

Donald J. Lee, Jr.  
Chief of Police



Key West  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** Mr. Bob Vitas, City Manager  
**FROM:** Donald J. Lee Jr., Chief of Police  
**DATE:** December 17, 2013  
**RE:** Authorize the purchase of 1 Police CSI (Crime Scene Investigation) Specialty Vehicle from SIRCHIE Vehicle Division in the amount of \$65,748.00

**Action Statement:**

Authorize the purchase of 1 Chevrolet Tahoe CSI specialty vehicle from SIRCHIE Vehicle Division as specified and equipped in the proposal/quote at the cost of \$65,748.00 under GSA Contract #GS07F9464G. This purchase is authorized and made pursuant to City Ordinance Section 2-797(1)(3) and 2-844(a)(b).

**Background:**

The Key West Police Department was budgeted in this fiscal year (FY13/14) for 1 Chevy Tahoe SUV SIRCHIE CSI Specialty Vehicle to replace the 2006 Ford Expedition SUV CSI SIRCHIE specialty vehicle currently in use. This vehicle has reached the end of its useful service life due to its age and high mileage (83,881). SIRCHIE is the only vendor capable of the manufacture, design, and construction of specialty Evidence Collection Vehicles that come complete with Forensic Investigative Equipment. It is constructed and designed to orderly and systematically house Evidence Collection/Forensic Investigative Equipment, Portable Lighting, and general items intrinsic with the processing of a crime scene. SIRCHIE is the industry leader in the construction of vehicles of the type specified in the attached proposal/quote. (See attached sole source letter).

This vehicle will be unmarked and assigned to the Police Departments Crime Scene Investigator/Detective. The Chevrolet Tahoe MCL100T is a police specific designed vehicle that is made and equipped specifically for the rigors of Police Service. The Police Department currently has two of these vehicles in service as K-9 vehicles. This package has proven to be reliable and mechanically superior to non-police specific vehicles.



**RESPECT - INTEGRITY - FAIRNESS - SERVICE**

Key West Police Department 1604 N. Roosevelt Blvd. Key West, FL 33040 (305) 809-1111  
www.keywestcity.com



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



**Key West**  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Purpose and Justification:**

This vehicle as described is necessary to maintain the proper function and essential components of the Police Department Crime Scene and Evidence Collection activities. This process is critical to the successful prosecution of criminal cases. The purchase of this vehicle complies with Infrastructure Goal #4 (Long term sustainability of the City's hard assets) of the City's Strategic Plan.

**Financial Impact:**

Due to the price increase for the 2014 model year of this vehicle and the addition of required emergency equipment not included in the original proposal/quote, an increase in funds for this purchase in the amount of \$1,673.50.00 is necessary. The funds will come from Federal Forfeiture account. This vehicle was quoted and priced pursuant to GSA contract pricing (Contract#GS07F-9464G).

**Options:**

One option is to purchase this vehicle from SIRCHIE Vehicle Division. This option would allow the City of Key West to purchase the needed vehicle according to the exact specifications required at the lowest cost to the city.

Another option is to forgo the purchase of the vehicles. This would result in an increasing lack of functionality from using an 8 year old vehicle, as well as increased public safety risks and increased cost to maintain the current vehicle past its useful service life.

**Recommendation:**

The Key West Police Department recommends the purchase of this vehicle.



**RESPECT - INTEGRITY - FAIRNESS - SERVICE**

Key West Police Department 1604 N. Roosevelt Blvd. Key West, FL 33040 (305) 809-1111  
[www.keywestcity.com](http://www.keywestcity.com)

