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# Staff Report

## City of Manhattan Beach

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Aldinger and Members of the City Council

**THROUGH:** Geoff Dolan, City Manager

**FROM:** Bruce Moe, Finance Director  
Gwen Eng, General Services Manager

**DATE:** April 15, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Donation of Two Surplus Vehicles to the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the donation of two surplus vehicles to the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

**FISCAL IMPLICATION:**

The vehicles have a combined fair market value of approximately \$3,000.

**DISCUSSION:**

The City has two surplus vehicles ready for disposal: a 1995 Chevy Blazer with over 90,000 miles, and a 2002 GMC pickup truck with an animal control truck body, with over 96,000 miles. Both have reached the end of useful life, are in need of repairs and are no longer economical to maintain. As a result, replacement units were purchased and are now in service.

Surplus vehicles are typically disposed of through public auction for the highest attainable value. However, recently the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) expressed an interest in obtaining used City vehicles. CERT is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization created to enhance disaster preparedness and emergency response of the citizens of Manhattan Beach. They accomplish this through participation in community awareness events, various training programs and drills. They also provide volunteer support to the Manhattan Beach Fire or Police departments in the event of an emergency. These vehicles would be used to transport their members and emergency equipment to various locations within Manhattan Beach in the event of an emergency, as well as for the training its members. The City Manager and Fire Chief support this donation as being in the best interest of our community.

If approved by the City Council, the vehicles will be legally transferred to CERT. Any further repairs or costs associated with the vehicles will become their responsibility.