



Measure G Update: A Safer Watsonville

The Measure G sales tax is dedicated to the support of Police, Fire and Emergency Services. This measure provides a stable source of locally-controlled funding that is entirely dedicated to keeping Watsonville residents safe.

Watsonville Police Department

Measure G funding has allowed the Watsonville Police Department to hire three police officers, a crime analyst and a police service specialist. The department is in the process of hiring an evidence technician and a recreation specialist who will focus on youth prevention and intervention programs. The hiring of this staff will further support Watsonville Police efforts in addressing crime in the community. Measure G has also allowed the Department to purchase police vehicles and equipment that will support police personnel.

Watsonville Fire Department

Measure G funding provides for the hiring of six new firefighters. Two have been hired, and four more will be hired in time to attend the Department's fire academy being held in early March. Having the six new firefighters on staff will increase the Department's response



capabilities to medical emergencies, fires, and non-emergency incidents.

With Measure G funding, the Department is also planning the purchase of a pickup-style rescue and command vehicle that will hold medical and safety equipment. The Department is evaluating the equipment needed to outfit this new service vehicle.

Continued funding from Measure G will allow the Department to upgrade outdated personal protective equipment and lifesaving equipment such as defibrillators and Jaws of Life.

For information regarding Measure G goals, objectives and updates visit <http://cityofwatsonville.org/measure-g>.

Public Works Conservation Academy

Since the 1990's, the City's Conservation Academy has provided over 45,000 students the opportunity to experience where their local water comes from, how wastewater is recycled, where their garbage and recycling go, and why it is important to preserve our wetlands. By participating in free school field trips, presentations and stewardship activities, Watsonville's youth are learning the importance of conserving local resources.

The goal of this academy is to build conservation awareness and habits while inspiring students to consider job options in utilities or related fields.

The Conservation Academy is honored to have earned the prestigious 2014 Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award in the category of Children's Environmental Education.

For more information call 768-3107.

Keeping Up with Watsonville

College Rd. Water Main Replacement Project – Weather permitting, this project will be completed in March. To avoid frequent tearing up of roads for repairs, a new, specialized pipe is being used. Watsonville is the first City in California to use this new material.

School Crossing Upgrades – City will be upgrading 31 intersection locations adjacent to thirteen middle and elementary schools throughout the City. Bid openings took place on January 28th. For more information call 768-3116.

Grove Street Storm Drain Pumps Station Emergency Power Project – Completed. This storm drain pumps project included a new 230 kw diesel generator and a 400 amp automatic transfer switch. This ensures the storm drain pumps will continue working during power outages.

Your City Directory

Police/Fire (Non-Emergency)	471-1151
Police (Records)	768-3370
City Manager	768-3010
Library (Main Branch)	768-3400
Parks & Community Services	768-3240
Permits	768-3050
Utility Bill Payments	768-3455
Water/Garbage	768-3133

