

Council Meeting  
November 6, 2007

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the City Council  
City Hall  
Torrance, California

### **Members of the City Council**

**SUBJECT: Police and General Services - Appropriate and allocate asset forfeiture funds and approve the purchase of specialized command post and utility equipment for Police vehicles. Expenditure: \$143,896.22**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Police Chief and General Services Director recommend that City Council:

1. Appropriate and allocate \$143,896.22 from the State Unappropriated Asset Forfeiture account for the purchase of specialized command post and utility equipment for Police vehicles; and
2. Approve the issuance of a sole-source purchase order to 911 Vehicle of Anaheim, California, to outfit three field command post vehicles and two Crime Scene Investigations vehicles.

### **FUNDING**

Funding is available in the State Unappropriated Asset Forfeiture Account.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Police Department recently purchased Chevrolet Tahoes to replace three field sergeants' units and two Crime Scene Investigations (CSI) units that reached the end of their service life. The new vehicles now need to be outfitted with specialized command post and utility equipment.

### **ANALYSIS**

In anticipation of replacing the current field sergeant and CSI units with Chevrolet Tahoes, the Department put together a users group comprised of Patrol Sergeants and CSI officers to identify equipment needs. To that end, the users group conducted needs assessments as well as site visits of various police agencies that currently employ sport utility type vehicles such as the Tahoe. The users group

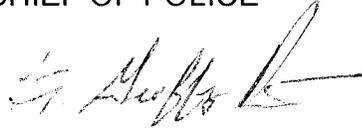
identified the vehicle from Santa Ana Police Department, outfitted by 911 Vehicles, as suiting the Department's needs. Issuance of a sole-source purchase order is appropriate for this project. In this instance it would be impossible to advertise for bids due to the proprietary design and construction of the power management system provided by 911 Vehicle. This system manages the power requirements of all the electrical components of the vehicle, including Police radios, computers, and lightbars. This power management system cannot be obtained from any other source.

Municipal Code § 22.3.17 - Exceptions; Sole-Source Purchases states in part:

*"Sole-source purchases shall mean those purchases where it would be undesirable or impossible for the City to advertise for bids for particular work or for patented items, or experimental or unique services or products, or where competitive purchases would be unavailable or would not prove advantageous for the City."*

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. NEU  
CHIEF OF POLICE



By Lt. Geoffrey Rizzo  
Services Division Commander

CONCUR:



John J. Neu  
Chief of Police



Sheryl Ballew  
General Services Director



LeRoy J. Jackson  
City Manager