

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Bill Santucci, Supervisor District 1, Robert M. Weygandt, Supervisor District 2, Jim Holmes, Supervisor District 3, Ted Gaines, Supervisor District 4

DATE: May 9, 2006

SUBJECT: REVENUE SHARING - Approve appropriation of \$1,500 in Revenue Sharing monies to Placer County Sheriff's Search & Rescue Organization as requested by Supervisor Santucci (\$250), Supervisor Weygandt (\$250), Supervisor Holmes (\$500) and Supervisor Gaines (\$500).

ACTION REQUESTED

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BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS

The California government code coordinated by the Sheriff's Department but predominately staffed by volunteers, authorizes the services of the Placer County Sheriff's Search & Rescue Organization. The purpose of this unit is to maintain a mission ready status at all times, in any weather or season, to search for lost persons in any type of terrain. In addition to serving Placer County, the Search & Rescue team assists other counties or states in the search for lost persons when requested. Given that this is a volunteer organization, the members of this team are not financially compensated for their efforts. In addition, the volunteers provide their own personal gear and equipment necessary to perform the multitude of tasks required of them. The funds designated towards this program will help to offset the costs for equipment and training and will help to contribute towards the cost of a new communications van.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are available in the Revenue Sharing budget.



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To Whom It May Concern:

The Placer County Sheriff's Search & Rescue Organization is a functional unit of the Sheriff's Departments authorized by the California Government Code. Although, our Search & Rescue unit is coordinated by the Sheriff's Department, it is predominately staffed by dedicated volunteers from all walks of life and various professional backgrounds.

Our purpose is to be mission ready at any time of day, any season and in any weather, to search for lost persons in any type of terrain. Not only do we cover all of Placer County, but we also provide mutual aid assistance to other counties or states that request our help and expertise. In addition to searches, our members provide other community services and are a valuable asset during disasters. We also assist the Placer County Sheriff's Department with body recovery and evidence searches.

Due to the fact that we are a volunteer organization, our members are not financially compensated for their effort. We find it becomes very expensive for our volunteers to provide their own personal gear and equipment necessary to perform the multitude of tasks required. That is why we seek donations, which are used for equipment and training. This year we are in need of a new Communications Van.

Without financial assistance from civic-minded people such as you, we would be unable to maintain our status as one of the most professional and highly respected Search & Rescue operations in California.

If you have any question, or I can be of any further assistance, please don't hesitate to call me at 530 889-7846. Thank you so much for your caring and generosity.

Sincerely,

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