



City of La Quinta

CITY / SA/ HA/ FA MEETING DATE: March 17, 2015

ITEM TITLE: APPROVE TRANSFER OF ONE EMERGENCY SERVICES VEHICLE TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR USE BY THE DEDICATED EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR

AGENDA CATEGORY:

BUSINESS SESSION:

CONSENT CALENDAR: 12

STUDY SESSION:

PUBLIC HEARING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the transfer of the City's 2010 Ford Expedition emergency services vehicle to the Riverside County Fire Department for use by the dedicated Emergency Services Coordinator.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- On September 16, 2014, City Council approved the addition of an Emergency Services Coordinator (ESC) to the agreement with Riverside County Fire Department (RCFD).
- The ESC requires use of an emergency services vehicle for Code 3 (red lights and sirens) responses to emergencies and disaster situations in addition to travel for training, program management, community outreach and public relations.
- Upon approval, RCFD will hold title of the City's vehicle, add the required updates, and assume responsibility and liability for all required insurance, maintenance, repair and future replacement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None. As RCFD would assume ownership and all responsibility of the vehicle, there will be a minimal savings to the City for direct maintenance and insurance costs.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

In June 2014, the City's Building and Safety Manager, who also performed the duties of an ESC, retired. Staff then evaluated the most cost-efficient method to replace the ESC position and, on September 16, 2014, City Council approved an addition of one ESC to the existing agreement with the RCFD.

The City owns a 2010 Ford Expedition; this vehicle was used by the ESC, who used this vehicle to respond to emergency incidents. Now that the RCFD is providing this service, RCFD has requested that the City provide this vehicle for use by the assigned ESC. The vehicle has been depreciated, and its use for other City needs is limited. If RCFD assumes ownership, RCFD will upgrade communications, lighting, and computer interface equipment to meet current standards. RCFD will also assume responsibility for all insurance, maintenance, repair and future replacement.

ALTERNATIVES:

As the ESC requires specialized equipment to respond to unscheduled emergency situations and local travel as a normal function of assigned duties, and since the City does not have the need for this vehicle, staff does not recommend an alternative.

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