



MEETING OF MAY 2, 2023

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council
THRU:
FROM: Mike Reynolds, Police Chief
DATE:
SUBJECT: Purchase of School Resource Officer Vehicles

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a budget adjustment and purchase of new motor pool expansion vehicles from Superior Chevrolet for the School Resource Officer (SRO) program in the amount of \$621,000. This purchase was reviewed and approved by the Equipment Committee on April 11, 2023.

BACKGROUND:

Since 2008, Superior Auto Group has provided at no charge, vehicles for use by our School Resource Officers (SROs) assigned to the Fayetteville Public Schools. This partnership has been very beneficial for Superior Auto Group, the Fayetteville Police Department, and the Fayetteville Public Schools. The latest SRO vehicle lease agreement signed on November 24, 2020, provided for six (6) SRO vehicles for seven (7) SRO positions. Superior Auto Group terminated our vehicle lease agreement with notification on April 3, 2023.

DISCUSSION:

Our SROs will no longer have transportation available to them due to the vehicle lease agreement termination by the Superior Auto Group. The presence of a marked police vehicle in front of school facilities provides additional visibility and crime deterrence. Transportation for SROs to, from, and between the Fayetteville Public Schools is paramount to the safety and security of students, faculty, and parents. Within the approved 2023 Annual Operating Budget, nine (9) full-time equivalent positions are allocated for assignment as SROs within the police department. To fully address the transportation and equipment needs of the SRO Program, it is recommended by Fleet Division to purchase nine (9) Chevrolet Tahoes with minimal up-fitting.

By purchasing Chevrolet Tahoes, the Fleet Division will be able to maintain a standardized inventory of police vehicles. Minimal up-fitting will include police markings, emergency lights and siren, and a mobile radio.

These minimally equipped police units will be used for special events, traffic control, and community engagement when not in use by our SROs.

In an effort to minimize the financial impact of purchasing nine (9) SRO vehicles, we have proposed a fifty-fifty cost share between the police department and the Fayetteville Public Schools for the initial purchase and outfitting of these vehicles. If agreed to by the Fayetteville Public Schools, \$283,860 would be reimbursed to the general fund.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

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Approval of a budget adjustment in the amount of \$621,000 from use of fund balance will provide for the purchase of nine (9) police vehicles at a cost of \$567,720 and motor pool/replacement charges in the amount of \$53,280. This purchase and budget adjustment has no impact on staffing.

ATTACHMENTS: SRF&M - 2023 SRO Vehicles, BA - Police SRO vehicles, Back-up - 2023 SRO Vehicles, FPS - SRO Vehicles Cost Share Letter, GM Ordering Window Shut off, Ordinance 6491 - Bid Waving