



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 15, 2011

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF THE SHORT-TERM AIR SUPPORT SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2011

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT, FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: LES GOGERTY, FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION CAPTAIN

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the CEO to administratively execute an extension of the current short-term contract with the City of Huntington Beach for helicopter support services from January 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012, not to exceed the amount of \$150,000 dollars.
2. Approve Budget Adjustment #12-008 in the amount of \$150,000 to appropriate funds to the Police Department budget for helicopter services from the General Fund - Contingency budget amount.

BACKGROUND:

On June 7, 2011, the City Council voted to authorize the CEO to execute a short-term contract with the City of Huntington Beach for helicopter services from July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011. During the first three months of the contract, the Air Support Unit (ASU) has been responding to and assisting on calls when appropriate and consistent with the types of calls handled previously by A.B.L.E. Staff believes the Huntington Beach ASU has been responsive and is providing adequate service within the limits of the authorized contract.

Also included as Attachment 2 is a 10-year historical net cost to the City for the AirBourne Law Enforcement (ABLE) Program. The schedule displays the salaries and benefits, maintenance and operations and revenue amounts separately.

ANALYSIS:

The current short-term contract will expire on December 31, 2011. If it is not extended the City will not have access to daily air support services, but instead will be limited to emergency air support services only in accordance with local mutual aid agreements.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

The City Council could decide not to authorize an extension of the contract and limit the City of Costa Mesa to emergency air support services only in accordance with local mutual aid agreements.

FISCAL REVIEW:

The cost for air support service is \$700 dollars per hour of flight time not to exceed \$150,000 dollars for the six month contract. Since the adopted FY 11-12 budget only included an amount for service until December 2011, Budget Adjustment # 12-008 allocates \$150,000 from the General Fund – Contingency budget to continue this service until June 30, 2012.

LEGAL REVIEW:

Legal has reviewed the documents and approved them as to form.

CONCLUSION:

The current contract with the City of Huntington Beach for air support services expires on December 31, 2011. Based upon the available information, staff believes the contract should be extended for the six month period from January 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012.

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| ATTACHMENTS: | 1 | Budget Adjustment #12-008 |
| | 2 | 10 Year Historical Annual Net Cost of ABLE Program |

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