

CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Authorize the Purchase of a Mobile Command Platform for the Police and Fire Departments Using Grant Funds in the Amount of \$172,235

DATE: November 21, 2001

PREPARED BY: JERRY J. ADAMS, CHIEF OF POLICE

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That City Council authorizes the purchase of a fully equipped Mobile Command Platform for the Lodi Police and Fire Departments from Universal Specialty Vehicles, Inc.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The purpose of a Mobile Command Platform is to provide a strategically located, moveable center from which to operate public safety resources during an emergency or crisis situation. A committee was formed to evaluate products from vendors for this moveable command center. After review, the committee recommends that the fully equipped Mobile Command Platform be purchased from Universal Specialty Vehicles, Inc. in the amount of \$172,235. Command platforms have been purchased from this company by Modesto Police Department, San Francisco P.D., Torrance P.D., Amador County Sheriff's Department and Napa County Sheriff's Department.

The Lodi Fire Department has worked in conjunction with the police department on the anticipated purchase of this emergency Mobile Command Platform. The Fire Department anticipates securing grant funds to purchase a pull vehicle for the command center. The purchase of this Mobile Command Platform would enable the Lodi Police and Fire Departments to have an instantly available, moveable center from which to command emergency, high-risk situations in a safe and efficient manner. The command platform and pull-vehicle will be secured and maintained at a Lodi Fire Station designated by the Fire Chief.

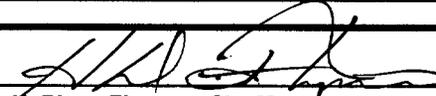
The anticipated purchase of a Mobile Command Platform for the Lodi Police Department was brought before Council on November 15, 2000. Pursuant to Resolution No. 2000-203, Council approved the use of Federal Block Grant funds for the purchase of radio equipment for the proposed mobile command platform. That equipment has been purchased and we are now ready to procure the command platform, additional exterior and interior equipment (refer to attachment), and pull-vehicle.

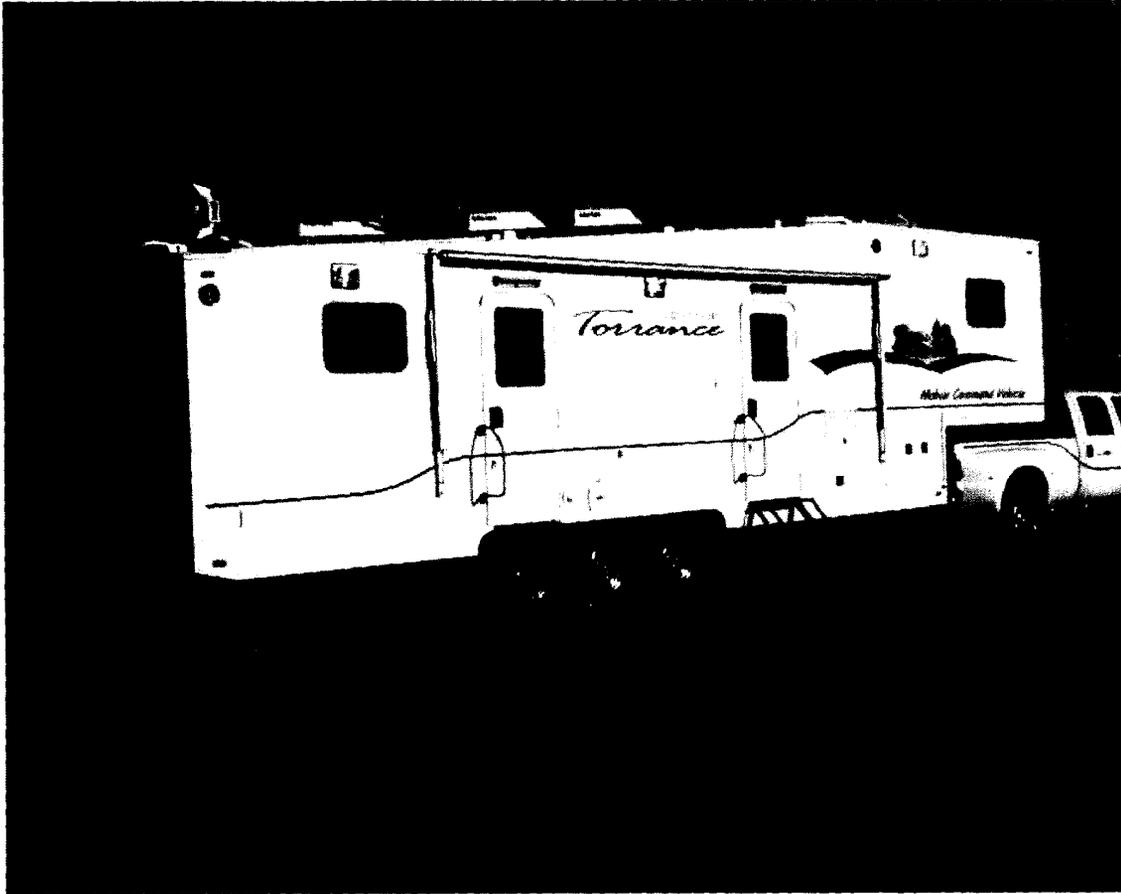
FUNDING: \$172,235 from State COPS Grant Funds

