



Siskiyou County
Board of Supervisors
311 Fourth Street
Yreka, CA 96097

May 15, 2022

Dear Honorable Members of the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors:

The purpose of this letter is to request acceptance of the donation of a 2021 Mercedes Sprinter for use as a Search and Rescue command post vehicle.

The Siskiyou County Sheriff Search and Rescue Association (SCSSARA) was formed in 2015. Our primary mission is to support and assist the members and mission of the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue team (SAR). This support usually takes the form of fundraising and financial assistance. The majority of non-operational expenses for the SAR team (ie training, uniforms and equipment) for the SAR team are funded through SCSSARA. In 2017 when the SAR team's command post vehicle was decommissioned and the team was told it would not be replaced, SCSSARA began setting aside a large portion of its annual fundraising to purchase a new one.

The COVID-19 pandemic forced us to cancel our annual dinner in 2020 and 2021 which was by far the largest source of funds. As we had only raised about ½ of the money for the command post vehicle, we began searching for alternate funding sources. In June of 2021 SCSSARA was awarded a \$46,000 grant by the McConnell Fund of the Community Foundation of the North State to pay for the other half of purchasing and outfitting a command post vehicle. In November of last year, we purchased a 2021 Mercedes Sprinter and the SAR team is currently buying materials and finishing work on the van.

Sincerely,

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