

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 10/7/03  
**Department Name:** FIRE  
**Department No.:** 031  
**Agenda Date:** 10/28/03  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:** 5  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** John M. Scherrei  
Fire Chief

**STAFF** Bruce Carter, Manager, Fire/OES, 681-5559  
**CONTACT:** Joe Guzzardi, Planner, Fire/OES, 681-5556

**SUBJECT:** Request for Waiver of Competition in Purchase of Upgrades to Bomb Squad Robot

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**Recommendation:**

That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Purchasing Manager to procure upgrades to the Remotec Robot in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 under the terms and conditions of the Fiscal Year 2002 State Domestic Preparedness Program Grant Award without being required to conduct a formal bid process.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

Pursuant to County Code Section 2-39, we are requesting your Board to waive the requirement for a competitive bid for the purchase of specialized upgrades to the existing Remotec Bomb Squad Robot. The upgrades include a Chemical Detector Mount Assembly, Surveillance Camera Assembly, Wrist Pitch Upgrade, and Battery Upgrade. The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department originally acquired the robot from Remotec, Inc. Due to the proprietary nature of the robot, Remotec, Inc. is the only vendor able to meet the specifications desired for providing the desired upgrades. Attached is a copy of the Board letter authorizing the Fiscal Year 2002 State Domestic Preparedness funding.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

The purchase of these bomb robot upgrades will enhance the emergency response capabilities of Santa Barbara County and mutual aid agencies to respond to terrorism incidents.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Funding for these robot upgrades would be from the Fiscal Year 2002 State Domestic Preparedness Program Grant. A budget revision has been created to cover this \$35,000 purchase price.

**Special Instructions:**

Certified Copy of Minute Order to:

Rose Pueschel, Santa Barbara County Fire  
John McMillin, Purchasing Agent  
Office of Emergency Services

**Concurrence:** County Administrator, County Counsel, Purchasing Agent