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**MEETING DATE:** July 14, 2026

**STAFF PERSON RESPONSIBLE:** Joel White, Division Chief Patrol

**DESCRIPTION:** Payment to Douglas County Search & Rescue for Douglas County Sheriff's Office Contributions for NEW Command Post and 2026 Annual Support in the Amount of \$223,000.00.

**SUMMARY:** In 2025, Douglas County Search & Rescue (DCSAR) brought forward to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office a request for the replacement of the unit's primary Command Post, a 2001 Ford F-350 4-wheel drive box style truck that responds to all DCSAR missions. The purpose is to provide a safe, self-contained all-weather environment for a full command staff with the ability to manage multiple SAR teams, communications and logistics over multiple operational periods and to carry basic complement of lifesaving first aid equipment for protection of the command staff and emergency responders. However, the unit was unable to carry such equipment due to weight restrictions and limited on the weight of portable mission equipment to be transported safely, especially on steep mountain roads. The truck chassis was undersized as it was originally built to be a mobile crime lab for the Sheriff's Office.

The estimated cost to replace the command post was \$350,000 to be built with a F-550 AWD chassis that would be able to transport portable mission equipment, lifesaving first aid equipment, and accommodate workstations for staff when responding to all calls for service. A generous donor provided 50% of the funds for replacement and the Douglas County Sheriff's Office requested and received approval in the 2025 Adopted Budget for the remaining 50% (\$175,000) to be billed to DSCO upon completion. DCSAR took possession of the new unit in late May 2026 as the build took approximately 15 months.

The invoice also includes the 2026 annual support for search and rescue services contribution of \$48,000.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Request the Board approve the payment to Douglas County Search & Rescue in the amount of \$223,000.

**REVIEW:**

Darren Weekly	Approve	7/8/2026
Jeff Garcia	Approve	7/8/2026
Christie Guthrie	Approve	7/8/2026
Doug DeBord	Approve	7/9/2026

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Command Post Picture 1  
Command Post Picture 2  
2026 DCSAR Inv for DCSO