

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the non-monetary donation of four commercial grade stamping machines in the value of \$26,259.08 from the American Automobile Club (AAA).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the non-monetary donation of four commercial grade stamping machines in the value of \$26,259.08 from the AAA and THANK the donor for this generous donation.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Board of Police Commissioners (Board). Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On April 9, 2024, your Committee considered a November 16, 2023 Board report relative to the non-monetary donation of four commercial grade stamping machines in the value of \$26,259.08 from the AAA. According to the Board, it is requesting authorization to accept the solicited monetary donation of four Monode marking devices at a cost of \$26,259.08. The marking devices are being donated by AAA. The four Monode marking devices will be distributed amongst the four geographic bureaus. This donation will allow each of the respective 21 geographic areas to conduct Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Etching and Marking events Citywide.

The VIN etching involves etching a vehicle's unique VIN onto the catalytic converter and other major parts of the vehicle, and can act as a deterrent to thieves as it makes stolen catalytic converters easier to trace back to a specific vehicle. Thieves are less likely to target a vehicle with VIN-etched parts, as the risk of getting caught and prosecuted is higher. If a catalytic converter with a VIN etching is stolen and subsequently recovered by law enforcement, it can be traced back to the stolen vehicle. This traceability can help law enforcement in identifying the thieves and returning the stolen property to the owner. The VIN etching programs can raise public awareness about catalytic converter thefts and encourage vehicle owners to take preventative measures. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the donation. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Public Safety Committee

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
RODRIGUEZ:	ABSENT
LEE:	YES
McOSKER:	YES
PARK:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES

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