

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Sheriff - Coroner	(2) MEETING DATE 9/24/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Ian Parkinson 781-4540	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve the use of Citizen's Options for Public Safety (COPS) Program funds, approve a corresponding budget adjustment of \$82,000 in Fund Center (FC) 136 - Sheriff-Coroner and amend the fixed asset list to purchase two (2) replacement vehicles for the Rural Crime Unit.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that your Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the use of COPS funding to purchase two (2) replacement vehicles for the Rural Crime Unit; 2. Approve a corresponding budget adjustment in the amount of \$82,000 in FC 136 – Sheriff-Coroner. A four fifths (4/5ths) vote of the Board is required; 3. Amend the fixed asset list for the purchase of two (2) replacement vehicles for the Rural Crime Unit. 			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) SLESF Trust Fund Account	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$82,000.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? No
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ___) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ___)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: 1314024 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: <u>4-2-13</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Geoff O'Quest, Administrative Analyst			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sheriff - Coroner / Ian Parkinson
781-4540

DATE: 9/24/2013

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Approve the use of COPS funding to purchase two (2) replacement vehicles for the Rural Crime Unit;
2. Approve a corresponding budget adjustment in the amount of \$82,000 in FC 136 – Sheriff-Coroner. A four fifths (4/5ths) vote of the Board is required;
3. Amend the fixed asset list for the purchase of two (2) replacement vehicles for the Rural Crime Unit.

DISCUSSION

The Sheriff, District Attorney, and Agriculture Commissioner have made agricultural crime a priority. Agriculture remains one of the largest industries in San Luis Obispo County. In 1996 the Central Valley Crime Prevention Program was started. The need for a similar program on the Central Coast resulted in a grant of \$800,000 for the Central Coast Rural Crime Prevention Program starting in FY 2006-07. Currently the Sheriff's Office has three rural Deputies and one rural crime prevention specialist. The mission of the Rural Crime Unit (RCU) is to enforce laws and provide investigative services for theft and property damage related to the agricultural and rural communities. To accomplish this goal, not only has this unit investigated 398 cases in 2012, but the RCU has proactively reached out to these communities through consistent contact via attendance at monthly meetings of SLO County Farm Bureau, Cattlewomen, Cattlemen, Farm Bureau Women, and Young Farmers and Ranchers groups. Because rural crime trends are always evolving, frequent contact is essential in order to keep the rural community apprised of crime trends, as well as hearing directly from them about what is going on in their specific area.

Over this past year, the RCU has had numerous opportunities to share valuable information regarding the ranchers, farmers, and rural community at various public events and displays. Brochures and other rural related literature was distributed, as well as children's "Official Farm Safety Manual" coloring books and sheets displaying the various products we use every day that are derived from cattle.

In an effort to network with other agencies and to keep informed of current rural crime issues, one or more representatives from the RCU attends trainings/meetings on a regular basis with the California Rural Crime Prevention Task Force (C.R.C.P.T.F.) and the Central Coast Rural Crime Prevention Task Force (C.C.R.C.P.T.F.). The Sheriff's office regularly hosts the C.C.R.C.P.T.F. February meeting, thus allowing even more of our Sheriff's Office personnel to attend and raise their rural crime awareness expertise.

This unit was formed with a grant and all of the initial vehicles were purchased with this grant. These vehicles were

not depreciated for replacement. The three marked patrol vehicles used by the three rural deputies are four wheel drive SUV's. Two of these vehicles are in need of replacement. Those vehicles are: a 2005 Ford Expedition (Unit #1677), which has approximately 126,000 miles and the second is a 2002 Ford Explorer (Unit #575), which has 91,000 miles. In addition, the 2002 Ford Explorer is in need of approximately \$7,000 in repairs. It is recommended that these vehicles be replaced with full size crew cab pickup trucks.

These replacement vehicles will be purchased with funds from the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) Front Line Law Enforcement trust, also known as the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) program.

Based on the guidelines for permissible use of COPS funding, the following items will be purchased with SLESF Trust Funds:

1. \$82,000 for replacement trucks for Rural Deputies – Replacement of two current marked patrol SUV's used by Rural Deputies, with two marked extended cab Ford F-250 4x4 pickup trucks. Cost includes all emergency equipment.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

General Services Agency- Fleet Services was consulted for price quotes.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The two replacement vehicles will be purchased with Front Line Law Enforcement funds totaling \$82,000 from the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) trust, also known as the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) program. This purchase will have no impact to the General Fund. The trust fund beginning balance of \$153,403 plus estimated current year revenue reflect an available balance of \$303,403 in the current year. Of which \$142,630 has been budgeted to cover one (1) FTE Deputy Sheriff. This one time funding in the amount of \$82,000 will not have an impact on future year funding of this position.

RESULTS

Approval of this request will allow the Sheriff's Office to replace the two rural deputy patrol vehicles that have exceeded their useful life, so that the Sheriff's Office can continue to achieve the goals of this program, to ensure and maintain rural crime enforcement within the County.

This meets the County's Community-wide Results for a **Safe Community**: "The County will strive to create a community where all people-adults and children alike-have a sense of security and well being, crime is controlled, fire and rescue response is timely, and roads are safe."