



INDEPENDENCE POLICE

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 18, 2022
TO: Zachary Walker, City Manager
FROM: Chief Adam Dustman
SUBJECT: Purchase of 13 New Dodge Charger Police Vehicles

The Police Department is requesting to purchase up to thirteen (13) new Dodge Charger police vehicles. We requested to purchase seven (7) Chargers in July, with the intent to purchase more vehicles if they became available. Landmark Dodge had an agency cancel their order for 2022 Dodge Chargers, so they now have an additional 13 available for purchase. They are first come, first serve, so we are needing to get a purchase order to Landmark Dodge as soon as possible to receive any of the available vehicles.

The total cost for all 13 Dodge Chargers will be \$378,950 using Public Safety Sales Tax funds. There is no guarantee that we will be able to get all thirteen vehicles. These vehicles will continue to replace older/high mileage vehicles in the fleet and will be police rated vehicles so they can be rotated into front-line or administrative assignments as needed in the future. The Department needs to remain consistent in vehicle selection between the Dodge Charger and Ford Explorer to have standardized equipment setups and consistent driver training for the units assigned a specific type of vehicle.

The acquisition of these 13 Dodge Chargers would allow us to cancel the lease order for the 12 civilian, non-pursuit rated, Ford Explorers for the same budgeted funds.

Additional Background Information:

We are attempting to lease some vehicles from Enterprise but like everyone else, they may not have access to police vehicles in the foreseeable future. Enterprise representatives did advise that any vehicles that are available to purchase should be purchased since there are not any guarantees for vehicle manufacturing and delivery for leasing options.

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