

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA**

**RECOGNIZING JOHN MASTERSON**

**WHEREAS, John Masterson**, from January 21, 1992 to April 12, 2005, has honorably served the City and Community of Twentynine Palms on its Planning Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, in the course of his duties before the City, he has served as Planning Commissioner and Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, he has devotedly dedicated himself to the service of his community and has tirelessly represented the City with distinction for the betterment of the residents of Twentynine Palms; and

**WHEREAS**, during the course of his service he contributed to the formulation of the City's General Plan and Development Code and devoted himself to the Community's interests for 13 years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Twentynine Palms commends **John Masterson** for his commitment and outstanding contributions and expresses its utmost appreciation for his 13 years of dedicated service to the people, community, and City of Twentynine Palms.

**DATED** this 26<sup>TH</sup> day of April 2005.

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Dawn Benton Jr., Mayor

# CITY OF TWENTYNINE PALMS

## PROCLAMATION

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

**WHEREAS**, on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 1952, the Congress of the United States approved the Joint Resolution to provide for setting aside an appropriate day as a **National Day of Prayer** (Public Law 82-324; 66 Stat. 64); and

**WHEREAS**, the history of our nation is indelibly marked with the role that prayer has played in the lives of individuals and the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, historically our greatest leaders have turned to prayer in times of crisis and thanksgiving; and

**WHEREAS**, the virtues of prayer reflect a common bond: Hopes and aspirations, sorrows and fears, remorse and renewed resolve, thanks and joyful praise, and love.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council hereby proclaims May 5, 2005 as the **DAY OF PRAYER** in keeping with the wishes of the Congress of the United States, and urges all citizens to join in this special observance.

**DATED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2005

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Dawn Benton, Mayor



# STAFF REPORT

April 26, 2005

**TO:** City Council via City Manager

**FROM:** Adda L. Harris, Community Clean up Day Coordinator

**SUBJECT:** Community Clean Up Day Tonnage and Buck-A-Bag Results

The total tonnage reported by Waste Management was 55.76 tons of trash collected on April 9, 2005 at the Community Clean up day event. This total is higher by 9.46 tons from the last clean up day which was held on October 23, 2004. We can thank the Citizens of our community and the great efforts of the Buck-A-Bag participants.

The City of Twentynine Palms and Waste Management joined efforts to present the prize money for this event. Waste Management has generously offered to match the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prize money. Prize money is being awarded as follows:

For the over 18 years of age category:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Bag Counts</u>	<u>Prize Money</u>	<u>Total winnings</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Reach Out 29	562	\$ 100.00 x 2 + \$ 1.00/bag	\$ 762.00

For the 18 years of age and under category:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Bag Counts</u>	<u>Prize Money</u>	<u>Total winnings</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	The Cadet Corps	425	\$ 75.00 x 2 + \$ 1.00/bag	\$ 575.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Boy Scout Troop #77	70	\$ 50.00 x 2 + \$ 1.00/bag	\$ 170.00



# STAFF REPORT

April 26, 2005

**TO:** CITY COUNCI, AND CITY MANAGER  
**FROM:** COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR  
**SUBJECT:** DESIGN CONCEPT OF SKY'S THE LIMIT OBSERVATORY

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The City Council review and give input on the basic design concept of the Sky's The Limit Observatory project.

## **DISCUSSION**

In early 2004, a local group of citizens got together and kicked around the idea about building an observatory in Twentynine Palms. The group formed a committee under the umbrella of the Basin Wide Foundation and began meeting on finding a suitable property in which to build an observatory. Soon afterwards, a 7.5-acre site was located and acquired on Utah Trail adjacent to the Joshua Tree National Park boundaries, with another 2.5-acre site a couple of months later, and the Sky's The Limit was thusly formed.

In the fall of 2004, the Sky's The Limit approached the City about working together in developing the land including the observatory, along with restrooms, picnic area, scenic view, kiosk, and parking built by the City. City staff was then appointed to sit on the committee to work on the development of the project.

In December of 2004 a former resident and local property owner, Ann Congdon, AIA, volunteered her services as a design consultant. Ann has worked with the Sky's The Limit committee over the past several months to develop a site plan and building design that would enhance the natural beauty of the site, while making the facilities as sustainable as possible, and causing minimal disturbance to the landscape and native plant and animal life.

