

FILED
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
OAKLAND

CITY OF OAKLAND
AGENDA REPORT

To: 2010 APR 28 PM 5:41
City Administrator
Attn: Dan Lindheim
From: Police Department
Date: April 27, 2010

**Re: A Supplemental Report From the Oakland Police Department
Detailing Service Implications Associated with Eliminating the
Abandoned Auto Detail, And Any Considerable Options to Continue
to Provide Abandoned Auto Detail Services Should Said Cut Occur,
And How The Options Will Effect Overall Police Service Delivery**

SUMMARY

As requested by the Public Safety Committee, staff has prepared this supplemental report detailing a cost covering analysis of the Abandoned Auto Detail, with the elimination of one FTE (PST).

FISCAL IMPACT

As previously reported, the General Purpose Fund fiscal impact pertaining to the elimination of the Abandoned Auto Unit would be a loss of approximately \$343,000 in annual revenue.

The Abandoned Auto Unit has an authorized staffing level of 8.0 FTE Police Services Technician II (PST II) positions, of which, 5.0 FTE positions are filled. Because two of the vacancies are golden handshake positions, and are already deducted from OPD's budget, the elimination of the Abandoned Auto Unit will only result in a reduction of 6.0 FTE from the budget for a total reduction of \$462,500.

Should the Council move to eliminate the Abandoned Auto Unit, savings to the General Purpose Fund would be approximately \$119,500 annually, which is the difference between the 6.0 FTE filled PST II positions and the revenues generated per year in towed vehicles.

However, elimination of one fully burdened, FTE PST II position will save the City approximately \$87,725, out of the \$119,000, leaving a gap of \$31, 275 which can possibly be closed by increasing tows and citations.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

The strategy of increasing tows and cites will lead to a decrease in response time to citizens who want PSTs to investigate possible abandoned vehicles. This would be due to the PSTs spending more time searching for vehicles that can be towed immediately versus tagging vehicles for

Item: _____
Public Safety Comte.
April 27, 2010

possible tows in 72 hrs. The PST's stated that citizen response time could decrease by approx 1 ½ weeks, which may lead to increased complaints. (The tenured abandoned auto PSTs stated that this occurred in the past when more emphasis was placed on towing versus investigating citizens specific abandoned auto complaints).

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends acceptance of this report.

FORWARDED TO THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:


Office of the City Administrator

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony W. Batts
Chief of Police

Prepared by:
Sergeant Allan Steinberger
Vehicle Enforcement Unit
Oakland Police Department