

## Vehicles add zip to 'Idol' security

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Glendale police and firefighters will be zipping around the arena on three-wheeled vehicles during *American Idol* festivities this week.

Three of the T3 Personal Patrol vehicles have been put on loan for use at Jobing.com Arena, 9400 W. Maryland Ave.

The highly maneuverable vehicle features a raised platform that will allow police and firefighter to see above crowds and establish a command presence, officials said.

The machines, which cost \$8,988 each, are manufactured by Arizona Emergency Products, a Phoenix firm.

They will be visible not only during the American Idol audition on Friday, but the registration today and Thursday.

Garry Soderlund, a security officer for the Glendale Police Department, has taken the T3 for some test patrol spins in the city's downtown area.

"The T3s allow us to patrol a much wider area in the same time than when we're walking," he said. "They also reduce fatigue, especially during our hot summer weather."

During Super Bowl XLII earlier this year, police and firefighters put another kind of vehicle to a practical test.

Segway, a Scottsdale firm, loaned 12 Segway Personal Transporters, a two-wheeled device, for use during the football game and

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