The Sky's The Limit organization and Staff, would like to present the basic design concepts to the City Council and the public, and would like to receive comments, input and thoughts before proceeding with the project. Last Tuesday night, Staff presented the site plan to the Planning Commission for their input and suggestion. Final adoption of the project will be brought forward to the Planning Commission at a later date.

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## **STAFF REPORT**

**To:** City Council

**From:** City Manager

**Date:** 04262005

**Subject:** Second Reading, Development Code Amendments

**Recommendation:** Receive revised development code, conduct 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adopt amendments.

**Discussion:** The City Council conducted a public hearing on the Planning Commission's recommended revisions to the development code at its last meeting and passed the amendments with two exceptions: The Council chose not to amend the Underground Utilities requirements and instead kept the existing regulations requiring that new development underground utilities; secondly the Council amended the provisions for tow trucks in residential neighborhoods to require that they be parked on private property and not on the street. The document prepared for second reading reflects the Council's action.

Council's action on this second reading will adopt the revised development code amendments and they would be effective in 30 days on May 27, 2005.

**CITY OF TWENTYNINE PALMS  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**STATISTICS FOR MARCH 2005**

	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>	<b>%Deviation</b>	<b>Avg. Month</b>	<b>FYTD</b>
<b>PATROL STATISTICS</b>					
<b>CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	1330	1199	10.93%	1225	11022
<b>REPORTED CRIMES</b>					
Part I	78	51	52.9%	56	502
Part II	182	174	4.6%	169	1522
Total	260	225	15.6%	225	2024
<b>CASES CLEARED</b>					
Total	237	174	36.2%	204	1837
Percentage	91.15%	77.33%	17.87%	90.76%	90.76%
<b>CLEARED BY ARREST - ADULT</b>					
Part I	47	22	113.64%	34	305
Part II	177	135	31.11%	160	1439
<b>CLEARED BY ARREST - JUVENILE</b>					
Part I	2	3	-33.33%	4	35
Part II	11	14	-21.43%	6	58
<b>TRAFFIC STATISTICS</b>					
P.D.O	11	10	10.00%	9	78
Injury	6	7	-14.29%	4	36
Fatal	0	1	-100.00%	0	2
Private Property	1	1	0.00%	1	13
TOTAL	18	19	-5.26%	14	129
<b>TRAFFIC CITATIONS</b>					
Hazard	22	18	22.2%	41	370
Non-Hazard	82	93	-11.8%	87	783
TOTAL	104	111	-6.3%	128	1153
<b>D.U.I. ARRESTS</b>	9	9	0.0%	8	72
<b>RESPONSE TIMES</b>		<b>CURRENT YEAR</b>		<b>PREVIOUS YEAR</b>	
Emergency Response	*6.83 MIN		3.27 MIN		
Non-emergency Response	**19.26 MIN		19.42 MIN		
Average Handling Time	39.1 MIN		42.5 MIN		
<b>PROACTIVE PATROL</b>	<b>TARGET RANGE</b>		<b>% USED</b>		
46.20%	35 - 100%		46.78%		

\* Responded to 4 calls

\*\*Responded to 455 calls

**VOLUNTEER HOURS:**           **TOTAL:**           214

**CITY OF TWENTYNINE PALMS  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT TO CITY MANAGER  
MARCH 2005**

**PATROL SUMMARY:**

During the month of March, the City patrol officers responded to 1330 calls for service. We wrote 260 reports and cleared 224 Adult crime cases and 13 Juvenile crime cases by arrest.

We currently have 9.3 patrol officers assigned to the City. Our proactive patrol time for March was 46.20%. Of that, 46.78% was productively used in officer-initiated activity.

**INVESTIGATIONS SUMMARY:**

The City Investigator was assigned 47 new cases this month. In addition to these new cases, there are 12 cases being investigated. In March, 11 case(s) were cleared by arrest, 13 case(s) was cleared by exceptional means, and 26 case(s) were inactivated. There have been 119 year to date cases assigned to the City Investigator.

**TRAFFIC SUMMARY:**

City patrol officers issued 104 traffic citations and arrested 9 person(s) for driving under the influence.

We investigated 18 traffic collisions; of these, 11 involved property damage only and 1 accident occurred on private property. There was 6 accident(s) involving injuries and -0- accident(s) with fatalities.

