

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Executive Office

SUBMITTAL DATE:
April 30, 2014

SUBJECT: Released Inmate Transportation, a Pilot Program to Ensure that Inmates Released from the Southwest Detention Center Are Transported and Community Safety Is Promoted [\$25,000]; Court Facilities; 3rd/3rd District

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the implementation of a one year pilot program to offer taxi vouchers to inmates released from the Southwest Detention Center (SWDC) between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
2. Direct the Executive Office to add \$25,000 to the Sheriff's Corrections budget for FY14/15 to support this effort

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Third District constituents contacted Supervisor Stone's office with concerns about neighborhood safety following the regular release of inmates from the Southwest Detention Center especially during evening and early morning hours. The most commonly cited fear was the potential for property crimes.

Elizabeth J. Olson
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Principal Management Analyst

| FINANCIAL DATA | Current Fiscal Year: | Next Fiscal Year: | Total Cost: | Ongoing Cost: | POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office) |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| COST | \$ | \$ 25,000 | \$ N/A | \$ N/A | Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| NET COUNTY COST | \$ | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ | |

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Court Facilities **Budget Adjustment:** No
For Fiscal Year: FY 14/15

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE
 BY: *George A. Johnson*
 George A. Johnson
 County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- A-30
- 4/5 Vote
- Positions Added
- Change Order

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By: *Stanley L. Sniff*
Stanley L. Sniff
Sheriff Coroner - PA
Departmental Concurrence

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BACKGROUND:

Summary (continued)

Supervisor Stone asked the Sheriff to prepare a one-year pilot project to offer inmates released between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. with transportation if they do not have a ride to their destination. The voluntary program will ensure that an inmate does not feel abandoned in an unknown area of the county. Local residents will know that their continued safety is taken into consideration. The pilot project will be known as the Riverside Inmate Destination Endeavor, (R.I.D.E.).

The Sheriff has outlined the proposed pilot program as attached.

Impact on Citizens and Businesses

Citizens who live and work in the area around the Southwest Detention Center will benefit from additional oversight by the Sheriff's Department and will have access to Department staff to report any public safety concerns. If a defined public safety concern is validated then appropriate action can be taken. This will provide better communication between the concerned public and their public safety professionals.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

N/A

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

N/A

ATTACHMENT



RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sheriff's Administration
Stan Sniff, Sheriff - Coroner

Date: April 16, 2014

TO: Executive Officer Jay Orr, via staff

FROM: Assistant Sheriff Steve Thetford

SUBJECT: Proposed SWDC Taxi Voucher Pilot Program Outline

Duration and Focus Timeframe:

June 1, 2014 – May 31, 2015 / 7 pm to 6 am

Baseline:

Prior to implementation Sheriff's Corrections Division Administration will ensure that a Uniform Crime Report (UCR) assessment of Part I crimes will be completed to establish a criminal activity baseline for the past 12 months. The focus areas for the assessment shall include the reporting districts surrounding the Southwest Detention Center (SWDC).

Program Implementation:

The SWDC Taxi Voucher Pilot Program will begin June 1, 2014 and will run through May 31, 2015. A UCR assessment of Part I crimes will be completed at 6 months and at program completion (12 Months) for comparison and analysis to the above listed baseline.

Program Outline:

- Funding: Supervisor Jeff Stone has committed to provide funding for the program in the amount of \$25,000 to be used exclusively for the reimbursement of taxi vouchers.
- Upon program implementation SWDC staff will initiate the following protocol when releasing subjects between the hours of 7 pm and 6 am.
 - Inmates being processed for release will be asked if they have transportation arranged to assist them in leaving the area.
 - Inmates being released will have access to free local calls from the phone located in the release cell to make arrangements for transportation;
 - Inmates that have been processed for release will be provided access to the phone located in the SWDC lobby to make arrangements;

- Inmates that do not have transportation arranged will be advised of the following options upon release;
 - Released subjects with arranged transportation will be allowed to wait in the SWDC lobby for their transportation;
 - Released subjects that cannot make transportation arrangements will be offered a taxi voucher to resolve their transportation needs,
 - Or released subjects can choose to leave the facility on their own accord.
 - It is understood that once a subject has been processed for release the Sheriff's Department has no legal authority to order the subject's mode of egress nor shall the Department detain a subject contingent upon securing transportation.
- SWDC Administration will ensure that the following data is captured during the duration of the Pilot Program for future analysis;
 - Number of subjects released during the hours of 7 pm to 6 am;
 - Number of subjects with admitted transportation arrangements;
 - Number of subjects that do not have transportation arranged;
 - Number of subjects that accept taxi vouchers;
 - Financial accountability of the taxi voucher reimbursements.
- Supervisor Stone and/or his designee will forward or direct any constituent complaint of criminal activity to the Commander of the Sheriff's Southwest Station and/or to the Sheriff's Central Patrol Operations Chief Deputy in a timely manner so that any concerns can be validated and if appropriate acted upon.
- Sheriff's Central Patrol Operations Chief Deputy will close the loop with Supervisor Stone and/or his designee reference the incident validation and/or action taken.
- Supervisor Stone and/or his designee will forward or direct any constituent complaint of Sheriff's Correctional Facility operations to the Commander of the Sheriff's Southwest Detention Center and/or to the Sheriff's Corrections Division Operations Chief Deputy in a timely manner so that any concerns can be validated and if appropriate acted upon.
- Sheriff's Corrections Division Operations Chief Deputy will close the loop with Supervisor Stone and/or his designee reference the incident validation and/or action taken.

Program Completion:

Upon program completion Sheriff's Corrections Division Administration will analyze the final data (to include but not be limited to the final UCR data comparison to the baseline data) and provide an after action report to the Sheriff regarding the effectiveness of the program. After Sheriff's review the after action report will be provided to the Board of Supervisors.