

**TO:** James L. App, City Manager  
**FROM:** Dennis J. Cassidy, Chief of Police  
**SUBJ:** Early replacement of unit #675  
**DATE:** July 18, 2006

**NEEDS:** For the City Council to consider early replacement of damaged police patrol unit #675

- FACTS:**
1. Unit #675 is a marked patrol vehicle and is not usable due to collision damage.
  2. Unit #675 was totaled when a drunk driver struck it head-on, while driving the wrong way on the freeway off ramp January 6, 2006.
  3. Due to this police unit being unusable, there is a shortage of patrol units available to the patrol division for daily deployment.
  4. Unit #675 was not scheduled for normal replacement until late 2007.
  5. The cost to replace Unit 675, and associated emergency equipment, is approximately \$24,000.00. According to the Director of Administrative Services, there are ample resources in the vehicle replacement fund to replace the damaged police vehicle at this time.
  6. The Administrative Services Director is currently working with the insurance carrier to secure reimbursement for damages caused by the collision. Those resources will be returned to the vehicle replacement fund when secured.

**ANALYSIS &  
CONCLUSION:**

The patrol division generally deploys four (four) to six (6) marked patrol cars per shift. There are eight (8) marked patrol cars in our fleet excluding the marked K-9 cars (2), motorcycles (2) and supervisor vehicle (1). These eight (8) marked patrol cars are used daily by all shifts for patrol and, are also used for other functions, such as prisoner transportation, court, code enforcement, training and other associated needs. Routine vehicle maintenance also reduces our ability to deploy vehicles on a regular basis. Based on our evaluation of calls for service and fleet related needs and usage, the patrol divisions operational needs require eight (8) marked patrol cars to effectively deploy our resources at this time. With the damage to unit #675 the fleet has been reduced to seven (7) marked patrol cars.

**POLICY  
REFERENCE:**

Paso Robles Vehicle Replacement Policy.

**FISCAL  
IMPACT:**

Approximately \$24,000.00 from the vehicle replacement fund.

**OPTIONS:**

1. Adopt resolution No.06-XXX authorizing the appropriation of \$24,000.00 from the vehicle replacement fund to budget account 112-210-5454-136 to replace collision damaged unit #675.
2. Amend, modify or reject the above option.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-XXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES  
APPROVING A BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF COLLISION  
DAMAGED POLICE UNIT #675

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WHEREAS, Paso Robles Police unit # 675 was totally damaged when a wrong way drunk driver collided head on with the police vehicle on January 6, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Police unit #675, due to the collision damage, is no longer able to be deployed for patrol use; and

WHEREAS, the loss of unit #675 has created a shortage of available patrol vehicles for daily patrol needs; and

WHEREAS, there are adequate available funds in the Vehicle Equipment Replacement Fund to replace the damaged police vehicle; and

WHEREAS, replacement of the damaged police vehicle will provide needed patrol resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby approve a budget appropriation in the amount of \$24,000 from the Vehicle Equipment Replacement Fund to Budget Account No. 112-210-5454-136 to replace unit #675.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2006 by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

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Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deborah Robinson, Deputy City Clerk