

Rapid City Police Department
Memo

TO: Chief of Police Karl Jegeris

FROM: Lt. Mark Eisenbraun *ME DU*

DATE: 9/3/14

SUBJECT: Fleet Purchase Requests

The Rapid City Police Department has a number of high mileage patrol vehicles that are in need of replacement. To help remedy this problem, on September 2nd, the Rapid City Council voted to appropriate \$100,000 to the Police Department to purchase new vehicles.

Earlier this summer, Captain Don Hedrick wrote letter to the Office of the Attorney General requesting money from the Drug Control Fund to purchase additional vehicles. On August 27th, 2014 we received confirmation the Rapid City Police Department was awarded \$100,000.

I met with the local dealerships for Ford, Chevrolet and Dodge and found that none had any 2014 police package vehicles in stock. Manufacturers have ceased production of 2014 vehicles and are transitioning into the production of 2015 model year vehicles. The South Dakota Office of Procurement has not released the 2015 state bid awards. For this reason, we are unable to purchase any 2015 models at this time.

Billion Auto located at 1400 Cambell Street currently has access to a number of police package vehicles. These vehicles are appropriately equipped and they have agreed to match the state bid prices on them.

The proposed purchases are detailed below:

- 2 Dodge Charger Police Package Sedans, State Bid Price with options: \$25,848 (each)
- 1 Chevrolet Caprice Police Package Sedan, State Bid Price with options: \$27,699

Total cost: \$79,395

These three vehicles will be purchased with the funds appropriated from the City Council. The additional \$20,605 will be applied to the costs related to outfitting these vehicles.

- 1 additional Chevrolet Caprice Police Package Sedan, State Bid Price with options: \$27,699

This vehicle will be purchased with the money provided through the Drug Control Fund.

All of the vehicles will be ordered in black. During the outfitting process, the doors and roof will be wrapped with a white vinyl covering that will match the existing patrol vehicles in the fleet as we have done in the past.

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It is my recommendation to move forward with these four vehicle purchases quickly as 2014 model year vehicles are becoming very difficult to find.

The South Dakota Office of Procurement will award the state bid contracts the first week of October. At that time I will seek to purchase two additional vehicles with the Drug Control Fund.

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