

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

DEPT: District Attorney

BOARD AGENDA #: *B-1

AGENDA DATE: February 7, 2017

SUBJECT:

Approval to Accept the Donation of a Specialized Vehicle from the US Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives for Use by the District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Investigation

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2017-51

On motion of Supervisor Withrow, Seconded by Supervisor Olsen
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Olsen, Withrow, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Chiesa

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: 
ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

File No.

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AGENDA ITEM**

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Urgent Routine

[Signature]

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CEO

CONCURRENCE: *pht*

4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

SUBJECT:

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Accept the donation of a specialized vehicle from the US Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) for use by the District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Investigation.
2. Authorize the District Attorney to transfer title and accept the donation from ATF.
3. Direct the District Attorney's Office to notify the County Auditor/Controller, the designated County officer authorized to receive donations on behalf of the County, of the acceptance and value of the donated vehicle.

DISCUSSION:

The US Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) is the federal law enforcement agency responsible for the investigation of arson and explosive related crimes. ATF has special agents called Certified Fire Investigators (CFI) who determine the origin and cause of fires and Explosives Enforcement Officers (EEO) who deal with the safe handling and disposal of explosive material. These employees are issued specially equipped vehicles that suit their unique needs and can store the specialized equipment and tools required to perform their missions.

ATF has offered to donate a surplus EEO truck that was recently removed from service due to a minor mechanical issue. The vehicle was close to the end of its expected average service life and the repair estimate received to replace a fuel pump (\$5,800) was more than ATF was willing to spend, so they offered to donate the vehicle to the District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation.

The vehicle is a 2008 Ford F350 4x4 crew cab diesel pickup with 108,000 miles. The truck has a specialized shell and drawer system in the bed that allows for the storage of the specialized tools necessary to perform the functions of a fire and explosives investigator. The truck is also fully equipped with the necessary emergency lighting and siren equipment. It is the intention of

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the District Attorney's Office to make the truck available to the investigators assigned to the Regional Fire Investigation Unit (FIU) as needed.

POLICY ISSUE:

Government Code 25355 states that the Board may accept or reject any gift made to the County. Additionally, Board Action item number 2003-1024 identifies the Auditor/Controller as the County officer authorized to receive a gift of any amount on behalf of the County and stipulates that the Auditor/Controller will report to the Board quarterly the source and value of each gift valued at more than \$10,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Stanislaus County Fleet Manager has researched the value of the truck and estimated its worth at approximately \$20,000 with the specialized equipment. Additionally, a quote of \$3,600 has been received to repair the fuel pump. The acceptance of the donated vehicle is cost beneficial to the Department as a similarly equipped vehicle would cost more than \$50,000 if purchased new.

The District Attorney's Office has sufficient funds in the existing fleet repair budget to absorb the cost to replace the fuel pump. No additional funding is requested.

Cost of recommended action:	\$	3,600
Source(s) of Funding:		
Existing Department Funds		3,600
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Funding Total:	\$	3,600
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Net Cost to County General Fund	\$	-
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Fiscal Year:	2016-2017
Budget Adjustment/Appropriations needed:	No

Fund Balance as of N/A

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

Approval of this item supports the Board's priorities of Effective Partnerships and the Efficient Delivery of Public Services by partnering with ATF to provide the necessary tools to perform the functions of a fire and explosive investigation.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Existing staff from the District Attorney's Office will provide the support needed to ensure the efficient use of the donated vehicle.

CONTACT PERSON:

Lieutenant David Hutchinson, 209-525-6916

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ATTACHMENT(S):

None