



Sheriff's Department COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: December 15, 2015

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Terrie Saenz, Fiscal Manager PHONE: 636-4635

SUBJECT: Authorize the Sheriff's Department to establish the Tulare County Sheriff's Foundation.

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Sheriff's Department to establish the Tulare County Sheriff's Foundation for charitable and educational purposes governed by the Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c)(3) as a public benefit corporation.
2. Authorize the Sheriff's Department's use of County resources for startup work during implementation of the Foundation and payment of \$850 for the user fee for the 501(c)(3) tax exempt status application process.

SUMMARY:
The Sheriff's Department is seeking authorization to create the Tulare County Sheriff's Foundation, which will serve as a vehicle for tax-exempt gifts, donations and grants from individuals, businesses and philanthropy organizations. If approved, the department will apply for recognition by the Internal Revenue Service for tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The specific purpose of the Tulare County Sheriff's Foundation will be to support and enhance the services provided by the Tulare County Sheriff's Department. The objective is to promote civic spirit in support of law enforcement and public safety; enhance public awareness and education concerning safety issues; and to

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accept and raise funds for Sheriff programs.

The Tulare County Sheriff's Foundation will be modeled after other successful law enforcement foundations in California and across the nation. The foundation will have oversight from a volunteer board of directors that will be composed of civic-minded individuals, devoted community business professionals, and community leaders. The board of directors will have control and management of all properties, assets, and operations of the non-profit foundation.

Historically, the Sheriff's Department has received generous contributions designated for various Sheriff's programs, such as the Sheriff's K-9 Unit, the Sheriff's Explorers, and the Sheriff's Search and Rescue Unit. The Sheriff's Foundation for Public Safety will facilitate donations to strengthen these vital programs.

The Sheriff's Department will utilize staff time to research and take appropriate steps to establish the non-profit including, but not limited to, preparing and filing documents with the State, obtaining a tax identification number and any other requirements as set out by law. The needs of the County take precedence over any activities associated with establishing this charitable organization.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The user fee for the 501(c)(3) tax exempt status application process will be \$850 and will come from the Sheriff's operating budget. There will be no net County cost.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes Initiative 1: Safety and Security Initiative. The donations received by The Tulare County Sheriff's Foundation will support this initiative by enhancing these specialty units and organizations.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Mike Boudreaux
Sheriff-Coroner

Cc: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE AUTHORIZE)
THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO) Resolution No. _____
ESTABLISH THE TULARE COUNTY) Agreement No. _____
SHERIFF'S FOUNDATION)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. SPATA
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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