

# ***NEWS***

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### **County Purchases Public Safety Equipment**

SAN BERNARDINO – The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors today approved the purchase of several vehicles to improve safety in desert communities.

“These purchases of vehicles and equipment will enable our County, including the Fire and Sheriff’s departments, to better serve our desert communities,” said First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt.

At the request of Supervisor Mitzelfelt, the Board agreed to purchase two firefighting water tenders. The Peterbilt water tenders will be purchased at a cost of \$32,500 each, using federal Community Development Block Grant funds. One will be stationed at Fire Station No. 322, serving the community of Adelanto and one will be located at Fire Station No. 119, serving the community of Wonder Valley.

The Board also accepted a grant from the California Department of Boating and Waterways in the amount of \$80,000 for the purchase of one fiberglass patrol boat to be used on the Colorado River. The Sheriff’s Department will use \$25,000 from its asset forfeiture fund to cover the balance of the \$105,000 boat, which will replace a 25-year-old boat now in use.

The Sheriff’s Marine Enforcement Unit at the Colorado River Station is responsible for patrolling one of the busiest recreation waterways in the nation. The Colorado River waterway, including Lake Havasu, has approximately 17 million visitors per year on the 90 miles of waterway within the County’s jurisdiction. The Sheriff’s Colorado River Station operates and maintains the necessary equipment and personnel at the Colorado River to provide enforcement of boating regulations, assistance to boaters in distress, and to conduct search, rescue and recovery operations.

In a separate action, the Board agreed to purchase a street sweeper for Community Service Area 64, which serves the community of Spring Valley Lake, at a cost of \$110,323.