

## 6.b.. Community Services – Local Police/Sheriff Service

Local Police/Sheriff Service: Provide name, address, telephone number of local public safety services, including name and contact information for Police Chief or Sheriff

- i. Provide brief description of department capabilities including number of staff and positions, qualifications and certifications, number and type of equipment.
- ii. Indicate response time/distance to proposed site, and whether there are any impediments e.g. railroads, areas subject to flooding, routes through residential areas, etc to the path between the public safety service and the proposed site.

The Kearney Police Department is housed in the Law Enforcement Center at 2025 Avenue A, Kearney, Nebraska 68847 alongside the Buffalo County Sherriff's Office. Chief of Police Dan Lynch is the point of contact for the Department at 308-233-5265 or [dlynch@kearneygov.org](mailto:dlynch@kearneygov.org) . The Sherriff's Office will provide secondary public safety services for the site. Sherriff Neil Miller may be reached at 308-233-5272 or [NaMiller@kearneygov.org](mailto:NaMiller@kearneygov.org) .

The Department consists of 52 authorized sworn positions broken down by rank. The Command Staff of five includes one Chief of Police, two Captains, and two Lieutenants. Eight Patrol Sergeants, one Staff Sergeant, and one Investigative Sergeant directly oversee thirty-six Officers. Specialized training and assignments are given to Investigators (4), the Technical Services Officer, and School Resources Officers (2). The Department also includes nine non-sworn clerical positions and four Community Service Officers whom manage parking, animal calls, evidence and property, and other duties.

Officers are broken out into four rotating patrol shifts of 12 hours. Investigative and Command Staff work five 8.25- hour days and are always on-call. Lieutenants work four 10-hour days.

The Department fleet consists of twenty-one marked patrol vehicles; five unmarked vehicles; one 4X4 pickup; one Emergency Services Unit transport vehicle; one Emergency Response unit; one 4X4 ATV with trailer; two Patrol Motorcycles and four multi-speed pedal bicycles for patrol. The ESU and Emergency Response Units are shared with the Buffalo County Sheriff's Department.

The Department has a screening lab with video enhancement and capture equipment as well as an Automated Fingerprint submission system to the State of Nebraska and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's systems. The lab has a response trailer used to respond to crime scenes and other serious incidents to include traffic accidents or large events.

The Department has an Emergency Services Team consisting of Officers from the Department and Deputies from the Buffalo County Sheriff's Office. This group responds to serious acts of crime and disorder to include barricaded armed subjects or active shooter situations. There are, additionally, four rifle team members who work with and support the activities of the ESU team.

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The department has a joint team with the Buffalo County Sheriff's Office that is the Fatality Accident Investigations Team. This group consists of seven certified accident re-constructionists on the Police Department side and two on the Sheriff's Office side. The group investigates and reconstructs serious and fatal traffic accidents as well as diagraming and investigating crime scenes.

The City of Kearney has a generalist police department covering a majority of the types of calls for service normally received by Police/Law Enforcement agencies. The Department has employees who train and have expertise in a variety of subjects including firearms and tactics; crime prevention and community-based policing; computer and cellular telephone investigations; and data location and security.

The department averages 43,033 calls for service over the last 3 years, with an average of 37.1% being dispatched calls for service or calls from the public, and 67.8% being self-initiated by Officers or on view calls.

The department is located at 2025 Avenue A, nearly in the center of the community. The proposed site is approximately 5.1 miles to our northeast, accessible via paved streets and highways. Accessing the site would require crossing a spur railroad line, used occasionally to load and off load rail cars. There are actually three crossings available to be used, and at no time are all three closed at the same time.

The first unit response time for the community averages as follows:

- **Emergency Calls for Service** = 4 minutes and 39 seconds
- **Serious but not life threatening Calls for Service** = 10 Minutes and 11 seconds
- **Routine Calls for Service** = 16 minutes and 13 seconds