

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



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SUBJECT: Purchase of 1 Replacement Vehicle for the Key West Police Department (E-85 Flex Fuel Compliant Vehicle)

Action statement:

City of Key West City Commission is respectfully requested to approve the purchase of (1) one replacement vehicle for the Key West Police Department (E-85 Flex Fuel Compliant Vehicle) from Garber Automall in an amount of \$24,469.00, and approve transfers to affect the purchase; pursuant to the 2009/2010 Florida Sheriff's Association State Contract Award and per City Ordinance Sec 2-797(3) - *Purchases and acquisitions under contracts of federal government and the state or its political subdivisions.*

Strategic Plan/Business Plan:

Police response times could increase and public safety concerns could arise if the City is unable to maintain an effective fleet of vehicles.

A key intended outcome within the Organizational Excellence section of our Strategic Plan involves improving public confidence in City government. New vehicles will facilitate employee production, whereas frequent vehicle breakdowns could create a negative City government public perception.

Background:

This vehicle will replace a marked patrol unit that was damaged (totaled) in an accident. The city received an insurance reimbursement from the party at fault to cover the value of the damaged patrol car in the amount of \$8,237.00. The current police fleet is experiencing vehicle shortages as more officers are being hired to fill vacant positions and this car will serve as another available vehicle for a road patrol officer.

Vehicle Model Recommendations:

Law Enforcement vehicle recommendations are made annually by The Law Enforcement and Corrections Standards and Testing Program. The program is sponsored by the Office of Science and Technology of the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), U.S. Justice Department. The program responds to the mandate of the Justice System Improvement Act of 1979, which directed NIJ to encourage research and development to improve the Criminal Justice System.

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.

The 2009 evaluation included four (4) vehicles for testing / police use:

- Ford Police Interceptor (E 85 Flex Fuel)
- Chevrolet Impala (E85 Flex Fuel)
- Dodge Charger (no alternative fuel option offered)
- Chevrolet Tahoe RWD (E85 Flex Fuel)

The Impala has demonstrated numerous reliability complaints, electrical issues, front end wear issues, and ergonomic limitations. After evaluating internal maintenance costs over the past ten years on KWPD patrol vehicles, we found that the 2000/2001 Chevy Impala's averaged \$1,690.83 more in annual maintenance costs per vehicle than the 1999 Ford Police Interceptor (Crown Vic). Both Dodge vehicles are newer products with no historical data with the City of Key West and limited historical data with other Police agencies.

Based upon the above data and evaluation, standard equipment, 5 star NHTSA frontal crash test rating, fail safe cooling systems, electrical (200amp) and ergonomic improvements (adjustable pedals), dealer relationship, city maintenance history and manufacturers commitment to Law Enforcement, the Fleet Services Division of the City of Key West recommends the Ford Police Interceptor. The Police Interceptor is also E85 Flex-fuel compliant.

Purpose and Justification:

The vehicle described is necessary to maintain proper function of essential components of the Police Department. This purchase will allow for replacement of a vehicle that was lost during active operation.

Vehicle specifications and cost are as follows:

(1) Ford Spec #1 Police Interceptor, E-85 Flex-fuel 4.6L V8 engine, automatic, white, Power Windows and Locks, Priority Start Battery Saver, Keyed alike, SA315P Siren/speaker w/ 295SLSA6 light/siren controller (HHS2100 Handheld controller) 4 corner strobes, clear in rear, headlamp flashers, Setina 10S Cage with sliding window, Whelen LED Liberty Light bar w/ blue LED (SX8-SLD-FSA), Left side pillar mounted spot light, Rear windows and locks inoperative.

Options:

- 1) An option is to purchase the Ford Police Interceptor (Crown Victoria) from Duncan Ford, the local Ford dealership, for a total of \$24,836.00 as authorized by the city purchasing code Sec 2-798, Local Business Enterprise Preference. The local dealer came in 1.5% higher than the lowest vendor, 2009/2010 Florida Sheriff's Association State Contract, falling within the 5% local business enterprise preference outlined in Sec 2-798. However, pursuant to the new Local Business Enterprise Preference language, Duncan Ford elected to not match the lowest bid.
- 2) An option is to purchase the Ford Police Interceptor (Crown Victoria) from Garber Automall, the 2009/2010 Florida Sheriff's Association State Contract Award recipient and per City Ordinance Sec 2-797. This option would allow for the City of Key West to purchase the needed vehicle for \$24,469.00, at the lowest cost to the City of Key West.
- 3) A third option is to purchase the Ford Police Interceptor (Crown Victoria) from Duval Ford, the 2009/2010 Florida State Bid Awarded Vendor for the Ford Crown Victoria, per City Ordinance Sec 2-797. This option would allow for the City of Key West to purchase the needed vehicle for \$24,580.88. This would however cost \$111.88 more than the Florida Sherriff Bid Awarded Vendor.
- 4) The City may opt to forgo the purchase of the vehicle. This would result in the continued lack of functionality as well as increased public safety risks.

Financial Impact:

The vehicle cost was partially reimbursed from the insurance payout in the amount of \$8,237.00. The balance of \$16,232 will be covered by a savings in the Infrastructure Surtax Fund. A transfer from the Insurance Fund to the Infrastructure Surtax Fund Acct. # 101-2101-521-6400 will be required.

Recommendation:

Option 2. - Approve the purchase of (1) Ford Police Interceptor (Crown Victoria) for the Key West Police Department (E-85 Flex Fuel Compliant Vehicles) from Garber Automall in an amount of \$24,469.00 pursuant to the 2009/2010 Florida Sheriff's Association State Contract.