



## **News Release**

### **T3 Electric Vehicle Press Conference**

In October of 2006, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department began to search for a new law enforcement transportation device for deputies to use in areas where a full-sized vehicle is impractical. After reviewing numerous vendors and the suitability of utilizing an all-electric, three-wheel vehicles for specialized law enforcement applications, the "T3 Motion" vehicle was selected.

We initially began our trial in the City of Avalon, where it's narrow streets, rugged terrain, and large weekend population made for a challenging law enforcement testing environment. In addition, we deployed a single T3 Electric Vehicle at six other facilities: Palmdale Station, Community Colleges Bureau, Transit Services Bureau, West Hollywood Station, Pitchess Detention Center, North Facility, and Carson Station.

Each vehicle has unique and identifiable application. In fact, on the first day of deployment at the Palmdale Mall, deputies credited their use of the device to the successful capture of two robbery suspects.

At the conclusion of our initial trial of the new vehicles, we found that this technology was environmentally friendly, well suited to navigate in narrow streets and alleyways, functioned well for low speed traffic enforcement, had excellent maneuvering capabilities versus the standard radio car, enhanced deputy awareness and visibility in foot patrol applications, received a positive response by the public, enhancing our community policing efforts, allowed deputies the ability to stealthily approach potential law violators, and enhanced the deputy's ability in crowd control situations similar to deputies mounted on horseback, and were a perfect application for malls, parks, school campuses, large facilities, transportation platforms, and entertainment venues

The T3 Motion Electric Vehicle can travel up to 25 miles on a single charge, with a top speed of 25 mile per hour. Their new battery technology allows for rapid re-charging, at mere pennies per day. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department currently has nineteen of these vehicles in our fleet, fifteen of which were shown at the conference, and anticipate the addition of many more in the months to come.