



MANHATTAN BEACH, CA
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Chief Espinosa,

For your consideration. While at the City Yard working in our container over the weekend, I noticed additional vehicles being placed on the surplus list. I was advised that there are two "utility trucks" awaiting a trip to auction.

I know that the beginning of this year we requested the outgoing B.C. vehicle to create a Command and Communications vehicle so we may enhance our communications and response times. The thought then was to replace one of our Blazers that we received in 2008 from the city with our 1998 Ford that was donated to us by MB Toyota. As we grow, and our training and knowledge increases, we continue to find the need for more supplies and equipment. The Blazers will not hold our equipment and they are at the end of their useful life. We have acquired equipment and supplies that exceed the size of the smaller vehicles.

Our plan is to still utilize the Tahoe (B.C. backup) as our Command and Communication Vehicle, move the Expedition to Area #1 taking the place of the trailer, and replacing both of the old smaller Blazers with the utility trucks. Each of these three vehicles would offer room for our existing equipment and additional space for expansion. This proposal would leave the trailer as a floater, and available to store additional supplies for training, disaster relief, heavier search and rescue equipment, and medical supplies.

As always, we appreciate all the assistance that you, your department, and our city extend to us. We look forward to the consideration of the city to donate these vehicles to your Manhattan Beach Community Emergency Response Team Association.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

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