

**TOWN OF  
APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**

**AGENDA MATTER**

**Subject Item:**

**FEE WAIVER REQUEST BY THE APPLE VALLEY SHERIFF'S POSSE FOR  
USE OF THE RODEO ARENA AT HORSEMEN'S CENTER**

**Summary Statement:**

On 8-14-01, the Town Council adopted a policy stating fees can be administratively waived for a local public agency, a utility company or service district, or a similar entity providing an essential service to the general community, whereas, non-profit requests for fee waivers must go before the Town Council for consideration.

The attached letter requests a waiver of park rental fees for the Apple Valley Sheriff's Posse. The Apple Valley Sheriff's Posse is attempting to host a monthly Cowboy Challenge the first Saturday of each month – May through August. The purpose of the event is to raise much needed funding for the Posse's search and rescue program. The event itself will consist of obstacle courses and safety training. Additionally, the event will be open to the public and add to the growing number of equestrian activities being scheduled at the facility.

The total fees are \$323.80. The Sheriff's Posse will prep the facility themselves, fill out the proper Facility Use Agreement and provide a certificate of liability insurance.

**Recommended Action:**

For good cause shown, and finding a waiver will serve a public purpose, approve the waiver of the facility rental fee of \$323.80 for the Apple Valley Sheriff's Posse.

**Proposed by:** Ralph Wright, Community Services Manager Item Number \_\_\_\_\_

**T. M. Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Budgeted Item**  Yes  No  N/A

**Apple Valley Sheriff's Posse**  
San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department  
PO Box 338 Victorville, CA 92392



March 30, 2009

Attn: Mr. Ralph Wright  
Community Service Manager

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Maarten Verwey, Captain of the Apple Valley Sheriffs Posse (hereafter referred to as AVSP), have been presented with an opportunity to host a monthly equine fundraising event. The AVSP has approval from the San Bernardino County Sheriffs Department to organize and host this event, which will be titled "**The Apple Valley Equine Challenge**".

We are hereby requesting that the Apple Valley Department of Parks and Recreation waive or reduce the fee for the AVSP to use your facilities at Horsemen's Center.

We feel that holding this event in **Apple Valley**, at the **Horsemen's Center**, would also lend to Apple Valley's mission to provide a "**Better Way of Life**" through the promotion of community awareness and support of its local search and rescue organizations.

The AVSP has its headquarters in the Horsemen's Center. Hosting the event at Horsemen's Center would be an opportunity for the AVSP to recruit volunteers close to home. This event would also have the potential to raise money for our organization, which would add to the much needed funds necessary to continue our search and rescue efforts.

The Apple Valley Sheriffs Posse is the first and oldest Sheriff's Posse in the State of California. We are a non-profit Mounted, ATV, & Ground unit providing search and rescue services throughout the County of San Bernardino.

Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Sincerely,

Maarten Verwey  
Captain-2009

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