Our enforcement index was 5 : 1 based on a total of 9 DUI's and 22 hazard citations with a total of 6 injury/fatal collision.

**SPECIAL TRAFFIC OPERATIONS:**

There were no Special Traffic Operations conducted in the City of Twentynine Palms for the month of March.

**MOTORCYCLE ENFORCEMENT TEAM:**

The Off-Highway Vehicle Enforcement Team devoted -0- hours this month to patrol the back roads for safety violations and nuisance complaints.

**SPECIAL OPERATIONS:**

On 03/17/05 – 03/20/05, a Special Enforcement Detail was conducted for the Twentynine Palms Rotary Carnival in the City of Twentynine Palms.

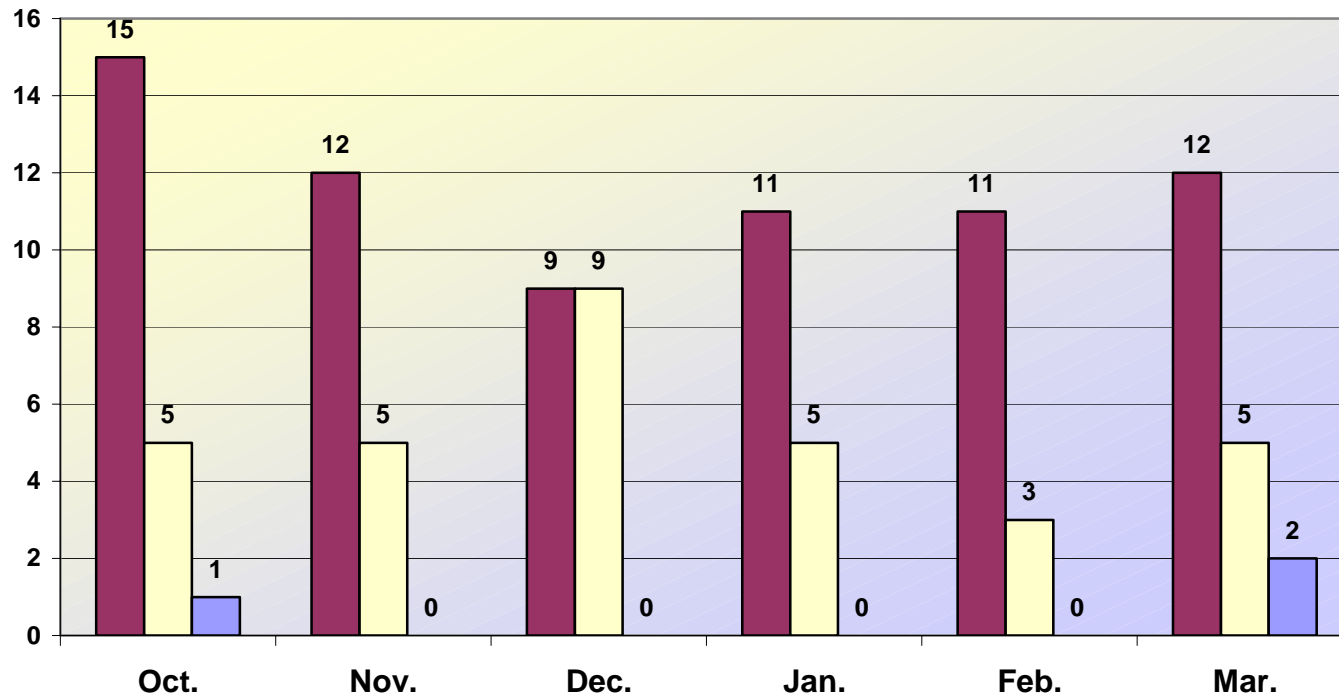
**SPECIAL JUVENILE ENFORCEMENT PROJECTS:**

There were no Special Juvenile Enforcement Projects in the City of Twentynine Palms for the month of January.

