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## FW: Sale of police vehicles

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Please print this email from Push below and attach it as part of the agenda package for the surplus of the police cars per request of Councilman Knoblock. Thank you!

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**From:** Push Phillips <pPhillips@baystlouis-ms.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 8, 2025 1:45 PM  
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**Subject:** Re: Sale of police vehicles

Hello all,

My apologies for a late reply.

Auction; I spoke with Asst. Chief Pavolini at Waveland PD, and the highest was about \$1800 for a single running car, with the majority of non-running fetching about \$650 average. In addition, they had to strip the cars and equipment before sending them and towing non-running cars to the auction. What hurts the value of police cars, a lot of wear and tear, holes drilled in the roofs, decklids, and interior trim components, etc. in addition to mechanical repairs for suspension and engine systems.

Their City Admin cars and SUVs did better, being the aforementioned factors are absent. ATV's and utility trailers did much better than most items. When it's time to decommission our CID/Admin vehicles, what we don't put into our City Fleet in other divisions (like our pickups), IE Rogues and unmarked Durangos, etc...those will do better at an auction with less miles, engine hours, and body/interior parts undamaged or minimal damage,

and no paint work to cover where decals were. The equipment on those vehicles use interior lights and the mounting systems designed to mostly -No Drill or Cutting required, maintaining more value of those units.

We have four cars we're keeping as backline units and with six new Durangos coming in, we're able to realign our fleet and purge the worst that we don't need. We've taken a few parts from these units for other units to save as much as we can for in house repairs that I do where I can, already.

Jerry Beeson, fleet manager and certified mechanic for the Sheriff's dept. and myself (a formerly ASE Certified tech, and Fleet Svc Manager for conglomerates as National Car rental); we looked at the pros and cons and a fair price for both agencies. We don't have to drive or tow any of them to an auction or remove any equipment or decals. They don't have to install items as radios, push bumpers, and lightbars (for some of them) being we took parts for other units. The mechanical repairs, striping, and surplus body parts in case of wrecks, etc. is where their savings comes in. **They'll probably get four-five usable units total**, out of the lot of eight, by swapping parts, including two usable/running 874/878. They're aware of the engine repairs and other repairs needed. A car that hydrolocked and broke a connecting rod, like 358, but has usable cam and lifters, to put into an engine like 355; to make one car out of two, with usable parts and body parts for collisions is their savings to essentially rebuild a unit.

For them it's free labor using inmates under their supervision and used surplus parts. For us, to take an engine or engine parts from one to use in another, it's not cheap, and professional shops won't do that. We're looking at \$4000 for the engine itself, \$1200 (cheapest quote we found) to install it, per car that needs that, but not counting parts that break during the swap or parts for the new engine (as spark plugs, water pumps, etc to not void the warranty). This is an average of about \$5900 per car for that type of repair.

\$16,000.00 for the lot, as is, they pick them up. We're tasked with paperwork and providing titles, and not having to do anything else. It's a positive for both law enforcement agencies serving the same communities overall. I hope this helps and if more information is needed, by all means, give me a call at 228-697-1035.

Thanks all!

***Lieutenant Push Phillips***

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On Tue, Apr 8, 2025 at 10:02 AM Gary Knoblock <[gknoblock@baystlouis-ms.gov](mailto:gknoblock@baystlouis-ms.gov)> wrote:

Ok,

that helps. Thanks,

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