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Costa
County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: David O. Livingston, Sheriff-Coroner
Date: September 20, 2016

Subject: Purchase Order - Lenco BearCat Armored Vehicle

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Purchasing Agent to execute, on behalf of the Sheriff-Coroner, a purchase order with Lenco Armored Vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$315,000 for the purchase of a BearCat armored vehicle for the Office of the Sheriff SWAT Division.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$315,000. 100% General Fund, budgeted FY 16/17.

BACKGROUND:

The Sheriff's Office currently has one armored tactical intervention vehicle with CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High Explosive) capabilities. The team's tactics have significantly changed since the acquisition of the vehicle over 9 years ago. The team has been able to swiftly and safely rescue civilians from perilous situations and safely move tactical operators and negotiators to locations of cover. The dangerous gap is that both of these processes cannot safely be accomplished at the same time because the team only has one vehicle. The Sheriff's Office SWAT team responded to an incident where deputies were fired upon without the protection of an armored vehicle, because the vehicle was being

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **09/20/2016** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I
Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II
Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V
Supervisor

ABSENT: Mary N. Piepho, District III
Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV
Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: September 20, 2016

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Chris Heck, Deputy

Contact: Liz Arbuckle, 335-1529

cc: Liz Arbuckle, Heike Anderson, Tim Ewell

used to rescue citizens. Bullets

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

passed through walls a team of deputies was using to conceal themselves from the suspect.

Current tactics dictate there is a need for multiple CBRNE armored vehicles when responding to a critical incident. The April 2013 Boston Marathon drove that point home, when multiple armored vehicles were used in the search and apprehension of suspects who fled and were actively using homemade bombs to aid in their escape. The 2015 San Bernardino attack is another example of the use of armored vehicles to provide safe transport and cover for tactical personnel to address an unfolding and volatile threat.

With the current size of the SWAT tactical team (30 tactical/command), it would be impossible to protect the tactical members as they respond to a CBRNE event at any of the critical infrastructure sites throughout the county with only one armored vehicle. A second CBRNE vehicle is necessary for the safe response during a CBRNE event.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Sheriff's Office will be unable to acquire the armored vehicle for use by the SWAT Division.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

No impact.