**CITY OF TWENTYNINE PALMS CITIZEN PATROL UNIT:**

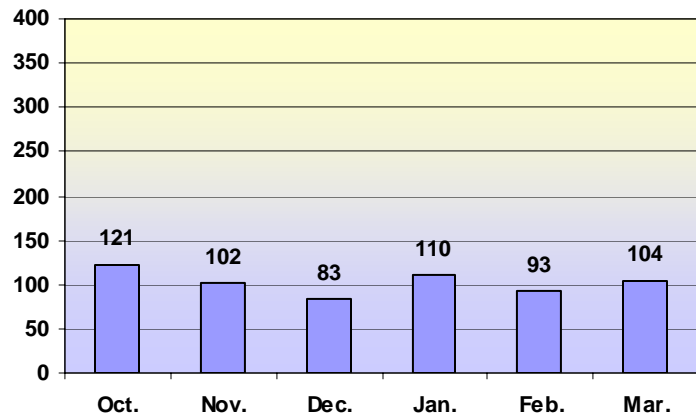
The Citizen Patrol Unit volunteered a total of 214 hours; -0- hour(s) in training, 14 hours in administrative duties, 111 hours on patrol, 19 hours in community service, and 70 hours of miscellaneous duties.

**Twentynine Palms  
Oct. 2004 to Mar. 2005**

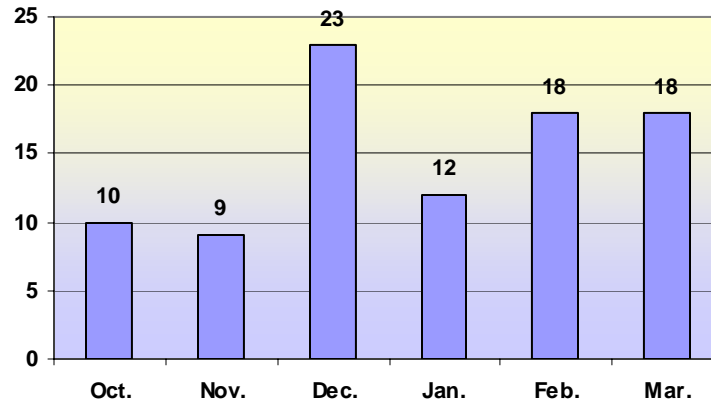


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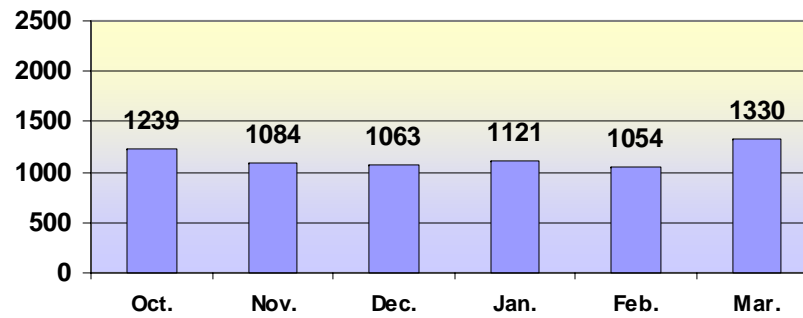
**Twentynine Palms Citations**



**Twentynine Palms Accidents**



**Twentynine Palms Calls For Service**





# STAFF REPORT

April 26, 2005

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

**FROM:** COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

**SUBJECT:** REALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The City Council reallocate \$6,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG) from the Luckie Park Pool and Restroom Project to the Patriotic Hall Kitchen Cabinets Project.

## **DISCUSSION**

In 2004, the City Council allocated \$6,000 in CDBG funds toward the rehabilitation of the Knott's Sky Park Restroom Project. During the ensuing months the Twentynine Palms Rotary Club along with City Staff, remodeled the restrooms using Rotary funds. The Twentynine Palms Rotary Club also applied and received grant funds to upgrade the electrical system and install tack board in the main room. Therefore, the CDBG funds the City allocated toward the project have not been used.

The Youth Club wants to continue the renovations of Patriotic Hall using the \$6,000 in CDBG funds for the replacement and upgrading cabinets in the kitchen and main room. In order to use the CDBG funds, the City has to submit a new application requesting City Council approval to reallocate the funds toward the new project. Staff has already submitted the application for the new project for the plan modification scheduled for April by the Economic and Community Development Department.

Staff's recommendation is to approve the reallocation of the \$6,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds for the replacement and upgrading of the kitchen cabinets at Patriotic Hall.

