



To: Members of the Common Council

From: Chief Tim Styka 

Date: July 1, 2015

RE: Police K-9 Vehicle

### **BACKGROUND**

When on a traffic stop in the early morning hours of June 21, 2015 Officer Spiegel and K-9 Athos's patrol vehicle caught on fire. K-9 Athos and some of the equipment inside was able to be removed before the vehicle became totally engulfed in flames. The vehicle is a total loss.

### **ANALYSIS**

As a short term solution the K-9 Unit has been using one of the PSLO vehicles during the summer. However, this vehicle is not properly equipped for K-9 use and a new K-9 vehicle will need to be purchased to continue the program. The vehicle which was involved in the fire was a 2009 Ford Expedition. This vehicle had a 7-8 year life expectancy and it was anticipated the vehicle would be replaced in 2016 or possibly 2017.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The purchase price of a new Ford Police SUV Interceptor is \$29,723. Our insurance carrier CVMIC has valued the old vehicle at \$17,344. After applying the deductible the City will receive a check for \$16,344, leaving a shortfall of \$13,379.

Over the past few years we have budgeted a set amount for vehicle purchases. This allowed for more consistent budgeting and through carryovers created a surplus which was planned on being used for a year in which we needed to purchase 4 vehicles instead of the typical 3 we buy each year. The amount we have carried over totals \$13,157 which will in essence cover the purchase price of the vehicle.

It should be noted that while this will cover the vehicle cost, the equipment which was lost is not included in this amount. We expect to cover the equipment and changeover costs within our existing vehicle maintenance budget by deferring some of the scheduled purchases.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is our recommendation that the Common Council approve the ordering and purchase of a new Police Interceptor SUV. This action will not require a change to the approved budget as monies exist for the purchase. Instead, the approval is being requested as this vehicle replacement was not part of the proposed purchases for 2015.

Proposed motion: To grant authorization for the Police Department to purchase a Police Interceptor SUV for use as the new Police K-9 vehicle in the amount of \$29,723.