

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 21, 2009
TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JAMES K. HARTMAN, CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE DONATION OF A
"BAIT CAR" TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ISSUE: Consideration of Acceptance of the Donation of a Surveillance Vehicle to the Police Department.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council accept the donation of a "bait car" from the National Insurance Crime Bureau, and thank them and Allstate Insurance Company for their donation. This offer of donation expires on January 31, 2009.

DISCUSSION: The National Insurance Crime Bureau is a not-for-profit organization that receives support from insurance companies. The NICB partners with insurers and law enforcement agencies to facilitate the identification, detection and prosecution of criminals.

Allstate Insurance Company, through NICB, makes this donation to the Alexandria Police Department as part of Allstate's Anti-Theft Program. Allstate is donating "bait cars" to police departments in 14 communities around the country. These "bait cars" are specially outfitted with advanced technology designed to catch car thieves.

FISCAL IMPACT: The vehicle and installed equipment has an estimated value of \$10,000.00.

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