



# RANCHO PALOS VERDES

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** CAROLYNN PETRU, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER <sup>CP</sup>

**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

**SUBJECT:** MOBILE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS COMMAND CENTER

**REVIEWED:** CAROLYN LEHR, CITY MANAGER *CL*

### RECOMMENDATION

Approve the recommendation from the Regional Law Enforcement Committee to contribute \$18,000 to the purchase of a mobile emergency operations command center for the Lomita Sheriff's Station.

### BACKGROUND

For more effective emergency/disaster response, the Lomita Station of the Sheriff's Department desires to obtain a mobile emergency operations command center – a trailer with communication equipment, police supplies, technological equipment and other materials that can be towed to a strategic location and used as their base of operations in a disaster. The Lomita Station has a truck to tow the trailer.

The City of Lomita has committed \$30,000 toward the purchase; however, an additional \$30,000 is needed for the purchase. The Cities comprising Palos Verdes Peninsula Regional Law Enforcement Committee have been asked to consider funding the \$30,000 balance based on the 10/30/60 formula used in the Regional Law contract. Based on this formula, the shared cost would be as follows:

Lomita:	\$30,000
Rancho Palos Verdes:	\$18,000
Rolling Hills Estates:	\$9,000
Rolling Hills:	<u>\$3,000</u>
 Total:	 \$60,000

At the August 12, 2010 meeting, the Regional Law Enforcement Committee unanimously recommended this course of action to each of the respective City Councils. The Rolling Hills City Council approved the appropriation on August 23, 2010. The City of Rolling Hills Estates is scheduled to consider the item in September.

**DISCUSSION**

Once purchased, the Sheriff's Department will maintain the trailer and all the equipment in it, including any future replacement of the equipment and trailer. The Cities' contribution is only for the initial purchase. The trailer, when not used for a disaster, will be available to the cities for display at special events, as scheduling permits.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The City has appropriated the last of its California Law Enforcement Equipment Program (CLEEP) funds for the purchase of the second ASAP patrol car. However, the City has adequate funds remaining in the Public Safety – Special Program which can be applied to this purchase.

**Attachment:**

August 5, 2010 Letter from Captain Ronene Anda



*Heroy D. Baca, Sheriff*

*County of Los Angeles*  
**Sheriff's Department Headquarters**

*4700 Ramona Boulevard  
Monterey Park, California 91754-2169*



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August 5, 2010

Carolyn Lehr, City Manager  
City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
30940 Hawthorne Boulevard  
Rancho Palos Verdes, California 90275

Dear Carolyn:

**FUNDING FOR MOBILE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS COMMAND CENTER**

Since opening its doors in 1975, Lomita Station has been policing the communities of Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills Estates, Rolling Hills, Lomita and the unincorporated areas of Westfield, Academy Hills, and La Rambla (San Pedro).

With a service area of over twenty-three square miles and a population of nearly 80,000, Lomita Station's sphere of responsibility is enormous, and our challenges have never been greater. With the threat of man-made and natural disasters ever-present, law enforcement, in a collaborative effort with its local communities, must be prepared and equipped to handle situations of any magnitude. To help ensure we all remain in an optimal state of readiness, I am requesting funding to purchase an equipped portable trailer to function as a Mobile Emergency Operations Command Center.

Our proximity to the port of Los Angeles (a prime target for terrorist activity), our distance from downtown resources, the peninsula's unique geographical terrain, and the volume of large scale, well attended annual events throughout the peninsula all qualify as sufficient justification for a Mobile Command Center. Moreover, the Mobile Command Center will function as a multi-purpose tool to be utilized to coordinate multiple entities. For example, the County Fire Department has utilized various sights within the City of Rancho Palos Verdes as heliports for local fires, as well as those on Catalina Island, and the use of a Mobile Command Center will greatly enhance our ability to assist in command and coordination efforts from remote locations. The versatility of a mobile trailer and the flexibility provided by a roving command center, specifically during times of dynamic emergencies, cannot be overemphasized.

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The trailer will be outfitted with all of the appropriate command center technology: satellite dish and service, mobile digital computer, generator, and police supplies and minor equipment. We will house the trailer at Lomita Station where it will remain available for all emergencies within our jurisdiction. The station currently has a Dodge Ram 2500 truck that would be the tow vehicle.

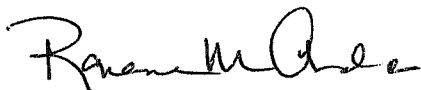
We anticipate the cost of purchasing, equipping, and maintaining the Mobile Command Center to be nearly \$60,000, of which the City of Lomita has committed to pay \$30,000. I am seeking the additional \$30,000 from the peninsula cities, to be apportioned using the mutually agreed upon 60/30/10 formula.

The purchase of a Mobile Command Center will benefit each of our communities in significant ways, and I sincerely thank you for considering this request. I look forward to speaking with you in greater detail about this venture in the coming weeks.

Please contact me at (310) 891-3223 or Lieutenant Blaine Bolin at (310) 891-3221 should you have any immediate questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronene M. Anda". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "A".

Ronene M. Anda, Captain  
Lomita Sheriff Station