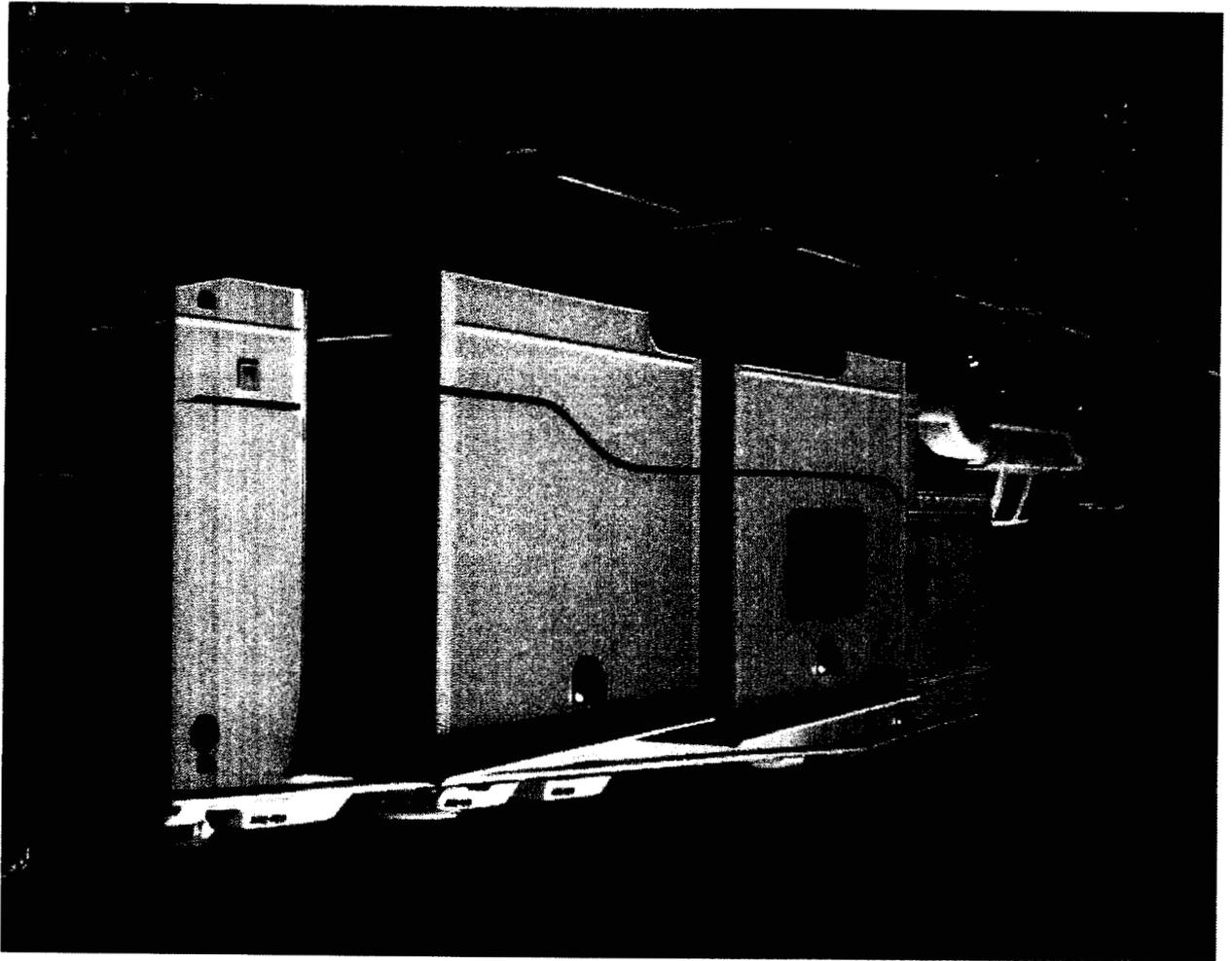

Jerry J. Adams
Chief of Police

cc: City Attorney

APPROVED: _____


H. Dixon Flynn - City Manager





Addendum to Council Communication

Purchase of Mobile Command Platform

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-274

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING
THE PURCHASE OF A MOBILE COMMAND PLATFORM FOR
THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS USING STATE COPS
GRANT FUNDS

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WHEREAS, on November 15, 2000, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2000-203 approving purchase of radio equipment for the proposed Mobile Command Platform, using Federal Block Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, that equipment has been purchased and staff is now ready to procure the command platform, additional exterior and interior equipment, and pull-vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of a Mobile Command Platform is to provide a strategically located, moveable center from which to operate public safety resources during an emergency or crisis situation; and

WHEREAS, a committee was formed to evaluate different products and recommends the fully-equipped Mobile Command Platform from Universal Specialty Vehicles, Inc., in the amount of \$172,235.00; and

WHEREAS, the Lodi Fire Department has worked in conjunction with the Lodi Police Department on the anticipated purchase of the emergency Mobile Command Platform; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department anticipates securing grant funds to purchase a pull vehicle for the command center. The purchase of the Mobile Command Platform would enable the Lodi Police and Fire Departments to have an instantly available, moveable center from which to command emergency, high-risk situations in a safe and efficient manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lodi City Council hereby authorizes the purchase of a Mobile Command Platform for the Police and Fire Departments from Universal Specialty Vehicles, Inc., using state COPS grant funds in the amount of \$172,235.00.

Dated: November 21, 2001

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2001-274 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held November 21, 2001 by the following vote:

- AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Howard, Land, Pennino and Mayor Nakanishi
- NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None
- ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None
- ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk