

APPENDIX J:
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COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Re: Home Depot Retail Center - Yucca Valley, Ca.

Dear Ms. Jacobs-Donoghue,

Thank you for contacting us regarding the Home Depot Retail center here in Yucca Valley. We welcome the opportunity to provide input into the proposal and to provide you with the information you requested.

Questions 1 - 4

The Yucca Valley Fire District, a board-governed fire district operating under the management of the San Bernardino County Fire Department, covers approximately 54 square miles from two fire stations. One additional fire station serves the project area. The fire stations, equipment, staffing, and response times are as follows:

Station Name	Address	Estimated response time to project area	Staffing	Equipment Assigned
Fire Station 121	57201 Twentynine Palms Highway (OHS)	5 to 7 minutes	6	1 Engine, 1 Brush Engine, 2 Ambulances
Fire Station 122	58612 Aberdeen, Yucca mesa area	9 to 12 minutes	4	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance, other reserve equipment
Fire Station 36*	6715 Park Ave., Joshua Tree	8 to 11 minutes	2	1 Engine, 1 Squad

**Fire Station 36 is not located within the Yucca Valley Fire, but is assigned to your project area on initial emergency dispatch*

Question 5 - Service Levels

The current levels of service have now exceeded capacity and we must rely on automatic aid and/or mutual aid for the existing levels of emergency responses. We estimate that the fire district will respond to over 4,200 emergency incidents this calendar year.

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With the proposed growth estimated for the Yucca Valley area, it is expected that an increase in staffing at the existing fire stations as well as an additional fire station and engine company will be required. Our department recently prepared our Staffing and Deployment Standards which outline the requirements for existing coverage and those trigger points were increased staffing and resources are necessary.

Question 6 – Mutual Assistance

We currently have in place automatic aid and/or mutual aid with the following:

- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection – Station 14*
- National Park Service – Black Rock Interagency Fire Center*
- 29 Palms Fire Department*
- Combat Center Fire Department – Marine Corps Air/Ground Combat Training Center*
- Morongo Valley Fire Department*

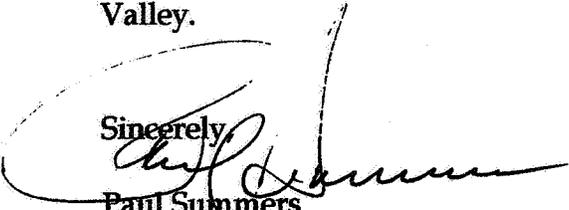
Question 7 – Impacts and Mitigation

The proposed project will affect the fire services currently in Yucca Valley and surrounding communities.

Impact	Effect	Mitigation
Increase in the number and frequency of emergency responses	Existing fire units will be unavailable for other incidents	Annual payment of ½ the cost of one firefighter/paramedic, which would allow the 24-hour staffing of a second ambulance. Adjacent project to pay the additional ½ cost.
Increase in traffic congestion on Hwy 62 and adjacent routes, both POV and commercial vehicles for delivery.	Delay responses by fire units to other area emergencies, increase in the potential of hazardous materials incidents with commercial haulers.	Initiate a traffic management plan with Cal-Trans and the Town of Yucca Valley to address issues
Potential increase in number of traffic collisions	Existing units will be unavailable for other emergencies; emergency transportation (ambulance) for other area emergencies could be delayed.	Same
Project shows a single point of access	Inability to effectively place fire units for strategic application	Provide additional access points
Fire Flow Demand	Currently project site has inadequate fire flow for suggested hazard level	Construct redundant (looped) water service for project site providing 4,850 to 5250-gpm-fire flow.

I hope this information is of value during the EIR process with the understanding that the impacts, effects, and mitigation efforts may change. Should you have any further questions please feel free to contact me through our administrative office here in Yucca Valley.

Sincerely,


Paul Summers
 Division Chief
 South Desert Division
 San Bernardino County Fire Department

Cc: Andy Takata – Town of Yucca Valley



GARY PENROD, SHERIFF-CORONER

July 21, 2005

*Christine Jacobs-Donoghue, Project Manager
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Dear Ms. Jacobs-Donoghue:

The following is a response to your questions regarding the impacts of the Home Depot Center in the Town of Yucca Valley.

- 1. **Service Facilities.** The Town of Yucca Valley contracts with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department for all law enforcement services. The contract consists of two patrol officers on duty 24 hours a day along with a large quantity and variety of other Sheriff's Department resources available anytime. The sheriff's station is located approximately six (6) miles from the town limits and there is a police substation located adjacent to town hall.*

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- 2. **Response Times.** The average emergency response time in the Town of Yucca Valley is approximately three to five minutes.*
- 3. **Staffing.** There are two officers assigned to the town 24 hours a day. During the daytime, there are two additional officers that are an additional part of the patrol force, a Juvenile Officer and a Traffic Officer. These officers can respond as needed. There are an additional four patrol deputies working other jurisdictions that can respond as needed.*
- 4. **Equipment.** The police contract provides for the appropriate amount of patrol vehicles to service the needs of the town. The town contracts for six patrol vehicles along with a crime prevention van and several Citizens on Patrol vehicles. The use of other resources, such as helicopters, K-9, or any other specialty unit, is immediately available within the county.*

Ms. Christine Jacobs-Donoghue, Project Manager
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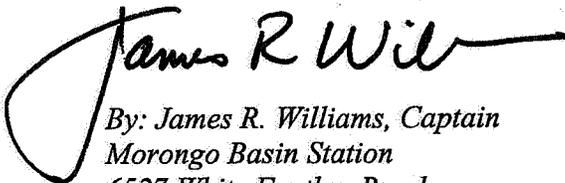
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5. **Service Levels.** Yes, the current facilities, manpower, and equipment are sufficient to service the area. The population and calls for service are increasing and the town has plans to add one additional officer soon.
6. **Mutual Assistance.** With having a large Sheriff's Department, we have access to many resources on a moments notice. We also have mutual aid agreements and outstanding working relations with all the agencies in the area including all departments within the town.
7. **Crime.** Most crimes that are reported are crimes against persons, theft of property, and narcotics violations.
8. **Impacts and Mitigation.** We do not anticipate any adverse impacts as a result of this project. We are assuming the project will have adequate alarms and security equipment to minimize the theft of property so the project will not increase our calls for service.
9. **Other Information.** I know this issue will be addressed in the plans, but the only concern would be the safe and proper flow of traffic to and from the main roads to the project parking areas. This would include such things as turn lanes, stoplights, and other factors for the safe maneuvering of traffic.
10. **Contact Information.** Lieutenant Donnie Miller
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Sincerely,

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