



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Sheriff
Department No.:
For Agenda Of: July 10, 2012
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 30 Minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: No Vote Required

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Sheriff Bill Brown, 681-4100
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SUBJECT: County Air Support Unit Implementation Status

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

Receive a presentation from the Sheriff's Office and the Fire Department describing the implementation status of the County Air Support Unit.

Summary Text:

Since the Ad Hoc Committee report in February, Fire and Sheriff have been planning for, and taking steps towards, implementation of a County Air Support Unit as directed by the Board. These steps include finalizing the Memorandum of Understanding, asset deployment, personnel scheduling, development of an operations manual, creating a management structure, and identifying training and qualification requirements.

Background:

The Board Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Public Safety Aviation was formed by Board action on June 7, 2011. The subcommittee conducted a series of fact finding sessions to assess the County's aviation programs including the operations and assets. A final report was provided to the full Board of Supervisors on February 7, 2012. This final report provided a summary of the history and development of the public safety aviation program, best practice methods from the existing County programs and other jurisdictions, and finally recommendations for improving the effectiveness of the program in Santa Barbara County. The Board of Supervisors took action on the Final Report that included a request for an implementation status report.

Initial implementation and overall Sheriff management of the County Air Support Unit occurred on July 1, 2012. A number of transitional goals have been accomplished while others are still in progress and close to being achieved. An update to these goals is detailed in the attached presentation as follows:

- Personnel Status
- Air Asset Status
- Administrative Status
- Challenges
- Accomplishments

Although the joint program transition is still in progress, the County Air Support Unit is fully operational and able to deliver quality law enforcement and fire protection services to the community.

Special Instructions:

N/A

Attachments:

County Air Support Unit Powerpoint Presentation

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