City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Matthew Fertal From: Joseph M. Polisar

Dept: City Manager Dept: Police Department

Subject: REQUEST TO UTILIZE 911 VEHICLE Date: September 25, 2007

AS VENDOR

OBJECTIVE

To seek City Council approval to utilize 911 Vehicle as the vendor to purchase emergency equipment and install emergency and computer mounting equipment in four watch commander vehicles and one special purpose vehicle for the Police Department.

BACKGROUND

In January of this calendar year, the Police Department took delivery of three Ford Crown Victoria police vehicles. Two were for field use by Patrol Watch Commanders and one was to be used by the Professional Standards Unit for recruiting and could be available for special field enforcement programs. Two additional Crown Victoria vehicles have been ordered for Watch Commander use and are expected to arrive this fiscal year.

All five vehicles were designed for field use and were to be equipped with covert red lights and siren, and a police radio. The four Patrol Watch Commander vehicles would be equipped with mobile computer terminals (MCTs).

DISCUSSION

Public Works and the Police Department evaluated several local emergency vehicle-outfitting companies. There are few local vendors in this industry and the research determined that most did not meet department standards. One local vendor, 911 Vehicle in Anaheim, proved to meet and exceed our expectations and has demonstrated competency in their workmanship.

The services provided by 911 Vehicle include sales and installation of emergency equipment as well as on-site engineering, design, and custom fabrication. A standardized wiring design was developed for our agency that minimizes troubleshooting efforts and vehicle downtime. Their product, unlike others tested, was reliable, which is paramount for the readiness of emergency equipment.

Public Works has a current service contract with the company for police car changeovers and new builds. The company has worked with the Police Department and Public Works to solve critical power issues in the patrol vehicles.

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911 Vehicle has proven to be a reliable installer that is accessible and responsive to our unique issues. The staff from Public Works agrees that 911 Vehicle should build the aforementioned vehicles for consistency and because of their quality workmanship already demonstrated on previous products and installations.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

The proposed cost for the purchase of the emergency equipment and installation for the five vehicles is \$53,650. The cost of this project is included in the Police Department's fiscal year 2007-2008 budget. This project will draw from Fund 220 money, which is only to be used for public safety and will not impact the City's General Fund.

COMMUNITY VISION IMPLEMENTATION

The equipment purchase and installation is necessary to convert the vehicles to emergency vehicles. This project meets the goals of the community's vision by providing a safe community through having adequate equipment to provide a timely and effective response to both minor and major public safety concerns.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council:

- Authorize the City Manager and staff to approve the utilization of 911 Vehicle in Anaheim for the purchase and installation of the emergency equipment.
- Approve that a purchase order be established with 911 Vehicle in the amount not to exceed \$53,650 for the purchase and installation of emergency and computer equipment for the five Police Department vehicles.

JOSEPH M. POLISAR Chief of Police

By: Travis Whitman Lieutenant

Attachment: Quote from 911 Vehicle