



## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Maintaining Essential County Services**

**Q:** *What is “Yuba County 911?”*

A: Nothing is more important to the County than your safety. We want to hear from as many residents as possible about their priorities for public safety and essential services.

**Q:** *How have state policies affected public safety in Yuba County?*

A: State policies have put more crime offenders back on our streets, overloading our sheriff’s deputies and prosecutors. Twenty-five sheriff’s deputies currently patrol 664 square miles across Yuba County, with only two patrolling the foothills at any time. Each of our prosecutors struggles to address as many as 400 cases a year. At the same time, State funding for the investigation and prosecution of sex crimes against children and adults, spousal and elder abuse, and major drug sellers have all been eliminated. We need to ensure these crimes are investigated and prosecuted, and that justice is served.

**Q:** *Have emergency response time been affected?*

A: Yes. Each year, Yuba County Sheriff’s dispatch handles up to 40,000 calls for sheriff’s deputies, fire responders, and medical emergencies. Sometimes there are only two emergency dispatchers, even during natural disasters such as the 2017 wildfire. And some fire districts rely exclusively on volunteers. Given decreased staffing levels, fire districts have to depend on volunteer firefighters more and more. We need to ensure that every call for a fire or medical emergency gets a timely response.

**Q: *How do we address gang violence, the illegal drug industry and increased narcotics use in our region?***

A: Illegal outdoor marijuana growers are dangerous, bringing criminals and increased crime to the area. We saw this with the recent ambush of two sheriff's deputies. Gang violence remains a problem, and heroin and meth are increasing crime since, without the necessary funding, Yuba County has had to withdraw from NET-5, a joint narcotics task force serving Yuba and Sutter counties. We need to crack down on the illegal drug trade once and for all, including enforcing laws that protect our natural areas and the water quality of our rivers, creeks, and streams impacted by illegal marijuana cultivation.

**Q: *What other public safety and essential services need to be maintained?***

A: Essential County services for the public needs to be maintained and protected to best serve our residents, including maintaining 911 emergency response times for medical emergencies and fires, protecting and maintaining fire protection services, providing supervision of high-risk offenders on probation, recruiting and retaining qualified sheriff deputies, preventing further cuts to child, elder, and spousal abuse services, restoring 911 dispatchers and sheriff's patrols to adequate levels, and maintaining and preventing cuts to parks, veterans' services, roads maintenance and other essential services.

**Q: *Where can I get more information and how do I join the conversation?***

A: We want to hear from you! Please visit [www.surveymonkey.com/r/YC911](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YC911) to let us know YOUR public safety and quality of life service priorities for Yuba County.

**The County will continue to keep the community informed about Yuba County's essential service needs and fiscal stability. For more information, please visit the County website: [www.yuba.org](http://www.yuba.org)**

**Belong to a community organization? Would you like to schedule a community meeting presentation? Please email us at [yubacounty911@co.yuba.ca.us](mailto:yubacounty911@co.yuba.ca.us) or call (530) 749-7575.**