

HOW SAFE

are you & your family because of
Sultan's safety & financial crisis?

SULTAN TOWN MEETING
7:00 PM, Thursday, August 17th
Sultan Middle School, 4th & High St.

This meeting will communicate....

- why the City is experiencing (largely self-inflicted) financial woes¹;
- why Sultan's police levels of service (as mandated by its Comprehensive/Master Plan) needs to be eliminated; and
- why Sultan's police force needs to be cut, while increasing (almost doubling) Sultan's population base in the next few (2-5) years².

The City seeks your input on these urgent issues.

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¹ Sultan's 2004 Audit, which had four major findings related to financial irregularities and shortcomings, can be found here: http://www.ittakesgrit.org/Audit_Main_Page.htm

² The Washington State Office of Financial Mgt.'s official published population for Sultan (as of April 1, 2006) is 4,400 people. With new, recent construction not included in the OFM figure, the total population within Sultan's city limits is closer to 4,500. Sultan plans to approve approx. 1,400 new S.F. (Single Family) homes in the next 2 to 4/5 years. This will add approx. 3,700 new people, close to double the current population, or 8,200. Most of this construction will occur on the Basin, along the Sultan Basin Road. Source: http://www.ittakesgrit.org/Map_future-face-of-Sultan_photo-map-Postits_060729.htm

POLICE STATS:

Category	2004	2005	Crime Up
911 calls received:	2314	3084	+ 33%
"Dispatched" events:	10,221	11,240	+ 9.1%
Total Case Reports:	841	1164	+ 27.7%
Property crimes; i.e., burglary larceny, motor vehicle theft:	108	196	+ 44.9%

Property crimes have risen over 44% in the last year.

***Source: 2004 & 2005 Sultan PD Uniform Crime Report (figures not yet verified for 2006).*

REASONS TO MAINTAIN A STRONG POLICE FORCE IN SULTAN:

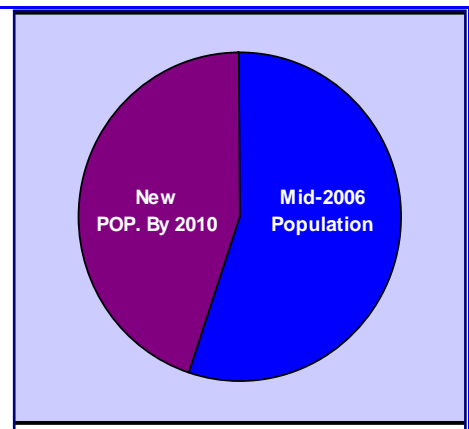
- **Property theft crimes are increasing** -- despite the City's relatively moderate upward swing in population over the last three years or so -- one reason for which is the area's **growing meth lab threat**.
- Adding to property crimes and calls for service is the presence of a **large, unorganized "community" of homeless persons** living just outside the city limits south of the Skykomish River on county land. Although this area is outside the city limits, increased calls for service and other problems associated with these individuals has significantly sapped Sultan police resources.
- **Sultan is located on U. S. 2**, a state and federal highway, the users of which often create problems not experienced by other smaller cities: speeders, drunk drivers, and the negative effects from the ebb-and-flow of the highway's pass-through population.
- **As Sultan's population grows**, adequate (or, at least, minimum) police levels need to keep pace.

Sultan is in a BUILDING BOOM cycle that will result in 1,400 new homes within the next 2-5 years. The post-it notes shown in the aerial map of Sultan (below) show the extent of the City's expected growth, adding 3,700 new people to its current 4,400, the majority of whom will reside in the Sultan Basin area.

Details of the photo below are located @ www.ittakesgrit.org. This website archives both current and historical city documents, council packets, audio and transcriptions of city council and planning meetings and hearings, Sultan hearing examiner project-specific (i.e., land use) decisions, and recent decisions from the Central Puget Sound Growth Management Hearings Board, the result of several GMA (Growth Management Act) appeals by local residents Josie Fallgatter and Jeff Kirkman).



Post-it-noted areas above indicate new communities currently in the planning pipeline, a total of 1,400 single family homes (3,700 people). Most of this growth will be in the Basin area, and will use Sultan Basin Rd. for its primary access to U. S. 2, downtown Sultan and destinations east & west.



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