

1 **3.12 PUBLIC SERVICES**

2 This section describes public services both at NSTI and in San Francisco. Fire protection, police
3 protection, and emergency medical services are addressed. San Francisco public service
4 providers would be responsible for serving NSTI following property disposal. The baseline for
5 conditions at NSTI is pre-closure (1993) conditions. For San Francisco public service providers,
6 baseline conditions are presented to reflect the conditions present at the time the EIS was
7 initiated (1996-1997).

8 **3.12.1 Fire Protection**

9 **NSTI**

10 Prior to October 1, 1997, Navy NSTI Fire Department provided services to the islands, including
11 fire suppression, emergency medical services, fire prevention, public education, and hazardous
12 materials mitigation response. A mutual aid agreement was in place with San Francisco.
13 Historically, Navy operated two fire stations, one on Treasure Island (Building 157) and one on
14 Yerba Buena Island (Building 213). The 1988 Master Plan Update (DON 1988b) indicated that
15 the Treasure Island station was in substandard condition and recommended constructing a new
16 facility. This project was not completed.

17 In 1993, the department employed 41 fire fighters and 18 emergency medical personnel (DON
18 1996t). In 1993, the department's jurisdiction included the Hunters Point Annex in San
19 Francisco. Approximately 51 fire suppression calls and 224 emergency medical calls were
20 dispatched to both sites in 1993.

21 In 1992, a fire fighter training complex was completed at NSTI. The complex is a computer-
22 controlled facility with six fire-simulator sites, four classrooms, and training grounds (San
23 Francisco 1995a). Located at the northeast edge of Treasure Island, the complex covers
24 approximately 8 acres (3 ha). The complex was used in 1993 to train Navy firefighters and in
25 1997 by the California Maritime Academy to train its personnel (San Francisco Fire Department
26 1997b). The San Francisco Fire Department began using the complex to train department
27 personnel at the end of 1997. San Francisco's planned expansion of the complex would
28 accommodate aircraft crash rescue training facilities.

29 **San Francisco**

30 The San Francisco Fire Department is responsible for providing fire suppression, fire
31 prevention, and emergency medical assistance in San Francisco. On October 1, 1997, the
32 department began providing these services to NSTI from Building 157.

33 The department is trained and equipped to meet the unique public safety requirements that San
34 Francisco presents, including surf, water, and cliff rescues. The department employs 1,510 fire
35 fighters, 719 of whom are cross-trained as emergency medical technicians (EMTs) (San
36 Francisco Fire Department 1996). Approximately 294 personnel are on duty during an average
37 shift, distributed among 41 fire stations throughout San Francisco.

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1 The department's response time goal is three minutes for the first engine company, and the
2 department is currently achieving that goal (San Francisco Fire Department 1996). The
3 department received 57,112 emergency calls during fiscal year 1996 (San Francisco Fire
4 Department 1997a). Of that number, 29,940 were fire suppression calls, a decrease of 6.6
5 percent over fiscal year 1995. The remaining calls were emergency medical-related and totaled
6 27,712, a decrease of 7.5 percent from fiscal year 1995.

7 Landward, the station nearest NSTI is at 36 Bluxome Street in San Francisco, approximately 4.5
8 miles (7 km) from NSTI. This station has an 11 person staff, and the vehicles include one fire
9 engine, one fire truck, and one chief's sedan.

10 Laws and ordinances governing building structure design and equipment requirements for
11 detecting, restraining, and extinguishing fires are in Cal. Code. Regs. Title 24, § 13000 et seq.,
12 and the Life Safety Provisions of the San Francisco Uniform Building Code, 1991, as amended in
13 1992. Under these laws, fire stations and other critical facilities (e.g., police) are required to
14 remain operational after an earthquake. Enforcing these laws and ordinances is the
15 responsibility of the Bureau of Fire Prevention (San Francisco 1996d).

16 3.12.2 Police Protection

17 *NSTI*

18 Prior to October 1, 1997, police protection services were provided by Navy NSTI Security
19 Department. The Security Department's primary mission was to enforce Navy/military,
20 federal, state, and local laws; to provide security to NSTI; and to maintain evidence for possible
21 use in criminal cases (DON 1996j). A mutual aid agreement was in place with the San Francisco
22 Police Department. In the event of large-scale emergency situations, the department would
23 assist or would be assisted by the San Francisco Police Department and the California Highway
24 Patrol. The department also provided initial response and assistance to emergency situations
25 on the SFOBB.

26 Police protection facilities at NSTI included a police station (Building 107), a dispatch center
27 (within Building 157), and a military brig (Building 670). The police station was in the middle
28 of Treasure Island and housed the administrative offices of the department. The brig remains
29 on a 3-acre (1-ha) site in the northwest corner of the island. It housed ten single-person cells
30 and 5 prisoner dormitories. The 1988 Master Plan Update (DON 1988b) indicated that Building
31 107 was in substandard condition and recommended constructing a new facility. This project
32 was not completed.

33 In 1993, the department employed 65 police and security personnel. Of those, an average of
34 eight officers were on duty at any one time. Approximately 9,400 emergency calls were
35 dispatched in 1993 (DON 1996j).

36 *San Francisco*

37 The San Francisco Police Department is the agency responsible for providing police protection
38 and security services to San Francisco. On October 1, 1997, the department began providing
39 these services to NSTI.

1 The department currently employs 2,043 sworn officers and 398 nonsworn administration and
2 support personnel (San Francisco Police Department 1996). A minimum of 200 patrol officers
3 are on duty during daytime shifts. This number increases during nighttime shifts, due to an
4 increase in criminal activity. Patrol officers are deployed at ten district stations throughout San
5 Francisco. The patrol force is fully staffed, although newly hired personnel have not all
6 completed the field training program. In 1996, the department received 776,678 calls and filed
7 139,425 reports, an increase of 25.1 percent and 0.7 percent over 1995 levels, respectively (San
8 Francisco Police Department 1997).

9 3.12.3 Emergency Medical Services

10 *NSTI*

11 The fire department at Treasure Island has first response duties for emergency medical calls. If
12 a situation requires transporting injured persons, an ambulance unit is requested. The medical
13 clinic employed approximately 12 EMTs trained in basic life support (DON 1996k). A
14 minimum of two EMTs were on duty at all times. The San Francisco fire department is now the
15 emergency response organization for NSTI.

16 *San Francisco*

17 The San Francisco Department of Public Health provides paramedic services to San Francisco.
18 The Paramedic Division of the Department of Public Health currently employs 189 paramedics,
19 an average of 32 of whom are on duty at any one time (San Francisco Department of Public
20 Health 1996, 1997). The division dispatches approximately 65,000 calls per year, approximately
21 54,000 of which require ambulance transportation to San Francisco hospitals. Of the 1,510 San
22 Francisco Fire Department personnel, 719 are dual-trained as EMTs. Fire department
23 emergency medical personnel are dispatched when a call involves a potentially life-threatening
24 situation.

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