

# Agenda Report

**To:** City Council

**Date:** January 24, 2000

**From:** City Manager

**Re:** ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS APPROPRIATION FOR MOBILE SUB-STATION/COMMAND POST.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council approve a journal voucher appropriating \$200,000 from the Asset Forfeiture fund balance to account 8505 201 403130, Asset Forfeiture account, for the purpose of purchasing a Mobile Sub-Station.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Police Department, in an effort to enhance Community Service Policing and critical incident response, has researched the purchase and future deployment of a Mobile Sub-Station.

The vehicle to be purchased will be built to specifications supplied by police department personnel working on this project. Several vendors have been identified as possible suppliers of this vehicle. While the precise amount of this vehicle is still undetermined, police department staff members have established that the purchase will **not exceed** \$200,000.

This vehicle will combine office space for police officers and a small meeting area for police and community members. A galley and bathroom within this Mobile Sub-Station will allow police department personnel to expand the time they spend in the field.

As a sub-station, this vehicle will be deployed in neighborhoods, providing the police department increased interaction with citizens, and greater ability to solve long term criminal problems. The sub-station's deployment will be assigned to

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specific areas of the city that are experiencing problems that may require greater law enforcement attention. At this time, it is projected that the sub-station will be deployed from 1-14 days at a time. However, the sub-station is “mobile” and may be re-deployed to new areas of the city as the need arises.

The Police Department is in the process of establishing a Neighborhood Action Team (NAT) to further address the neighborhood problems that our citizens experience. The NAT will be charged with the upkeep and deployment of the sub-station. It is theorized that calls for service that come within a prescribed vicinity of the deployed Mobile Sub-Station, from citizens to our police department, will be directly routed to the NAT within the Mobile Sub-Station. NAT officers will then be responsible for responding to the area of the call.

This vehicle will also serve as a Mobile Command Post. In this role the vehicle may be deployed to organize police responses to critical incidents. Examples of such occurrences may include earthquakes, fires, hostage negotiations, civil unrest, Rose Parade Operations, etc. The Mobile Command Post would be able to facilitate a working and meeting area for police personnel and other city departments.

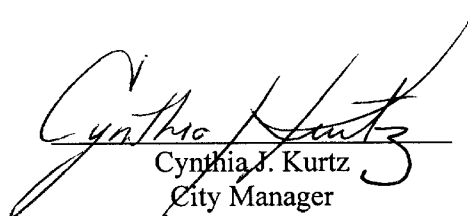
The purchase of this vehicle will increase the police department’s effectiveness while interacting with the community, and provide a much-needed tactical command post to be used for the varying incidents that occur within the City of Pasadena.

Maintenance costs for this vehicle have not been determined. However, any maintenance or replacement of this Mobile Sub-Station would utilize the Asset Forfeiture fund.

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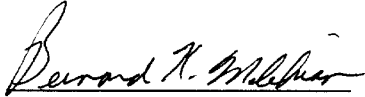
Approval of this recommendation will increase the Fiscal Year 2000 operating budget by \$200,000. An expenditure of this amount would leave a balance of approximately \$665,000 in the Asset Forfeiture fund.

Respectfully Submitted,

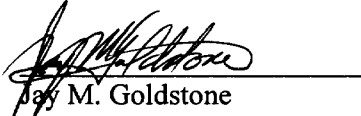
  
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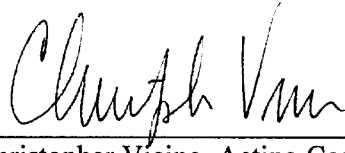


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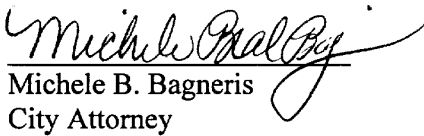


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