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DATE: July 1, 2009

TO: City Council

FROM: Michael Henderson, General Services Superintendent *[Signature]*
City Manager's Department

SUBJECT: Donation of Used, Unserviceable City Vehicles to Oxnard College

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council approve the donation of three unserviceable vehicles to the Oxnard College Automotive Program for their use in training college students in auto repair.

DISCUSSION

The Fleet Services Division of General Services initiated a partnership with Oxnard College ("College") in 2008 to collaborate, share resources, and take advantage of increased synergy in the field of automotive repair. A key ingredient in this partnership has been the Internship Program we started with the College to provide practical, hands-on training and experience in automotive repair. Our internship program trains two students at the Fleet Services facilities, helping them direct their young careers in a positive manner while also assisting the City with its vehicle repair workload. A logical next step in our partnership is to assist the College with donated vehicles that can be used as training aids, helping them provide a better learning experience for their 450 automotive students.

The College provides a two-year Associate Degree program in Automotive Technology utilizing both classroom training and hands-on training in their automotive labs. Current training aids for their lab environment are a continuous challenge as automotive technology advances at an almost exponential pace. Each year vehicle technology changes extensively, and the College is currently using some rather old cars for training, thus inhibiting the College's ability to graduate a student who is up to date on current vehicle technology.

We propose to donate three used, unserviceable City vehicles to the College's automotive program to help them improve their available training aids. These vehicles are a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria police sedan (wrecked; Vehicle #08006), a 2002 Ford Crown Victoria police sedan (heavily damaged; Vehicle #3501), and a 2003 Chevrolet pickup truck (wrecked; Vehicle #3646). Of these three, the College will

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utilize the power trains from the wrecked vehicles, and their body repair training class will repair the heavily-damaged car.

The Internship Program we initiated in late 2008 has been quite successful. We provide advanced, hands-on experience and training to two second-year automotive technology students. The students are hand-selected by the Automotive Technology instructor to minimize risk and help ensure their success. They are talented technicians, at the top of their class. We require that they be full-time students, and they must be in their second year (to ensure they have the classroom training to be successful). The City pays them as limited-benefit employees, on a part-time basis, and their term of employment runs approximately nine months. With the start of the new school year, we then start over with two new interns, and the cycle continues. This allows us to maximize the number of students we assist over the years while keeping within a budget of approximately \$25,000 annually. If additional funding should become available, we have the ability to train two additional interns.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

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