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Legislation Text

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Sheriff's Office recommending that the Board approve and authorize the acceptance of a donation with gratitude for a new Polaris General 4 1000 Utility Terrain Vehicle, Polaris Pro Track System, and Trailer with a value of \$35,000 to the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Unit from the El Dorado Search & Rescue Council.

FUNDING: Donation/General Fund.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

The El Dorado Search and Rescue Council (ESARC) was incorporated in 1986 as a non-profit public benefit corporation. The specific purpose of ESARC is to assist any and all subordinate groups who will recruit, organize, train and provide skilled search and rescue personnel and equipment to assist the El Dorado County Sheriff's Search and Rescue in all search, rescue, and disaster activities.

On March 4, 2019, ESARC Board of Directors approved a budget for the purchase of a new Polaris General 4 1000, Polaris Pro Track System and Trailer that was authorized to be donated to the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office. The last time ESARC donated equipment to the Sheriff's Search and Rescue volunteer unit was in 1990 with a purchase and donation of a new truck that is still in use.

The purpose of this donation is to greatly enhance the Search and Rescue Unit's mission of providing life-saving assistance to the visitors and citizens of El Dorado County. The Polaris UTV, with removable Tracks, will enable the SAR Team to be more efficient in extreme winter conditions and in remote, rugged terrain. The 4-passenger capacity of the Polaris General 4 will allow the Search and Rescue Team to rapidly deploy personnel and equipment into the field to execute a wide variety of search, rescue and extraction/evacuation support missions.

Annual maintenance, and installation and removal costs of snow tracks will be borne by the Sheriff's Office. Additionally, this equipment will be stored with the other associated search and rescue equipment in the new Public Safety Facility.

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

N/A

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

N/A

CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS

Approve as recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Costs for annual maintenance and installation/removal of the tracks is estimated at \$1,200 annually, and will be included in the Sheriff's operating budget.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

Public Safety

CONTACT

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