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County Supports Fontana 4th of July Fireworks, Concert Event

SAN BERNARDINO – The Board of Supervisors approved funding on Tuesday to help provide Sheriff's deputies for security at a 4th of July fireworks and concert event planned at the Auto Club Speedway of Southern California in Fontana.

"The Red, White, and Cruise 4th of July Concert and Fireworks Extravaganza" will feature performances by American Idol Taylor Hicks and country music singer Jimmy Wayne. The day-long event will also include a fireworks show, parade, classic car show, children's games, freestyle motor cross demonstration, and other activities and entertainment.

Second District Supervisor Paul Biane, who represents the unincorporated area of Fontana where the Speedway is located, requested \$9,374 from the Board of Supervisors' priority policy needs budget to provide Sheriff's deputies at the event. Fifth District Supervisor Josie Gonzales, who represents a portion of the City of Fontana, requested an equal amount for a total of \$18,748.

The Speedway agreed to host the 4th of July event after talking with City of Fontana officials who were looking for a new venue to hold a community fireworks show. City-sponsored 4th of July events at the Fontana High School football stadium attracted sell-out crowds. Many residents who could not get into the fireworks show viewed the event from the school parking lot and surrounding streets, which created public safety concerns.

"The City's 4th of July fireworks show was a very popular event, but the football stadium wasn't able to accommodate everyone who wanted to come," Biane said. "The Speedway has space to accommodate a really large crowd this year, and there's also lots of room for this community celebration of the birth of our nation to grow in future years."

Advanced tickets for the event cost \$10 for adults and teens and \$5 for children ages 7 to 12. Children 6 and under get in for free. Active military personnel and their immediate family also get in for free with valid military identification. Tickets purchased on the date of the event cost \$20 for adults and teens and \$10 for children ages 7 to 12. Call (800) 944-7223 for ticket information.

Fontana residents and businesses, including those in the unincorporated county area of Fontana, can purchase advanced tickets for \$5 through the Fontana Community Services Department. A valid identification or business card with a Fontana address is required to purchase discount tickets. Fontana residents and business owners can call (909) 428-8360 for information about purchasing discount tickets.

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