

CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Accept donation of one vehicle to the Police Department fleet, and authorize an increase in the number of vehicles assigned to the Police Department.

DATE: March 6, 2002

PREPARED BY: JERRY J. ADAMS, CHIEF OF POLICE

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council accept a donation of one vehicle to the Police Department fleet, and authorize an increase in the number of vehicles assigned to this department.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Police Department has been offered a donated 2002 Chevrolet Astro Van which will be fully funded by the Lodi Area Crime Stoppers. The Crime Prevention Unit is in need of an additional vehicle because the number of volunteer staff working on this effort continues to grow. The newly developed "Business Alert Network" will require staff and volunteers to visit local merchants to implement and maintain the program. The new van will be used by the Crime Prevention Officer daily and will be on display at special events, parades, etc. The current vehicle will be added to the Partners' fleet to be used by volunteers assigned to conduct Crime Prevention programs and Neighborhood Watch Meetings. Lodi Area Crime Stoppers recognizes the need of an additional vehicle and has stepped forward to provide the funding. Per the City's Fleet Policies and Procedures, both accepting donated vehicles and adding vehicles to the City's fleet require Council approval.

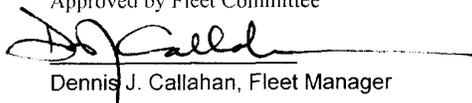
Lodi Crime Stoppers is a non-profit-private corporation, developed in 1984, and provides cash rewards to anonymous citizens supplying information that leads to arrests. Since their inception \$34,500.00 has been paid in rewards. In 2001 Crime Stoppers tips resulted in six arrests and numerous people turned themselves in when seeing their picture in the Crime Stopper's "Most Wanted" section of the local newspaper. Lodi Area Crime Stoppers covers Lodi and all of the unincorporated area in Northern San Joaquin County.

The Police Department acknowledges that, if the donation is accepted, when this vehicle is due for replacement it will again be the Police Department's responsibility to find funding for that replacement, or seek another donated vehicle.

The General Fleet Committee has reviewed this donation, and agrees with the Police Department in its recommendation to the Council.

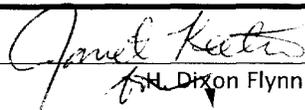
FUNDING: Not Applicable

Approved by Fleet Committee


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