

COUNCIL MEETING
June 27, 2006

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Recommendation to appropriate and allocate \$25,000 from the SWAT Donation account to be used to upgrade the SWAT equipment truck.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council appropriate and allocate \$25,000 from the SWAT Donation account to be used to upgrade the SWAT equipment truck (Vehicle #8623).

FUNDING

SWAT Donation account.

BACKGROUND

Vehicle #8623, a Ford F450, was previously used as the tow vehicle for the City's Mobile Command Vehicle. Upon the purchase of a new tow vehicle, Vehicle #8623 was reassigned to be used by SWAT as an equipment vehicle. Modifications are needed to prepare this vehicle to carry SWAT equipment, including installation of a utility bed and painting the vehicle. This truck is a support vehicle to transport SWAT equipment. It offers no ballistic protection and it is not intended for use under fire.

Staff is currently researching armored vehicles that offer ballistic protection for transporting SWAT personnel; such vehicles generally have little or no equipment storage capacity. The Police Department will bring an agenda Item forward containing recommendations when the research is complete. The subject equipment truck will support the ballistic vehicle in deploying SWAT officers and their gear quickly and safely.

ANALYSIS

The Torrance Police Department's SWAT Team is called upon during high risk incidents and for the service of high risk arrest and/or search warrants. Subjects are often armed and the locations are often fortified. To safely and successfully accomplish

the SWAT Team's mission, a variety of tools are needed including mirrors, picks, rams and ladders. The proposed modifications to Vehicle #8623 will assist the SWAT Team with keeping these tools stored securely in one vehicle for rapid deployment to field situations.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief of Police



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CONCUR:



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City Manager