



## CITY HALL

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**DATE:** May 20 2025  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Rohrbaugh, Fire Chief  
**RE:** Fire Department Utility Vehicle

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the purchase of a new utility vehicle to replace our 2003 Chevy two-wheel drive pickup truck. I am respectfully requesting approval to spend up to \$67,000.00 which includes tax.

### BACKGROUND:

This request was in the 24-25 budget and approved in the mid-year budget. The request was for \$80,000.00. Based on the needs of our department, a non-crew cab and non-4x4 does not support our mission. We have received (3) quotes from Ford, Chevy and Dodge all ranging from \$50,000.00-\$57,000.00. we would need to put about \$10,000.00 in accessories on this vehicle, Lights, Radios, Decals.

### DISCUSSION:

A **fire department utility vehicle** serves multiple support roles that are essential for fire and emergency operations but do not necessarily involve frontline firefighting. The primary reasons for having a utility vehicle in a fire department include:

**Transport of Equipment and Personnel:** Utility vehicles can carry additional gear, tools, or specialized equipment not stored on larger fire engines or trucks, and they can transport personnel to and from incidents or training. This vehicle is essential for replacing shift changes on CalFire incidents out of the county. We normally replace firefighters every 7,14,21,28 days.

1. **Scene Support:** They provide logistical support at emergency scenes, such as bringing lighting, generators, air bottles, extra hose, rehab supplies (water, food, cooling/heating), or command post materials.
2. **Special Assignments:** Utility vehicles are used for tasks like fire investigations, inspections, public education events, or carrying drone teams and hazardous materials response gear. This vehicle would be used during local flooding, snow events, wildfire, evacuations.
3. **Versatility:** They're smaller and more maneuverable than large apparatus, making them ideal for accessing tight or off-road areas where larger vehicles cannot go.
4. **Cost-Effective Operation:** For non-emergency tasks or lighter duty calls, using a utility vehicle reduces wear on expensive fire engines and saves fuel. In the future I see where this type of vehicle may be dispatched instead of a large fire engine to EMS calls and this type of vehicle would work for a paramedic quick response vehicle.



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**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**\$67,000.00**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

(3) quotes, Ford, Dodge, Chevy



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