

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Sheriff's Department

BOARD AGENDA # *B-10

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE August 26, 2008

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

(Information Attached)

SUBJECT:

Approval to Accept a Donation of a 2008 Polaris 6x6 All Terrain Utility Vehicle from the U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company, Operation Ranger Program

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Accept a donation from the U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company in the form of a Polaris 6x6 All-Terrain Vehicle for the purpose of law enforcement service in Stanislaus County.
2. Authorize the Sheriff-Coroner to sign and accept the donation from the U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total dollar value of the donation is approximately \$11,200.00 based upon current retail value of a 2008 Polaris 6x6 All-Terrain Vehicle. The Sheriff's Department will own the vehicle and be responsible for the maintenance, upkeep and repair. These costs are estimated at \$2,000.00 and will be funded within the Department's existing General Fund appropriations.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2008-616

On motion of Supervisor Monteith, Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Grover, Monteith, DeMartini and Chairman Mayfield

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST:

CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

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DISCUSSION

The Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department applied for a vehicle donation with the U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company for the donation of a new all-terrain vehicle. Chief Darin Gharat was notified on or about July 7, 2008 that the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department had been included in the list of 2008 donation recipients of 'Operation Ranger,' a program administered and operated by the U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company.

This is the first time the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department has applied and participated in the company's 'Operation Ranger' Program.

The U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company has authorized the donation through its 'Operation Ranger' Program for the purchase and donation of the vehicle. Under this program, the U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company donates the vehicle, full legal title and ownership, to the County of Stanislaus and the Sheriff's Department is responsible for maintenance, upkeep and repairs of the vehicle, which will be funded through existing appropriations.

The vehicle will be used for general law enforcement in remote areas of the county such as the La Grange and Frank Raines Off Highway Vehicle Parks. The off highway season typically runs from fall to spring.

During this period of operation the Sheriff's Department utilizes all-terrain vehicles to patrol remote inaccessible areas of the parks and to provide transportation of emergency personnel during medical emergencies. In the past year, the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department has issued approximately 200 citations at the county's off highway vehicle parks and has assisted in a number of rescues for stranded and injured visitors. This vehicle will allow the Department to better serve visitors who utilize the county's off-highway vehicle parks. In the off-season, the vehicle will be utilized in a support role throughout the Sheriff's Department.

POLICY ISSUES:

Approval of this item is intended to support the Board priorities of a safe community and effective partnerships.

STAFFING IMPACTS:

There is no staffing impact associated with this item

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Dear Deputy Sanson:

Congratulations! On behalf of the U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company it is my distinct pleasure to notify you that the Stanislaus County Sheriffs Department, SVOU has been selected to receive a Polaris Ranger 6x6 utility vehicle as part of our 2008 Operation Ranger program. We receive thousands of applications, and yours stood out and clearly demonstrated that the Stanislaus County Sheriffs Department, SVOU can benefit greatly from a Ranger donation.

At U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company, we value the opportunity to give something back to the communities where we live and do business. In its sixth year, the Operation Ranger program exists both to recognize the service of our nation's first responders and to provide a versatile vehicle that will enhance emergency response at the community level. As an Operation Ranger recipient, you join an illustrious group that includes more than 340 emergency service organizations from coast to coast.

Based on the need you demonstrated in your application, we are anxious for you to receive your new vehicle and put it in service as soon as possible. Within the next few weeks, you will receive a more detailed packet of information from the Operation Ranger Committee that will outline the delivery process going forward. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact Andy Lee of the USSTC Operation Ranger Committee with any questions at (203) 817-3494, or you can e-mail Andy at alee@usthq.com.

Congratulations once again on winning a 2008 Operation Ranger grant. We at USSTC salute the valuable work you do each and every day and look forward to working with you in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Butler".

DWB/lp