RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2017-504

MEETING: July 25, 2017

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Pete Judy, Chief Probation Officer

RE: Approve Donation of Probation Vehicle PD-15 to the Mariposa County Unified School District

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve Donation of Probation Vehicle PD-15 to Mariposa County Unified School District to be Used to Provide Transportation for the Justice Assistance Grant Personnel Assisting At Risk Youth Serving Lake Don Pedro, Greeley Hill, Coulterville, Yosemite Valley and El Portal Schools.

The Mariposa County Unified School District (MCUSD) receives funding through the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) administered by the Mariposa County Probation department that funds a service provider position for the school district that assists at-risk students with prevention and intervention services to in MCUSD’s outlying schools. This service provider position has been effective in preventing behavior issues in the districts more remote schools which has dramatically decreased the need for probation and sheriff officers to respond to behavioral incidents at these schools. It has been difficult to recruit and retain a qualified person for the JAG position that serves the schools in Coulterville, Lake Don Pedro, Greeley Hill, and El Portal. One reason for having recruitment and retention issues have been the school has limited funds to purchase a vehicle that the position can use to travel between schools. To date the position has required the use of a personal vehicle for traveling to and from the various school locations.

The probation department has a 2011 Ford Fusion (PD-15) that is under-utilized by the department. When PD-15 was purchased the county replacement fund did not have sufficient funds in it to purchase a full size vehicle. The Fusion, while less expensive, is also substantially smaller than other law enforcement type vehicles.

With armed officers in full gear, the vehicle presents substantial challenges for officers to fit safely and comfortably. Officer safety issues arise when attempts are made to exit the vehicle quickly while wearing protective gear due to the tight fit (especially with larger officers). With these issues, it is the vehicle of last resort utilized for probation operations.

PD-15 is the vehicle that probation would like to donate to the school district in support of the school district JAG position that serves the school youth on the north side of the county. Donating the vehicle to the school district supports the local


juvenile justice plan as well as the JAG program and it will benefit the community greatly. Doing so also supports one of the probation department goals to identify needs and provide more services to the more remote schools in the county.

The probation department has grant funding available to purchase a full size replacement vehicle for PD-15 so there would be no impact to the department mission nor the general fund.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**
When shown that there is a benefit to the public the Board has donated equipment to non-county government and non-profit agencies.

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**
It will be more difficult to hire and retain the school position funded by the JAG program. With the position vacant the sheriff and probation departments would potentially see an increase in requests for service to schools.

**CAO RECOMMENDATION**
Requested Action Recommended

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**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
**MOVER:** Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
**SECONDER:** Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
**AYES:** Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey