



**To: Mayor Merkes  
Members of the Common Council**  
**From: Chief Stanke**  
**Date: January 11, 2010**  
**Re: CSO Van Purchase**

**We are in the process of purchasing vehicles at the Police Department. In the past we have always made purchases based on what we have felt were in the best interest of the department within changing models, conditions and budget limits.**

**We are prepared at this point to complete our purchase orders but feel that it is necessary to make a change in the initial individual model purchase limits but within the overall budget amount dedicated to police vehicles.**

**It is our desire to switch the amount of dollars allocated to the unmarked police squad and the CSO vehicle. In reviewing the vehicle needs of our CSO program we believe that a 2010 Ford Transit Connect is our wisest choice. This vehicle will allow us to carry the equipment needed, space for the transport of animals, mpg, visibility and overall needs. The cost for the vehicle is \$23,087.00 plus some change over cost. We are currently evaluating other vehicles for the unmarked, matching needs and cost limitations, but will remain within the \$68,000.00 overall budget limitations.**

**As I stated earlier, it has been practice for at least twenty years to move forward with this type of purchase as long as we can stay within the overall budget limitations. In lieu of the specific discussion that took place on this issue during budget deliberations it was felt appropriate to bring this change to your attention.**