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Small Cities with Police Depts and also Those Who Contract Out for Services With the Local Sheriff's Dept

I created a list of small cities for comparables using a data website, and then reviewed the cities to see what they had for a PD. I then used sheriffs.org, and wikipedia to develop a list of well known cities that contract for services with the Sheriff's dept. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_contract_law_enforcement_municipalities_in_the_United_States#Contra_Costa_County_Sheriff.27s_Department

I was quite surprised to find that many are contracting with the local sheriff's department www.sheriffs.org. 30% of small towns in CA contract with the sheriff's department, the majority are in SoCAL, 40 of the 88 LA Cty cities contract with LA County Sheriffs dept., and is a model for others in the U.S.

Those who contract out with their local Sheriff from my sampling in our area are:

Dublin, Lafayette, Danville, Orinda,
Half Moon Bay, Millbrae, San Carlos, Portola Valley, Woodside
Kentfield
Saratoga, Cupertino, Los Altos Hills

Small Cities & Towns: a shrinking minority that have their own police force are:

*Moraga, incorporated, (reasonable PD benefits, managing funds), town mgr, cop

Brisbane (incorporated), funding/ strong economy derived from office parks/work population doubles during day, large police force, town mgr, cop

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Broadmoor (major problems in mgmt), gmcop combined with police commissioner

Atherton (high income), city mgr, city atty, cop

Central Marin Authority (Larkspur, Corte Madera, San Anselmo & parts of Greenbrae for police services)

*Fairfax (budget issues), reining in costs of pd, all salaries,.... town mgr, cop

*Tiburon (high income, managing funds), town mgr, cop

Colma, less than 2000 pop., but has excessive funds, (card room, shopping centers, dealerships) have city manager and COP. LAFCO suggests they merge with neighboring towns.

*Some of these Jim Watt is using in his salary benefits comparison and ans has selected by size and demographics.

** Half Moon Bay, Millbrae and San Carlos have recently contracted out in the past 4-8 years, as I recall , with the sheriffs department due to financial issues.