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**Chief of Police**



**Key West**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** Mr. Jim Scholl, City Manager

**FROM:** Donald J. Lee Jr., Chief of Police

**DATE:** October 15, 2015

**RE:** Authorize the purchase of 12 Marked Police Patrol vehicles from Don Reid Ford Fleet Sales; and, authorize the purchase of 2 Unmarked Police SUV's from Garber Ford Fleet Sales with a total cost of \$398,361.50.

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**Action Statement:**

Authorize the purchase of 12 Marked Ford Police Interceptor Sedans at a unit/vehicle cost of \$28,013.00 (\$336,156.00 total) from Don Reid Ford Fleet Sales pursuant to Florida Sheriff's Bid Award 15-23-0904. Additionally, authorize the purchase of 2 Unmarked Ford Police Interceptor Utility SUVs at a unit/vehicle cost of \$31,102.75 (\$62,205.50 total) from Garber Fleet Sales pursuant to the Florida State Purchasing contract 25100000-15-1. Total cost for all aforementioned Sedans and SUVs is \$398,361.50. Purchases from both Don Reid Ford Fleet Sales and Garber Ford Fleet Sales are made pursuant to City Ordinance Section 2-797(3).

**Background:**

The Key West Police Department is budgeted this fiscal year (FY15/16) to purchase 12 Marked Ford Interceptor Police Sedans, 3 Unmarked Ford Interceptor Police Patrol Sedans, and 2 Unmarked Ford Interceptor Police SUV Vehicles. These Police specific vehicles are replacing 2009 Ford Crown Victorias and 2006 Ford Explorers. The unmarked Interceptor SUVs will be used by the Operations or Administrative Bureau. The Police Department is committed to the Cities sustainability goals and plans to integrate hybrid vehicles for civilian uses.

Quotes and specifications for all vehicles may have different codes for aftermarket or OEM equipment depending on the contract. All the equipment listed whether dealer installed or OEM from the factory is the same.

Quotes and specifications for the purchase of the three unmarked Interceptor Sedans will be submitted separately at a later date due to the complex emergency lighting packages required for these traffic enforcement units.



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Don Reid Ford's quote was the lowest for the Marked Interceptor sedan under the Florida Sheriff's Association Vehicle Purchasing Contract. The Garber Ford quote from the Florida State Purchasing was lowest for the 2 Unmarked Interceptor SUV's (See below)

Marked Police Sedan:

Duval Ford-Sheriff's Quote  
\$30,621.50

Don Reid- Sheriff's Quote  
**\*\$28,013.00**

Alan Jay-State Contract Quote  
\$30,938.50

Unmarked Police Utility SUV:

Garber Ford-State Contract Quote  
**\*\$31,102.75**

Don Reid- Sheriff's Quote  
\$32,613.00

Alan Jay-NJPA Contract Quote  
\$32,406.09

These (14) vehicles will be marked patrol units and unmarked SUV's assigned to the Patrol and Administrative Bureaus respectively. The Office of Law Enforcement Standards (OLES) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology develop equipment standards based on laboratory evaluation of commercially available products. Police vehicles are part of the equipment tested annually by the State of Michigan Department of State Police. A comprehensive evaluation is completed on the vehicles that meet the standards established by OLES. The 2015/16 Police Ford Interceptor meets the OLES standards.

As in previous fiscal years, the use of the Ford Police Interceptor Sedan package has proven to be reliable and mechanically equal to the older Crown Victoria still in use by the department. The 2015 Interceptor Sedan is now a proven platform in use by the department that was designed to replace the existing Crown Victoria's. As with the Crown Victoria, this vehicle is designed specifically to meet the needs of police road patrol duties and is expected to perform well in all categories. The Interceptor Utility SUV is also a police specific vehicle and several are in use by the department at this time.

Based upon the above data and evaluation, standard equipment, 5 star NHSTA frontal crash test rating, fail safe cooling systems, electrical and ergonomic improvements to the platform, dealer relationship, city maintenance history on the current Interceptors in use, and the manufacturers commitment to Law Enforcement, the Fleet Services Division of the City of Key West recommends the 2015/16 Ford Police Interceptor AWD Sedan and Utility SUV.



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### **Purpose and Justification:**

The vehicles described are necessary to maintain proper function of essential components of the Police Department. These vehicles are replacing 2009 Crown Victoria's and 2006 Ford Explorers that have surpassed their useful service life as police vehicles.

Vehicle Specifications and cost are as follows:

- (12) Marked Patrol Ford Police Interceptor AWD Sedans, \$28,013.00 per vehicle.
- (2) Unmarked Ford Police Interceptor AWD Utility SUVs, \$31,102.75 per vehicle.

### **Options:**

One option is to purchase the vehicles from Don Reid Ford Fleet Sales, via the Florida Sheriff's Contract #15-23-0904 and Garber Ford Fleet Sales via the Florida State Purchasing Contract Award #25100000-15-010 in compliance with city ordinance 2-797(3). This option would allow for the City of Key West to purchase the needed vehicles according to the exact specifications required and at the lowest cost to the City of Key West. The purchase of these vehicles provide important tools for public safety, worker efficiency, and delivery of professional police service to the community. The local Ford Dealer, Duncan Ford declined to offer a bid for these vehicles.

Another option is to forgo the purchase of the vehicles. This would result in an increasing lack of functionality from using seven and nine year old vehicles, as well as increased public safety risks and increased cost to maintain a fleet past its useful service life.

### **Financial Impact:**

The purchase of these vehicles is budgeted in the Police Department's FY15/16 budget in account #101-2101-521-6400.

### **Recommendation:**

The Key West Police Department recommends the purchase of these vehicles and believes it is in the best interest of the City of Key West to do so.



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