



## **STAFF REPORT**

**Subject:** Police Vehicle Purchase Program

**Department/Program:** Police Department

**Explanation:** In 2022 we purchased one F150 to see how they would handle in the Patrol Division. The idea was to gain more cab space that could better handle all the equipment and personnel we are putting in our vehicles. We decided on the F150 over a large SUV, such as a Tahoe, due to cost. The F150 is approximately \$4,000.00 less than the Tahoe.

The officers who have been driving the current F150 have welcomed the extra room. They report positive experiences with comfort and handling as well.

We budgeted \$162,000.00 from the General Fund to cover the cost of three vehicles and all of the necessary equipment to place them in service. Generally, we would either purchase off the state contract bid or utilize an RFP. The State of Missouri no longer offers the contract bid, only qualified vendors. We contacted three "qualified vendors": Lou Fusz Ford (Chesterfield, MO), Corwin Ford (Republic, MO) and Machens Ford (Columbia, MO). Neither Corwin nor Machens had vehicles in stock nor could any of the "qualified vendors" make future orders for vehicles at this time.

The representative with Lou Fusz Ford did say that he had two new 2022 Ford F150 Police Responder Pick-up Trucks in stock at the price of \$45,862.00 that he would hold for us until after the Feb. 13, 2023 Board of Alderman meeting.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends the purchase of two Ford F150 Police Responder Pick-up Trucks from Lou Fusz Ford for \$91,724.00. A third vehicle will be purchased at a later date.

**Submitted By:** Chief Douglas W. Schaeffler

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