



Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Ward and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Bruce Moe, Finance Director
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DATE: February 21, 2006

SUBJECT: Approval of Contract to Outfit One Previously Purchased Fire Battalion Chief Vehicle with Emergency Response Equipment (not to exceed \$37,000)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council: a) waive formal bidding per Municipal Code Section 2.36.140 (waivers); and b) award an order to South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority (SBRPCA) for the budgeted outfitting of one previously purchased Fire Battalion Chief Vehicle with emergency response equipment in an amount not to exceed \$37,000.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

Funds totaling \$75,000 were budgeted in Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Fleet Management Fund to purchase and equip this vehicle. Of those funds, \$37,520.94 was used to procure the vehicle. The remaining funds, which were carried forward into the current fiscal year, will be used to outfit the vehicle with the customary emergency equipment.

BACKGROUND:

On May 17, 2005, the City Council approved the purchase of a new Chevrolet Suburban for use as the Battalion Chief's vehicle. This replaces a 1986 Suburban that was unserviceable and surplus. In order to place the new vehicle in service, it needs to be equipped with the customary emergency equipment. The following are the major components:

Mobile data computers	\$ 8,500
Lighting (lightbar and all exterior warning lights)	\$ 6,000
Electrical accessories (chargers, wiring, power distribution, etc.)	\$ 6,000
Radio equipment	\$ 4,000
Labor	\$ 4,000
Video equipment (digital video recorder, monitor, camera, VCR)	\$ 2,500
Global Positioning System	\$ 1,500
Siren	\$ 1,000
TOTAL	\$33,500

The remaining items consist of maps, cell phone, traffic signal pre-emption hardware, etc. (\$3,500). This equipment and the labor to install it, was budgeted as part of the total vehicle cost. The new Suburban

has been received and is now ready for outfitting. As a result, we are seeking Council approval for that service.

DISCUSSION:

The City is a member agency of the South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority (SBRPCA), also known as the RCC. In addition to providing 9-1-1 emergency dispatching, they outfit emergency vehicles with the customary equipment. As a member agency, we receive a labor rate that is lower than outside vendors, and parts at dealer's cost. Consequently, the cost of having RCC perform installation service is less expensive than outside contractors. Further, these activities help support RCC's operations. Finally, utilizing RCC for our vehicle build-outs ensures that their staff is familiar with the design and construction of the wiring and set-ups, which is helpful when they are maintaining, diagnosing and repairing problems with our emergency vehicles.

As a result, staff recommends that Council waive formal bidding and award an order to RCC to outfit the fire vehicle in the amount not to exceed \$37,000. If approved, the fully equipped vehicle will be placed in service within approximately 90 days.