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LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

August 8, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ACCEPTANCE OF A 2006 MOBILE COMMAND POST DONATED TO THE CRESCENTA VALLEY SHERIFF'S STATION (FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and instruct the Mayor to accept the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Support Group's donation of a mobile command post, valued at $34,007, for the purpose of improving the coordination and response to emergency operations at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (Department) Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station.

2. Approve the County to indemnify and defend the agency from all liability arising out of the County's use of the vehicle, other than liability resulting from defects or malfunctions related to acts or omissions by the manufacturer.

3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to send a letter of appreciation to the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Support Group, P.O. Box 12458, La Crescenta, California 91214, for the generous donation.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The mobile command post will enhance the ability of Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station personnel to coordinate their response to emergencies by providing a mobile command center. The mobile command center can be moved to critical incidents where oversight and management of the incident can be overseen. The mobile command center will additionally support communications and technology to local station operations.

The Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station serves the City of La Canada Flintridge and the unincorporated areas of Altadena, Crescenta Valley, Lake View Terrace, and 386,000 acres of the Angeles National Forest. This area has an extremely high fire danger and the need for a mobile command post in the outlying Angeles National Forest exists to support law enforcement operations. Additionally, should there be a need to evacuate Crescenta Valley Station, the mobile command post would be available to serve as a temporary sub-station.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Acceptance of this donation supports the County's Strategic Plan Goals 1 and 2, Service and Workforce Excellence, by enhancing the effectiveness, quality and productivity of responses to critical incidents by Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station personnel.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Acceptance of this donation will have a positive impact to the County as it will save the County the costs to purchase a mobile command post for the Department. No other costs will occur other than routine maintenance and repairs.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

State law authorizes the acceptance of gifts for specific County purposes in Government Code Section 25355.

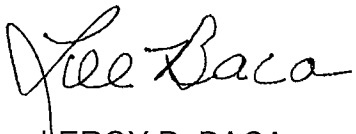
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current Sheriff's services.

CONCLUSION

Upon the Board's approval, please provide two (2) individually certified copies of the Board-adopted letter to the Department's Communications and Fleet Management Bureau.

Sincerely,



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