



DATE: Tuesday, April 7, 2026
TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Chief Darrell Atteberry
SUBJECT: Police Vehicle Purchase

BACKGROUND:

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: The City of Bel Aire Police Department seeks approval for the purchase of one brand new 2026 Dodge Durango police vehicle.

The police department is budgeted through the Equipment Replacement Fund to purchase patrol vehicles.

BACKGROUND HISTORY: The City of Bel Aire Police Department maintains a fleet of seven patrol vehicles. All are fully marked patrol vehicles equipped with audio/visual recording devices, radios, emergency lighting, prisoner transport systems, weapons and additional small items for traffic control and working cases in the field.

As the Ford vehicles near the end of their police patrol life cycle, which is around 80,000 miles, they require more maintenance. It is a challenge to keep the vehicles in operation even with regular maintenance when the vehicles go beyond 80,000 miles. The police department has Ford vehicles that need to be removed from the fleet as their mileage is beyond 80,000 miles. On 02-04-2026, a Ford Explorer, the next one to rotate out of the fleet, had to be towed to Rusty Eck due to transmission issues. The police department was notified on 02-05-2026 that it would cost at least \$7,339 to repair the vehicle. The vehicle has 100,000 miles on the odometer.

As the vehicles gain mileage, the cost to maintain the vehicles increases. To balance out the mileage of the vehicles, the police department works to move the vehicles around on the shifts. This helps balance out the mileage according to the age of the vehicles.

There is no concern about abuse of the equipment. Police patrol vehicles are often used around the clock, on city streets, country roads, and often off-road to accomplish the policing purpose. These are not family transport vehicles.

We have located a vehicle at Parks Chevrolet Augusta, Inc., and will be able to acquire the 2026 Dodge Durango police vehicle quickly. The statewide State of Kansas purchasing contract was won by Davis Moore. The sales price through Davis Moore is \$43,338. Parks Chevrolet Augusta, Inc. is

competitively bidding at \$42,515 and provides \$823 in savings, compared to Davis Moore. We also use Parks Chevrolet Augusta, Inc. for much of the services and maintenance on our vehicles.

Parks Chevrolet Augusta, Inc.	2026	\$42,515	In Stock
Davis Moore	2026	\$43,338	In Stock
Reed Jeep Chrysler Dodge Ram	2026	\$43,005	In Stock (Add delivery fee)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The purchase of a 2026 Dodge Durango brand new vehicle will be financed through the Equipment Replacement Fund.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend approval of the purchase of a 2026 Dodge Durango brand new vehicle from Parks Chevrolet Augusta, Inc.