

# How Would an Annexation Affect POLICE SERVICES FOR BENSON HILL?

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## ***What are Police Response Times for Our Area?***

<b>Call Type</b>	<b>2006 Average King County Sheriff Response Times* for the F-3 patrol district</b>	<b>2006 City of Renton Response Times*</b>
CRITICAL DISPATCH: incidents which pose an obvious danger to the life of an officer or citizen, including felony crimes in progress, help the officer situations, shootings, stabbings, in-progress robberies and in-progress burglaries where the possibility of a confrontation between a victim and a suspect exists, and for manually-activated commercial (“hold up” or “panic”) alarms.	5.39 minutes	2.71 minutes
IMMEDIATE DISPATCH: for incidents requiring immediate police action. Examples are all silent passively-activated alarms at banks, businesses, and residences, injury accidents, for major disturbances with weapons involved.	9.54 minutes	8.00 minutes
PROMPT DISPATCH: For situations that could escalate to a more serious degree is not policed quickly. Examples are verbal disturbances, blocking accidents, hazardous situations, and separated domestic violence situations..	17.91 minutes	12.29 minutes
ROUTINE DISPATCH: Calls for which time is <u>not</u> the critical factor in the proper handling of the call, such as burglaries or larcenies that are <u>not in progress</u> . Dispatch is made as soon as reasonably possible.	63.51 minutes	23.43 minutes

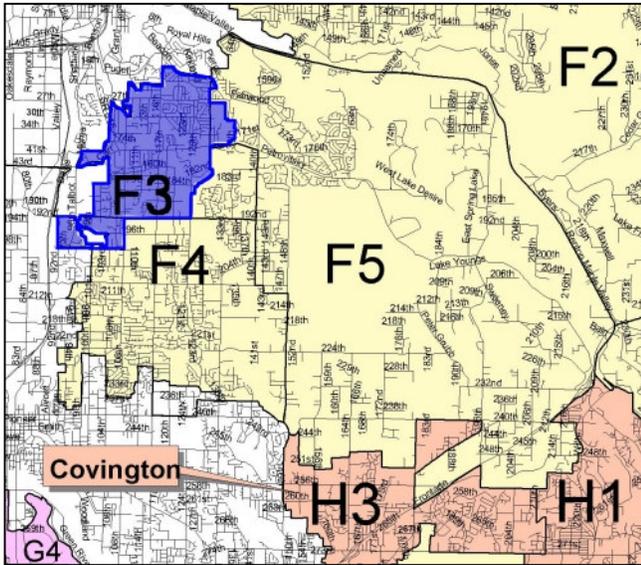
\*Sheriff’s Office and City of Renton response times include all time from when the call was received by a 9-1-1 call receiver to the time that the officer arrives on scene.

## ***How Does the Sheriff’s Office Respond to Our Area Now?***

The Benson Hill Communities are primarily within the F-3 patrol district, although some portions extend into the F-4 district. The dark blue area of the map approximates the Benson Hill Communities area. The yellow and pink areas are unincorporated King County, and the orange areas are cities that contract for KCSO police services.

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The Sheriff's Office does not allocate staff based solely on the number of officers per 1000 residents. The Sheriff's Office typically staffs the F3 patrol district with a minimum of one deputy per shift. A school resource officer is assigned to Lindbergh High School, with financial support from Renton School District. Patrol officers from the surrounding unincorporated areas and to a lesser degree, contract cities are available to backup the assigned officers within minutes. The 2006 *average* response time to high-priority calls was 5 minutes and 23 seconds.

Patrol sergeants are headquartered at the Maple Valley precinct facility, but spend time in the field supervising deputies and responding to significant events. Investigations for crimes such as burglary, larceny, simple assaults, and drugs also are provided from the

Maple Valley precinct. The precinct command staff (captains and major) are housed at the precinct.

Members of the public can visit the precinct or the storefront located near 140th and Petrovitsky Road to talk to deputies, report accidents, or receive many of our public services.

All other Sheriff's Office services provided to the area, including major investigations (e.g., homicide, rape, fraud), K-9 units, SWAT, and administration, are provided by central units. Many of those services are headquartered in Kent. Many of the detectives in these units are recognized for their professionalism and expertise.

### ***What is Renton's Police Level of Service?***

Renton staffs patrol districts with 1.6 officers per 1,000 residents. *Average* response time to high-priority calls is under 5 minutes.

There are 239 police departments in Washington, and Renton is proud to be one of the twelve of those agencies that are nationally accredited. The national accreditation program was started in 1979 to develop a set of law enforcement standards, and to establish and administer an accreditation process through which law enforcement agencies could demonstrate voluntarily that they meet professionally recognized criteria for excellence in management and service delivery. Accreditation addresses department policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services. The Renton Police Department has to comply with 442 standards in order to maintain accredited status. Accreditation lasts for three years, and Renton Police Department has earned re-accredited status three times.

The benefits of accreditation include: Controlled/limited liability, risk and exposure, stronger defense against lawsuits and citizen complaints, greater accountability within the agency, staunch support from government officials, and increased community advocacy.