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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 16, 2018

DATE: Wednesday, October 10, 2018
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Pat Lee, Captain, Special Operations Division
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THROUGH: Sheriff Chuck Allen
SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a retroactive donation of a HH-1H Huey Helicopter [estimated value of \$922,704.00, no charge to the County], from the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) to Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) to be utilized to support the Regional Aviation Enforcement Unit (RAVEN), WCSO Search and Rescue, and Wildland Fire Suppression Operations performed by WCSO. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) 1033 program offered the donation of a HH-1H Huey helicopter to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to be utilized to support specialized and community oriented missions. This equipment was obtained at no charge to the county from the military.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

The Board of County Commissioners has accepted DRMO donations for the Sheriff's Office yearly with the last acceptances being August 28, 2018, June 20, 2017, May 17, 2016, June 16, 2015, and June 24, 2014. On November 15, 2016 and August 28, 2018, BCC also accepted DRMO helicopters HH-1H Huey.

BACKGROUND

As a continuing part of our participation in acquiring surplus military property through various military offices, WCSO has been awarded HH-1H Helicopter serial number 70-2478 which has a total overall estimated value of \$922,704.00.

It is our plan to use the equipment to support specialized missions that include Drug Interdiction, SWAT, Search and Rescue, and Wildland Fire Suppression functions of the

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Sheriff's Office. The HH-1H helicopter received on 15 November 2016 (serial number 73-21802) was turned in to DRMO, as it is a less capable helicopter than the one the Sheriff's Office has just received. Actual acquisition date of taking possession was September 5, 2018. Reason for retroactive submittal: Item was submitted to the first available donations BCC meeting once all paperwork was received and processed.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no cash match required for this donation. By turning in one of the existing Huey aircraft, we don't anticipate any fiscal impact as costs should be off-set. Should there be a fiscal impact, those costs will be covered within RAVEN's existing budget authority in cost center 150720. Additionally, an older HH-1H helicopter will be disassembled for parts to support the two newly acquired helicopters. The end result will be that RAVEN will see no increase in the total number of operating helicopters.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners accept a retroactive donation of a HH-1H Huey Helicopter [estimated value of \$922,704.00, no charge to the County], from the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) to Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) to be utilized to support the Regional Aviation Enforcement Unit (RAVEN), WCSO Search and Rescue, and Wildland Fire Suppression Operations performed by WCSO.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: Move to accept a retroactive donation of a HH-1H Huey Helicopter [estimated value of \$922,704.00, no charge to the County], from the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) to Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) to be utilized to support the Regional Aviation Enforcement Unit (RAVEN), WCSO Search and Rescue, and Wildland Fire Suppression Operations performed by WCSO.