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Zero Motorcycle Hits the Streets of Placerville

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Placerville, CA – Placerville Police Department to hit the trails with new Zero brand electric motorcycle.

The Placerville Police Department can quietly hit the streets in its new Zero electric motorcycle. The Zero motorcycle is fully electric and designed for police to patrol the trails and streets in a cost effective manner. The dual purpose motorcycle will give the Placerville Police Department the advantage when patrolling the expanding trail that traverses throughout the City of Placerville or navigating the hillsides to increase public safety. The new unit is nearly silent and produces zero emissions when in operation.

The Zero motorcycle deployment is in line with the Placerville Police Department's recently developed Strategic Plan. Within the Strategic Plan, the Placerville Police Department identified Community Service as one of the four focus points and specifically addressed establishing on-going patrols in parks and along biking, walking, and jogging trails.

The motorcycle has a regenerative braking system, and can go approximately 164 miles on one charge. The upkeep for the bike is about 2 cents per mile compared to 63 cents per mile for conventional motorcycles. Zero motorcycles can be plugged into a standard outlet and they come with a "quick charge" feature that would allow a fast boost when necessary (i.e. parades, enforcement checkpoints, special enforcement details, etc.).

"The capabilities of the Zero motorcycle is a force multiplier," advised Commander Kim Nida who oversees the Traffic Section of PPD, "This motorcycle combined with our bike patrol units will maximize public safety on the trails and increase positive interactions between officers and the public we serve."

