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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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ANTHONY W. BATTS
Chief of Police

April 14, 2009

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents allowing the Police Department to participate in the Interinsurance Exchange of the Automobile Club vehicle transfer program. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Interinsurance Exchange of the Automobile Club (Exchange) currently offers a program in which vehicles are transferred to local police departments at no cost for a period of up to four (4) years (two vehicles from May 15, 2008 to May 15, 2011, and one vehicle from June 17, 2008 to June 17, 2012), thus providing a source of assets to be used in the combating of auto-related crimes, such as auto theft and auto burglaries. It is understood that as part of the rules of participation in this program, vehicles obtained via this program are for use in this capacity only.

In exchange for the use of the vehicles through this program, the Police Department will assume all responsibility for the normal maintenance of the vehicles and all liability for the operation of the vehicle as it is used in daily police-related duties. The Police Department will be responsible for returning the vehicles at the end of the three-year period to the Exchange, with the Exchange waiving any claims for any material damage to the vehicles.

The vehicles obtained through the program will be used in an effort to reduce the prevalence of auto-related crimes by deploying said vehicles in high crime areas in an attempt to identify, arrest, and successfully prosecute those responsible for these crimes. The Auto Theft Detail will be responsible for the proper deployment of these vehicles and for ensuring that the vehicles are properly maintained according to customary fleet policy.

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This item was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary Anderson on March 16, 2009, and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on March 11, 2009.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is recommended at the April 14, 2009 meeting to secure the City's participation in this program.

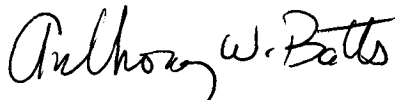
FISCAL IMPACT

Estimated annual maintenance and fuel costs of \$3,100 per vehicle will be absorbed within the General Fund (GP) budget of the Police Department to support this program.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



ANTHONY W. BATTS
CHIEF OF POLICE

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER