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The OCSO Orange County Convention Center Unit Receives New Segway i2 Patrollers *By M/D Mike Smith, OCCC Unit*

As law enforcement officers, we are always looking to perform our job in the most cost effective and efficient manner possible. The Orange County Sheriff's Office has a reputation nationally as a progressive agency that is not afraid to think outside the box.

Deputies assigned to the Orange County Convention Center (OCCC) work at one of the largest & busiest convention centers in the world. The OCCC Unit recently took possession of four new Segway i2 Patrollers, complete with the latest police lighting systems, insignias and siren packages. The purchase of the Segways was made possible by the FDLE Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant # 2013-JAGC-ORAN-8-D7-145 for \$40,489. As a result of the grant there was no economic impact to the Orange County Sheriff's Office budget or Orange County taxpayers.

Deputies assigned to the OCCC have over 7 million square feet of interior space between two buildings to traverse, which does not include the exterior parking lots and remote buildings. The two buildings are connected by a ¼ mile long pedestrian bridge that spans International Dr and Convention Way. In 2012, the OCCC had 181 shows with over 1.3 million show attendees which had an economic impact to the local economy of approximately 2.1 billion dollars. The west building is approximately ½ mile long while the North/South building is approximately 1/3 of a mile long. There are approximately 6400 paved & unpaved parking spaces between the two buildings.

Segways, three wheelers, bicycles, and electric carts are the preferred mode of transportation for most contractors and OCCC employees, due to the distances and size of both buildings that need to be covered daily.

Deputies assigned to the OCCC perform multifaceted tasks that include responding to medical & citizen assists, theft & lost property issues, dignitary & celebrity escorts, traffic control & enforcement, along with Sectors 3 & 5 Patrol assists while simultaneously serving local and visiting tourist and show attendees. The Segway i2 Patrollers enable the deputies assigned to the OCCC to cover their patrol area more efficiently and answer calls in a timely manner. Because Segways are people friendly, show attendees and the public are more inclined to approach the deputies when they need help. The Segway is also helpful when searching for a lost child or an elderly adult lost or separated from their group.

The Segway i2 Patrollers are a vital tool which has greatly enhanced our ability to perform our law enforcement duties at the Orange County Convention Center.

