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New Police Station Moves Forward in South San Francisco

New facility is slated to open in early 2020

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Jan. 10, 2020 - The South San Francisco City Council reached a key milestone in adopting a resolution awarding a construction contract to Swinerton Builders of San Francisco for the construction of the new Police Operations Center and 911 Dispatch Center at its regular council meeting on January 8, 2020.



"Public safety is our number one priority in South San Francisco," said South San Francisco Mayor Rich Garbarino. "The men and women in our police department do a fantastic job of keeping residents and visitors safe, and this new state-of-the-art police operations center will give police the tools they need to continue doing a great job."

The location of the new police headquarters is at 1 Chestnut Avenue in South San Francisco, the site of the former Pet Club store. The site was acquired by

the City in 2017 as the site for the new police facility, although the site had been purchased by the former South San Francisco Redevelopment Agency in 2008 for redevelopment. The official groundbreaking is scheduled for February, 2020, however PG&E will begin work as early as next week disconnecting and relocating utilities at the site. The new facility is slated to open in early 2022.

In December, City staff received and publicly opened the bids and awarded the contract to Swinerton Builders. The total construction budget for the police station and 911 dispatch center is \$52,553,015.00, which is on budget with the city engineer's estimate for cost of construction.

The more than 44,000 square foot facility will house the 911 Emergency Center, administrative services, records, communications, investigations, property and evidence, patrol, physical training, a classroom and firing range. "Everyone in the Police Department is very grateful for the continuous support we receive from our residents and our City Council," said South San Francisco Police Chief Jeff Azzopardi. "Our new police operations center and new 911 dispatch center will set the Police Department up for success for decades to come, which in turn means a safer South San Francisco."

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