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Watsonville PD Gets Hi-Tech Wheels

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WATSONVILLE, Calif. -- Watsonville police are turning heads with a new set of wheels.

The T3 is a battery-operated, three-wheel standup vehicle, similar to the well-known Segway.

The vehicle operates more like a conventional motorcycle, with throttle and brake controls located on the handles.

Police departments, like many people, are being hit hard by high gasoline prices, but the electric tricycle from T-3 Motion promises to solve the problem.

"We're always exploring eco-friendly ways to get around, starting with bicycles years ago," said Manny Solano with Watsonville Police. "Our community policing plan calls for officers to get out of their patrol car and be able to interact with the community. They need to be able to hear things and be a lot friendlier with the community. I think this provides us that capability."

The vehicles cost about \$10,000 to purchase and about 10 cents a day to operate.

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