



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Sheriff's Office
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: February 7th, 2012
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5ths

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Bill Brown, Sheriff
Director
Contact Info: Douglas A. Martin, Chief Financial Officer, extension 4293
SUBJECT: Accept \$1,187,482 in Equipment Donations Installed on Sheriff's Office Copter 3

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approve the acceptance of \$1,187,482 in equipment from Project Rescue Flight, a 501(c)3 non profit organization, to complete the build and make operational a rescue capable helicopter, which is anticipated to go into service March 15, 2012.
- 2) Approve Budget Revision Request #002014 recognizing the donation and capital asset.

Summary Text:

The Sheriff's Department obtained Board of Supervisor's approval to begin the process of refurbishing a UH-1H helicopter in 1996. Donations from the Sheriff's Council initiated the project but additional equipment was needed to complete the project. Project Rescue Flight, a 501(c)3 non profit organization, funded the remainder of the work required for Copter 3 in the amount of \$1,187,482. All funding to refurbish this helicopter were contributed by donors from the Sheriff's Council and Project Rescue Flight.

Background:

The Sheriff's Department sought and obtained a used, non operational UH-1H aircraft body from the Jefferson County, Colorado, Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Department obtained the aircraft for the cost of shipping and personnel costs to move the aircraft to Santa Barbara County. The Sheriff's Council began fund raising efforts to build up and refurbish the aircraft to be used as a rescue helicopter. In October, 2006, the Sheriff's Council at a Board of Supervisor's meeting

turned over \$950,000 in charitable donations to the Sheriff's Department for the purpose of completing the UH-1H aircraft. The Board also approved a contract extension in September, 2010 for the builder, Pac West Helicopters to complete the remaining restoration. Using the additional funds contributed by Project Rescue Flight, the project is now complete and the helicopter is scheduled to go on-line on March 15, 2012.

The creation of this helicopter will allow a broad spectrum of aviation services not subject to the constraints of the Federal Equipment Procurement Program (FEPP) regulations and restrictions. The aircraft will provide substantial rescue capabilities to include lift performance, hoisting and lowering ability, transportation of victims, and/or law enforcement/fire personnel and water dropping ability at higher altitudes during hotter weather.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: None

Budgeted: **Yes**

Fiscal Analysis:

Budget Revision Request #002014 recognizes the donation as a source of funds to offset the entry of the equipment as a capital asset. The operation of the helicopter is included in the Sheriff's Office budget, Program 1424.

Special Instructions:

Please return two copies of the minute order to the Sheriff's Office, attention Douglas Martin

Attachments:

Budget Revision Request # 002014

Authored by:

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cc: