

October 5, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THRU: Charles P. Potucek, City Manager

FROM: Christopher Hiser, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Request for agenda item placement Resolution 2023-075, Donation of police equipment to Cochise College in support of SEALETA

Recommendation:

The City Manager recommends approval.

The Director of Public Works recommends approval.

The Chief Procurement Officer recommends approval.

The Chief of Police recommends approval.

Background:

The Sierra Vista Police Department has committed to supporting a regional police academy in Cochise County, which is sponsored by Cochise College. The police academy is identified as the Southeastern Arizona Law Enforcement Training Academy (SEALETA) and has been approved by the AZ Peace Officer Standards and Training Board. Police officer applicants will attend SEALETA for a 20- week course of instruction at the Cochise College Douglas Campus, culminating in achieving state peace officer certification upon graduation. This new academy brings a cost savings to the SVPD regarding fees associated with registration, travel, and lodging expenses.

Police academy costs can be challenging with regard to acquiring the necessary equipment to adequately train police recruits. The Sierra Vista Police Department would like to donate two police vehicles, a Ford Crown Victoria and a Ford Explorer (both taken out of regular patrol service) to Cochise College for SEALETA's use in training police recruits.

The Ford Crown Victoria and Ford Explorer patrol vehicles were formerly part of the SVPD patrol fleet but were turned into the Public Works Department for public auction as the vehicles are being replaced by Chevrolet Tahoes. The vehicles are valued at \$2000.00 for the Ford Crown Victoria and \$7,000 for the Ford Explorer for a total of \$9,000.00. SEALETA has expressed a desire to accept this donation. The vehicles will be used for the following police training at SEALETA: emergency driving, traffic stops, and field problems.

Police Vehicle Specifics

2009 Ford Crown Victoria

VIN - 2FAHP71V19X113106

City vehicle #1085

Mileage – 85411

2014 Ford Explorer

VIN – 1FM5K8AR1EGA75926

City vehicle #2095

Mileage – 124,855

RESOLUTION 2023-075

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA: AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO DONATE a FORD CROWN VICTORIA SEDAN AND A FOR EXPLORER SUV TO COCHISE COLLEGE AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK, CITY ATTORNEY, OR THEIR DULY AUTHORIZED OFFICERS AND AGENTS TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES AND INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the City of Sierra Vista has donated surplus vehicles and equipment in the past to help its neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the City has a Ford Crown Victoria and a Ford Explorer patrol vehicle to donate to Cochise College; and

WHEREAS, Cochise College and its law enforcement certification academy (SEALETA) can realize tremendous benefit from obtaining these vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1

The policy of the City of Sierra Vista relating to the donation of surplus items to our neighbors, when feasible and appropriate to do so, is hereby reaffirmed.

SECTION 2

The Mayor and City Council hereby authorize the donation the Ford Crown Victoria and Ford Explorer patrol vehicles to Cochise College. The City is donating the vehicles as is, with no guarantees or warranties.

SECTION 3

The City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney, or their duly authorized officers and agents are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA, THIS 12TH DAY OF October, 2023.

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Mayor

Approval as to Form:

Attest:

Nathan J. Williams
City Attorney

Jill Adams
City Clerk

Prepared by:
Christopher Hiser, Chief of Police