

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

Members of the City Council

SUBJECT: Police – Accept and appropriate donated funds to purchase a cargo trailer for the Disaster Service Volunteer (DSV) programs.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council accept and appropriate, \$7,100.00 of donated funds to purchase a cargo trailer for the Disaster Service Volunteer (DSV) programs.

FUNDING

Funding is available through money donated by the Easton Family Foundation to the Torrance Police Department for the purpose of purchasing a cargo trailer for the DSV programs.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS

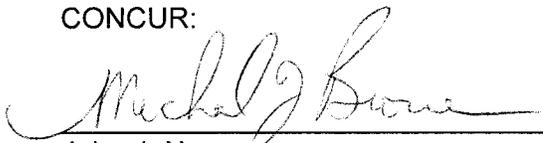
The Police Department oversees three DSV programs: the Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT), Torrance Amateur Radio Association (TARA), and Animal Disaster Team (ADT). Program participants are volunteers who are trained for emergency response and able to assist public safety by caring for our citizens and community during a disaster or other determined time of need. Each program needs specialized equipment to fulfill their disaster response role. A cargo trailer is needed to store the equipment in a manner that enables its rapid deployment when needed. The Torrance Police Department's Emergency Services Division researched trailers and identified a tandem axle, 8 1/2 foot by 16 foot HiWay model Carson Trailer as ideal for the need. The purchase of this trailer was only sought after a current CERT member offered and supplied adequate funding to cover the entire initial purchase. Allowing for contingencies, Staff recommends that a project fund of \$7,100 be established to purchase the recommended trailer.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief of Police


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