

# CITY OF OAKLAND

## AGENDA REPORT

2007 SEP 27 AM 9:21  
**TO:** Office of the City Administrator  
**ATTN:** Deborah Edgerly  
**FROM:** Police Department  
**DATE:** October 9, 2007

**RE:** **A Report and Proposed Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator, or her designee, on Behalf of the City of Oakland, to Execute an Agreement with the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) for the Purpose of Permitting the Police Department to Present the POST Certified Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) to 150 Police Officer Trainees, and to Receive up to Sixty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$66,750) in Reimbursement Funds**

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### SUMMARY

A resolution has been prepared authorizing the City Administrator to execute an agreement with the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) for the purpose of permitting the Police Department to present the POST certified Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) to a maximum of 150 police officer trainees and receive reimbursement funds at the rate of \$445 per full-time on-duty employee of POST reimbursable agencies, up to a maximum of \$66,750.

### FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this resolution will authorize the Oakland Police Department to enter into an agreement with POST to provide EVOC training for the period of July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. There is no cost for the City to enter into this agreement with POST. The Police Department will receive \$445 in reimbursement fees per student to offset the cost of POST EVOC training presentations. The maximum reimbursable amount is \$66,750 for the training of 150 students. The reimbursement from POST is provided to academies to help offset the costs associated with presenting the mandated EVOC training (operating and maintenance of vehicles, equipment, etc.). Reimbursement funds shall be appropriated to the Police Department in General Purpose Fund (1010), Training Organization (103430), Training Program (PS09), and into a project to be determined.

It is estimated that 100 Oakland police officer trainees will participate in the EVOC training during the period of July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, and reimbursement fees will total approximately \$44,500. Staff does not expect trainees from other law enforcement agencies will participate in the EVOC training during this period based on the projected staffing needs for the Police Department, which require all available academy positions to be filled by Oakland police officer trainees.

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## **BACKGROUND**

The Police Department routinely conducts POST certified training courses for the benefit of Oakland Police Officers and trainees, as well as officers from other law enforcement agencies. The City of Oakland has been providing vehicle operations and other training services to POST since 1995.

## **KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS**

POST requires that all academies present a minimum of 24 hours of training in emergency vehicle operations to students enrolled in a basic academy.

While emergency vehicle operations are a vital component in police officer training (and very often needed in the apprehension of fleeing suspects), it is the Department's policy that a vehicle pursuit, or Code 3 response<sup>1</sup>, is justified only when the necessity of immediate apprehension or the emergency outweighs the level of danger created by the pursuit.

Pursuits are intended to carry out the Department's duty to act affirmatively in order that the offender will be apprehended and brought to trial for the offense committed.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The requirements for the vehicle operations course are specified in the POST Training and Testing Specifications for the Regular Basic Course. The requirements include numerous performance objectives, instructional goals, and mandated hours. The key topics covered in the training are:

- Introduction to Law Enforcement Vehicle Operations
- Principles of Defensive Driving
- Adverse Driving Conditions
- Principles of Vehicle Control
- Vehicle Pursuit Operations

## **SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

*Economic:* An emergency vehicle operations course based on best practices will provide an effective management strategy to reduce or prevent the City's exposure to incidents of civil liability and potential litigation.

*Environmental:* No environmental opportunities are anticipated.

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<sup>1</sup> A code 3 response warrants the use of flashing lights and sirens.

*Social Equity:* Sound procedural operations of police vehicles enhance the safety of both officers and the public.


**DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS**

There are no ADA or senior access issues contained in this report.

**RECOMMENDATION**

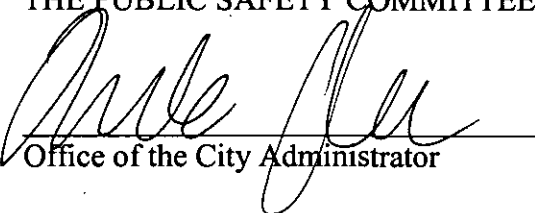
Staff recommends acceptance of this report and approval of the proposed resolution authorizing the City Administrator to execute an agreement with POST to present the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) to up to 150 police officer trainees and receive up to \$66,750 in reimbursement funds, at a rate of \$445 per student.

Respectfully submitted,

  
FOR Wayne G. Tucker  
Chief of Police

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Training Division  
Bureau of Services

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO  
THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

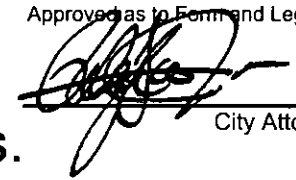
  
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# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

FILED  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
OAKLAND

RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

  
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City Attorney

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING (POST) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERMITTING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PRESENT THE POST CERTIFIED EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATIONS COURSE (EVOC) TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) POLICE OFFICER TRAINEES, AND TO RECEIVE UP TO SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$66,750) IN REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) has requested that the City of Oakland Police Department present the POST certified Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) to California Law Enforcement personnel who are full-time, on-duty employees of POST reimbursable agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, POST will reimburse the City for each full-time, on-duty POST reimbursable student who attends a City of Oakland POST presentation at a rate of \$445 per student, up to a maximum amount of \$66,750 during the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the City of Oakland to execute an agreement with POST for the purposes described above; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland has executed similar agreements with POST since 1995; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator or her designee is hereby authorized to submit and execute an agreement between the City of Oakland and POST for the purposes described above; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That reimbursement funds in an amount of up to \$66,750 shall be appropriated to the Police Department in General Purpose Fund: 1010, Training Org.: 103430, in Training Program PS09, into a project to be determined.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California