



LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

County of Los Angeles  
Sheriff's Department Headquarters  
4700 Ramona Boulevard  
Monterey Park, California 91754-2169



November 10, 2009

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

18 NOVEMBER 24, 2009

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

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A  
MOBILE EMERGENCY COMMAND POST VEHICLE  
FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request Board approval for the purchase of a Mobile Command Post (MCP) emergency vehicle by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) for use by the Department's Operation Safe Streets Bureau (OSS).

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Approve the Department's request and authorize the purchasing agent to proceed with the solicitation and acquisition of an MCP vehicle. The MCP vehicle, and all of the electronic communications equipment contained therein, totals approximately \$274,000. This purchase request exceeds the \$250,000 fixed asset threshold established by your Board, and requires your approval to move forward with the solicitation and acquisition process.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Department is planning the purchase of a walk in style truck to be used as an emergency MCP for OSS gang enforcement teams. The purpose of this vehicle is to facilitate nightly deployment of gang enforcement personnel in targeted areas. It will serve as a mobile incident command center for the gang enforcement incident

*A Tradition of Service*

commander, and will also be staffed by a crime analyst, who is a critical component for retrieving vital database information during operational hours. This vehicle has the ability to assist all Sheriff's stations within Los Angeles County (County), and can respond to critical incidents that frequently occur.

#### Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The purchase of this vehicle embraces the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 5, Public Safety, by increasing the gang enforcement teams' ability and efficiency to effectively deploy in areas within the County with a maximum effect. The vehicle's high visibility, and its placement during nightly deployments, emphasizes the County's values of customer orientation, leadership, and professionalism.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The estimated cost for the emergency MCP vehicle is \$273,925. Funding for this purchase will come from the Department's Asset Forfeiture Fund.

#### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On October 16, 2001, your Board adopted a policy whereby Departments will obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater, prior to submitting their requisitions to the purchasing agent.

#### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the purchasing agent. The purchase will be requisitioned through, and accomplished by, the purchasing agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures, established by the County's Internal Services Department.

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**


The purchase of this emergency MCP vehicle will enhance the Department's ability to immediately deploy and combat gang-related violence. The use of this vehicle will enable Department personnel to use a host of resources that are vital to the mission to eradicate those gangs endangering our communities.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
November 10, 2009  
Page 3

**CONCLUSION**

Upon Board approval, please return two individually certified copies of the adopted letter to the Department's Field Operations Region II.

Sincerely,



LEROY D. BACA  
SHERIFF