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September 4, 2007

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

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING AGENT TO PURCHASE A FIXED ASSET ITEM, MOBILE COMMAND POST, IN EXCESS OF $250,000 (All DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Authorize the County's purchasing agent to proceed with solicitation and purchase of a fixed asset item (mobile command post) in excess of $250,000.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

On July 30, 2002, your Board authorized the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) to accept a grant from the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), in the sum of $1,000,000 for the COPS 2002 Technology Grant Program.

The COPS Technology grant funding was originally allocated for determining what type of interoperable communications system was needed for the County of Los Angeles. Later it was determined that an interoperability study was not necessary and COPS authorized the Department to reallocate grant funds to purchase equipment to develop an interoperable communications system. With respect to recent global, national man-made and natural disasters, it is imperative to the County of Los Angeles, and to surrounding counties, that an interoperable communications system be fully developed to place local public safety agencies at the forefront of innovative technological developments.

With this funding, the Department's Communications and Fleet Management Bureau intends to purchase two mobile command posts (called Station A and Station B). The estimated costs for Station A and Station B are $180,000 and $592,000, respectively. The total costs to purchase Stations A and B, including other related equipment, is estimated at $784,000. Since the estimated cost of Station B exceeds $250,000, the Department is requesting Board approval for this purchase.

Station B, an interoperability communications trailer, will be a self-sustaining workplace, equipped with cellular and satellite communications capable for information sharing and tracking. This single trailer will have dispatching capabilities for two dispatchers and will be independent, connective, flexible, and adaptable for a variety of missions. Station A is a 16-foot box communications unit that sits on top of a four-wheel drive truck that will house new interoperability communication and satellite equipment. Station A can augment Station B by connecting via a communications umbilical cord. The purchase of these mobile command posts will enhance the emergency management capabilities of the Department, public safety first responders, and the County's Emergency Operations Center.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Purchasing these mobile command posts, with the COPS 2002 Technology Grant Program funds, supports the County of Los Angeles' Strategic Plan. The Department will be able to realize the achievement of Goal 8, Public Safety. This purchase will increase the operational effectiveness and efficiency of the Department, as it relates to emergency preparedness and management.

## FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The source of funding to purchase the two mobile command posts is from the COPS 2002 Technology Grant award in the sum of $1,000,000, specifically designated for this purchase.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On July 30, 2002, your Board authorized the Department to accept grant funding from the USDOJ, COPS. Appropriation is available in the 2007-08 operating budget.

This Board letter has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

## CONTRACTING PROCESS

The Department will select a vender according to required County procurement policy and procedures.

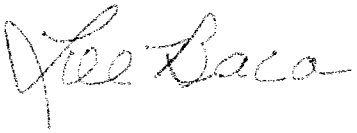
## IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

The purchase of these two mobile command posts will have a positive impact on current services. It will satisfy the need for modern facilities and state-of-the-art technical hardware to respond to incidences including, but not limited to, suicide bombings, releases of biological/chemical agents, active shooter-incidents, earthquakes, and fires.

## CONCLUSION

Upon the Board's action, the Sheriff's Department needs to obtain four (4) individually certified copies of the Board adopted letter. The Department's contact for the requested Board action is Deryl Trotter, Grants Analyst, at (323) 526-5153.

Sincerely,



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