

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:	Matthew Fertal	From:	Joseph M. Polisar
Dept:	City Manager	Dept:	Police
Subject:	PURCHASE OF POLICE SERVICE DOG	Date:	February 24, 2009

OBJECTIVE

To provide information regarding the purchase and training of a replacement Police Service Dog and receive City Council approval for the purchase.

BACKGROUND

For approximately fifteen years, the Police Department has purchased canines and trained with Pat Beltz, Work Dogs International. I am requesting an exception to the bid process for Work Dogs International for this purchase due to our extended history with this company, continuous training, as well as the delivery of the canine and training at the lowest price.

DISCUSSION

With the planned retirement in January 2010 of our current Police Service Dog Cisco, and reassignment of the Handler Master Officer II, Carlos Bautista, the Department intends to purchase a replacement canine. In an effort to make the transition seamless, the purchase and training of the Police Service Dog and subsequent Basic Handler's Course should be completed prior to the end of the year.

Mr. Beltz purchases the canines in Europe and imports them to his kennel. Upon selection and transfer of the new Handler, the Department will have an opportunity to select a canine and arrange for the Handler to have a "Bonding period". This bonding period usually consists of two weeks to become acquainted and develop trust with the canine. The team will then begin a five-week training program, in which the team will cross-train in protection and drug detection. The canine team then begins a three-week "In-service training" process where they will respond to calls for service and conduct searches. During this period, and to the end of the year, the expertise of M.O.II Bautista will be invaluable to identify problems with the canine or team and complete the training process.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial impact of this purchase is \$15,000. Specifically, the cost to purchase and import the canine is \$7,000 and the cost for the Basic Handler's Course is \$8,000. The funds for the purchase and training will come from the Federal Asset Forfeiture Fund #112.

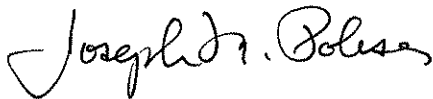
COMMUNITY VISION IMPLEMENTATION

The purchase of a Police Service Dog as well as the training for handling the Police Service Dog meets the goals of the community's vision by improving the safety of the community through the more efficient and reliable delivery of police services to the community.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

- Approve the funding for the purchase and training of the replacement Police Service Dog in the amount of \$15,000;
- Appropriate Federal Asset Forfeiture funds for the acquisition and training;
- Authorize the City Manager to execute any documents necessary to implement this plan.



Joseph M. Polisar
Chief of Police

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Recommended for Approval



Matthew Fertal
City Manager