

# Memo

**To:** Mayor Burch and City Council  
**Cc:** Mr. Gregg Guetschow, City Manager  
**From:** Lisa E. Sherman, Chief of Police  
**Date:** 12/3/2014  
**Re:** Purchase of Patrol Vehicles

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At this time I am requesting approval for the purchase of two Patrol Vehicles to replace a vehicle that was destroyed in a recent crash and another that has high mileage and maintenance costs. Previously we had gone with Dodge Chargers as our choice for patrol vehicles. We have found over the course of our use that these have not held up to the daily expectations or needs. Maintenance costs on these model cars alone have us nearly maxed out on our yearly maintenance budget just five months into the fiscal year. These problems are occurring with other police agencies nationwide, with no relief from Dodge in these matters.

With this in mind, we have researched what vehicles would best meet all of our needs. The Ford Explorer SUV has come out on top, in price, utility and expected maintenance. The Ford is the lowest price SUV available while still maintaining the interior room that is needed for personnel and equipment. The previous Dodge Chargers, purchased at \$23,297.43 each, lacked passenger room, ground clearance, and equipment storage that the Ford SUV will now accommodate.

As a bonus, Ford is the only manufacturer to now offer a comprehensive maintenance and extended service plan for police fleet vehicles. This will give us a longer term cost savings each year for 5 years/125,000 miles. This will make budgeting each year for maintenance costs much more predictable and allow us to keep vehicles longer because it won't cost us more each year in maintenance over

the life of the vehicle, saving the City money long term. All warranty work with this plan could now be done at our local Ford dealer, unlike our Dodge Chargers, which had to be taken to Lansing for repairs.

**Recommendation: To purchase two Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD vehicles with a 5 year/125,000 mile Extended Warranty and Premium Care Plan. This bid is the result of the Macomb County Contract bid #71-15 under the State of Michigan approved Bidding process #071B130009, awarded to Signature Ford 1960 E. Main St. Owosso, Michigan. The bid breaks down as follows: Vehicles each: \$25,933.00. 5 year/125,000 mile Extended Warranty and Premium Care Plan each: \$5055.00. Total package price: \$61,976.00.**