

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



**ITEM: 3.4
(ID # 20554)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, November 29, 2022

FROM : BOS DISTRICT 4:

SUBJECT: BOS DISTRICT 4: Surplus Vehicle Donation to City of Blythe Fire Department

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Riverside County Sheriff's Department to work with the City of Blythe Fire Department to donate a surplus vehicle.

ACTION:

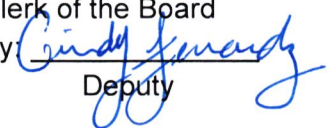

Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Supervisor 4th. District 11/23/2022

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Washington and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Hewitt, and Perez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: November 29, 2022
xc: District 4

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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BACKGROUND:

Summary

The City of Blythe is located in the eastern portion of Riverside County. The City of Blythe Fire Department has been operating..... volunteer base.....

The public safety agencies in the Blythe and Palo Verde Valley have been working in long partnership to respond to emergencies and ultimately protect Riverside County residents.

The Riverside County Sheriff Department, Colorado River Station in Blythe currently holds a surplus vehicle, 2005 Weekend Warrior Trailer. It no longer serves a purpose for the station and the Blythe Fire Department has expressed an interest to use the trailer as a command post for large incidents.



BLYTHE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Garth V. Dale, Chief of Police



Riverside County Board of Supervisors
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08/31/2022

Dear Honorable Board Members,

Over the last year, The Riverside County Sheriff's Department has worked closely with the Blythe Police Department to help our joint commitment of providing safety and security to the Palo Verde Valley. In June of this year, a major fire started at a retail business across the street from the police department, which also shares a parking area with Riverside County, Blythe Jail. We had to prepare to evacuate the police building, and because of smoke damage, we thought this might go on for several days. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Emergency Response Team dispatched a mobile command post which we set up near the scene. This mobile command post was invaluable for the stabilization of the fire scene, follow up investigations and demonstrated to the public that RSO and BPD can come together for the common good of the community we serve.

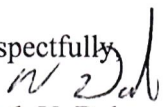
I understand this older mobile command post is ready to be taken out of service from RSO and replaced with newer equipment. I respectfully request consideration for the possibility of donating this vehicle to the City of Blythe. Because of other priorities, we are not able to purchase this type of equipment but we can update and maintain it.

If granted this request, this command post would be used by the Blythe Fire Department and the Blythe Police Department for critical incidences, special events and emergencies. Recently, we have had tragic accidents which have resulted in fatalities on the Colorado River that involved city, dual county, and dual state emergency response. A mobile command post for these large-scale operations would be a great asset to assist in coordinated, effective search and rescue operations.

This command post would be available for use by Riverside County if needed via the law enforcement mutual aid agreement we share.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Respectfully,


Garth V. Dale
Chief of Police
Blythe Police Department