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


PATRICK O'GAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPT DONATION OF TWO 2014 YAMAHA GRIZZLY
ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES FROM THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Los Angeles County (County) Sheriff's Department (Department) is seeking the Board's approval to accept the donation of two 2014 Yamaha Grizzly all-terrain vehicles (ATV Quads), Vehicle Identification Numbers 5Y4AM53Y6EA100698 and 5Y4AM53Y5EA100840, from the City of Santa Clarita (City).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Approve and authorize the Sheriff, as an agent for the County, to accept the donation of the ATV Quads, from the City, valued at \$19,312.62.
2. Upon Board approval, instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to send a letter of appreciation to City Manager Kenneth W. Striplin, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Suite 300, Santa Clarita, California, 91355.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The donated ATV Quads will be utilized for the Department's Santa Clarita Valley Station's Off-Road Enforcement Team (Team).

The Team currently consists of two sergeants and ten deputies. Each Team member has completed the extensive 80-hour Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) required instructional course in off-road enforcement, and must re-certify quarterly with the Department's Training Division.

Annually, the Team contacts thousands of Off-Road Vehicle (OHV) enthusiasts, while patrolling over 133,000 acres of rural lands within the Department's North County jurisdiction. Approximately 1,450 contacts were made this year alone, resulting in the issuance of over 600 warnings for various violations and over 200 citations for illegal OHV activity, including equipment/registration violations.

The current operations are done by off-road motorcycles and single-man ATV Quads. The donated ATV Quads will allow additional personnel to be deployed during each operation, allowing for a wider coverage area per deployment. Recently, the Team has been tasked with conducting operations in the Santa Clara Riverbed. These operations have focused on the increasing number of homeless encampments. As part of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) protocol, the homeless shall be contacted by members from LAHSA prior to any relocation. This is done with the assistance of law enforcement who transports LAHSA members to the encampment sites.

Due to the rugged terrain, these areas are only accessible by single-man four wheel drive ATV quads and/or a two- or four-man four wheel drive ATV Quads. The additional ATV Quads will allow personnel to accomplish this task and broaden the Team's overall ability to perform normal off-road operations.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Acceptance of this donation supports the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability; and Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery. The donated ATV Quads will provide an additional tool to support the Department's off-road enforcement, while also promoting safety to the residents of Santa Clarita.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no additional cost associated with this donation, other than routine maintenance and fuel costs, which will be paid for from the Department's Operating Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

California Government Code Section 25355 permits the County to accept donations or other gifts for public purpose. Donations in excess of \$10,000 must be placed on the Board agenda for the Board's consideration and acceptance.

This Board letter has been reviewed by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of this request will help ensure continued safe and quality law enforcement services to the residents of Santa Clarita. There will be no negative impact on current Department services or projects as a result of this donation.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return one copy of the adopted Board letter to the Department's North Patrol Division.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim McDonnell". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a cursive "McDonnell".

JIM McDONNELL
Sheriff

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