- **Emergency Preparedness**

Throughout the next two years staff will focus on enhanced training for emergency preparedness. The revised SEMS Emergency Preparedness Plan has been completed in draft form and will be brought to the City Council in the next several months for review and approval. In addition, the Police Department staff will coordinate training exercises for emergency operations personnel.

- **Library Technology Enhancement Grant**

The fiscal year 2003-2004 budget will be the last year that the Library Technology Enhancement Grant will be available. The $1.3 million grant was awarded to the City in December 2000 to promote lifelong learning and community involvement by increasing the access to information, enhancing literacy, and increasing computer competency. Through this grant the City has been able to implement a Library Automation System, redesign the Library's website, design the City's website, and streamline citizen access to information, and establish a modular computer lab. There is a reduction in the Library's budget in the second year of this two year budget because of the end of the grant.

- **Police – Traffic Safety**

During this two year budget, the Police Department will continue to ensure that Sierra Madre is a safe community to live and work in. Enhanced officer training will continue. In addition, the Department will focus on ensuring traffic safety by conducting a variety of traffic enforcement and education programs.

- **Fire – Training/Equipment**

A continued goal of the Fire Department in this budget is to enhance the skills of the members of the department through enhanced training programs.

Also, included in the goals of the Fire Department is the replacement of the 1978 American La France Arial Ladder Truck. The estimated cost to purchase a new truck is $495,000. The City does not have the funds available to purchase or lease this vehicle at this time. Staff is actively seeking grant opportunities to purchase this piece of equipment.

- **Web Site Enhancements**

The City of Sierra Madre web site is scheduled to be on line July 1, 2003. Throughout the next two years we will continue to make improvements to this web site, such as obtaining permits, paying water bills, and registering for classes on line.