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# STAFF REPORT

April 26, 2005

**TO:** City Council via City Manager  
**FROM:** City of Twentynine Palms Chief of Police  
**SUBJECT:** Purchase of Patrol Vehicle

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The City Council approve the acquisition of a fully equipped four-wheel drive patrol vehicle including first year operational costs in the amount of \$ 49,368.30 from the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) grant program.

## **BACKGROUND**

The City Police Department has four (4) patrol vehicles. One of these was previously purchased through the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) grant program. This vehicle has reached the end of its fleet service life. The Police Department proposes to replace this vehicle with the purchase a fully equipped four-wheel drive patrol vehicle from the 2004 SLESF grant program. The patrol vehicle will enhance the Police Department's ability to provide police services in the areas of patrol, training, response to court, and our community/problem policing projects. The cost of a fully equipped Chevrolet Tahoe patrol vehicle is \$ 38,724.30. Fuel, maintenance, and insurance cost for the first year of operation are \$ 10, 644.00 for a total acquisition and operational cost of \$ 49,368.30. There will be no economic impact to the City's General Fund, as grant funds (SLESF) will afford the purchase and operational cost of the requested patrol vehicle.



# STAFF REPORT

April 26, 2005

**TO:** City Council via City Manager

**FROM:** Public Works Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** Purchase of 1997 Case 821B Loader

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The City Council authorize the purchase of a 1997B Case Loader Model No. 821B. Funds have been allocated for upgrade of equipment from the Gas Tax Budget Account No.22-1004-4508 in the amount of \$79,196.25

## **BACKGROUND:**

Since 1995, the Public Works Department has been using a 1988 Case Loader 621 to clear roads. Throughout the years, wear and tear on this equipment has made it difficult to perform the necessary work. Public Works staff has located a 1997 Case Loader 821B in top condition with only 3900 hours and is priced at \$79,196.25. This 1997 model loader will be an asset to the City's growing demand to clear roads after flooding. It has a fully enclosed cab for all types of weather and is equipped with floodlights for night time operation. Numerous loaders were priced ranging from \$65,000.00 with 15,000 hours to \$125,000.00 with 1000 hours. The Case Loader 821B is the best buy in top condition with minimal hours of use. Our current loader (1988 Case Loader 621) will be sold at public auction in Perris, California, on June 6, 2005. This will help offset the purchase of the 1997 model.

Staff is recommending that the City Council approve the purchase of the 1997 Case Loader 821B in the amount of \$79,196.25.



## **STAFF REPORT**

**To:** City Council via City Manager

**From:** Planning Technician

**Date:** April 26, 2005

### **RE: PC 04-47**

Appeal of Conditions of Approval (right of way dedications) for Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for intensification of use, adding a towing business to existing facilities, 72878 Twentynine Palms Highway (APN 618-151-67 and 68)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Conduct the Public Hearing, present appeal to City Council for a decision regarding right of way dedications.

**Discussion:** Applicant Carol Smith proposed an intensification of use, adding a towing business (Thomas Towing) to the existing facilities (Yucca Valley Chrysler Center). The property is located at the northwest corner of Mesquite Springs Road and Twentynine Palms Highway. In the proposal, the applicant indicated that the business would be limited to two trucks not exceeding 29,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight (GVW). Accordingly, the analysis of the CUP and the required environmental review, was limited to what was proposed. The Planning Commission approved the application for CUP at their March 1, 2005 meeting. Included in the Conditions of Approval is a requirement for right of way dedications.

### **Public Improvements**

The existing half-width right-of-way for Mesquite Springs Road adjacent to the subject site is 40 feet from centerline. The standard for this roadway, established by the City Council in its May 24, 2004 adoption of the Circulation Plan, is 52 feet. Twentynine Palms Highway has an existing 50-foot right-of-way but the General Plan standard is a 52-foot right-of-way. The approved recommendation contained in the Conditions of Approval reflects the requirement in the Standard Conditions of Approval (Condition #E7) approved by the Planning Commission on March 16, 2004. In following the Planning Commission's directive on road dedication, Condition #E7 of the attached Conditions of Approval requires that the applicant provide the additional 12 feet for Mesquite Springs Road, the additional two feet for Twentynine Palms Highway and the 35-foot radius at the corner of these two roadways. The applicant is appealing this condition.

Because of the anticipated level of impacts, based on the quantity and size of tow trucks being proposed, the conditions do not include a requirement for street improvements (i.e. curb & gutter, sidewalk, match-up paving).