. (See Exhibit C.)
- 4) Investigative services, vice and narcotics units, special operations, crime prevention, and traffic enforcement are provided.

Planned Level of Service: Police Services will be extended into the Monkey Junction Annexation Area on “substantially the same basis and in the same manner” as services are provided within the rest of the City of Wilmington. The plans to provide service are:

- 1) Maintain the annual committed hours per officer at 1,274.
- 2) Expand District 6 to cover the Monkey Junction Annexation Area.
- 3) Expand all geographic-based policing services to the area with additional personnel added.
- 4) Based on the average number of calls for service in the Monkey Junction Annexation Area over the last five years and the average length of officer time required for a call for service, the Police Department will add five (5) additional police officers to provide for patrol services and traffic enforcement. Investigative services, vice and narcotics, and special operations will be extended to the area with the use of current personnel. The operating costs for FY 2010-2011 are estimated to be \$366,278 based upon the average cost for salaries, benefits and equipment per officer. Funds for this purpose are included in the General Financial Plan.