



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Consent
July 17, 2007

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Sacramento Area Vehicle Theft Reduction Program

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** authorizing the Chief of Police to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Sacramento and all other participating agencies for participation in the Sacramento Vehicle Theft Reduction Program.

Contact: Eugene Reese, Lieutenant, 808-0552; Bill Montague, Sergeant, 808-0522

Presenter(s): Not applicable

Department: Police

Division: Office of Investigations

Organization No: 2132

Description/Analysis

Issue: Pursuant to Resolution No. 92-031, the City Council authorized the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Vehicle Theft Reduction Program, which primarily funds two (2) Detective positions and ten (10) vehicles in the Police Department's Bait Car Program. The current MOU does not include the newly created law enforcement agencies in the region. As such, the County of Sacramento is executing a new MOU with similar provisions of the 1992 MOU, but it will now include the law enforcement agencies in Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, and Ranch Cordova.

Policy Considerations: Renewal of this MOU ensures the continuation of funding to support the Police Department's efforts to deter, investigate and prosecute vehicle theft crimes within the City of Sacramento.

Environmental Considerations: This activity is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it does not constitute a "project" as defined in section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines, and is otherwise exempt pursuant to Sections 15321(b) (law enforcement activities) and 15061(b)(3) (no significant effect on the environment) of the CEQA Guidelines.

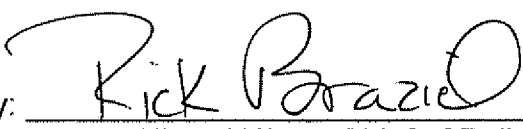
Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable

Rationale for Recommendation: Pursuant to California Vehicle Code section 9250.14, the Department of Motor Vehicles collects an annual one dollar fee for all vehicles and a two dollar fee for commercial vehicles registered in Sacramento County to fund local agency programs that deter, investigate, or prosecute vehicle theft crimes. This MOU outlines the distribution of these fees by the County of Sacramento to all participating agencies within the County based on population statistics that are tied to the Population Estimates for California Cities and Counties published by the State Department of Finance. The current percentage for the Sacramento Police Department is set at 21.463% of the registration fees collected in Sacramento County. This Program has been a successful state-wide program since 1985, and our continuance in this Program aids our ability to identify, arrest, and prosecute known auto thieves within our community.

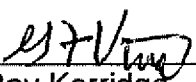
Financial Considerations: This Program funds two (2) Detective positions; ten (10) vehicles in the Bait Car Program; all vendor-related licenses, warranties and vehicle and hardware maintenance (including VCRs, cameras, microphones, etc. located within the bait vehicles); research and development related to the crime of auto theft; and related training for all detectives assigned to the Vehicle Crimes Unit (technology is continually evolving and the skills are perishable).

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Not applicable

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Eugene Reese, Lieutenant

Approved by: 
Albert Nájera, Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:

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Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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Attachment 1

Background

In 1992, Resolution number 92-031 was passed authorizing an MOU with the County for a Sacramento Vehicle Theft Deterrence Program. The agencies involved in the Program included Folsom Police Department, Galt Police Department, Isleton Police Department, Sacramento Police Department, Sacramento Sheriff's Department, Sacramento District Attorney's Office, and Sacramento Probation Department.

As communities expand and new law enforcement agencies are established, it is crucial to involve these agencies in this successful program. As a result, this new MOU includes the aforementioned agencies, as well as Citrus Heights Police Department, Elk Grove Police Department and Rancho Cordova Police Department.

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE SACRAMENTO AREA VEHICLE THEFT REDUCTION PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

- A. Pursuant to Resolution No. 92-031, the City Council authorized the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Sacramento Vehicle Theft Reduction Program, which included Folsom Police Department, Galt Police Department, Isleton Police Department, Sacramento Police Department, Sacramento Sheriff's Department, Sacramento District Attorney's Office, and Sacramento Probation Department.
- B. The Program was established pursuant to California Vehicle Code section 9250.14 for the establishment and maintenance of anti-vehicle theft programs by local agencies.
- C. The Program provides one dollar from all vehicle registrations and two dollars from all commercial vehicle registrations within the County of Sacramento. These fees are divided up between law enforcement agencies based on the population in each agency's jurisdiction.
- D. The new MOU adds Citrus Heights Police Department, Elk Grove Police Department and Rancho Cordova Police Department to the Program.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The Chief of Police is authorized on behalf on the City of Sacramento to approve a Memorandum of Understanding, including any extensions or amendments thereof, with the County of Sacramento to provide funding to establish and maintain anti-vehicle theft programs pursuant to fees collected under California Vehicle Code section 9250.14