

Vehicle Purchase



Burnet Police Department





Vehicle Purchases

- The PD currently has two K-9 vehicles.
- Both units are aging, and the maintenance costs have increased exponentially.
- A/C units have been the main issue which is a considerable safety issue with summer heat and dogs being in the vehicles.
- The vehicles are equipped with warning systems to alert the handler if the temperature rises, however the A/C units have been failing regularly.
- Current issues have put the vehicles out of service rendering our K-9 partners out of service as well since we do not have a spare K-9 vehicle.



K-9 Vehicle Replacements

- We are recommending the purchase of two Ford Explorer PPV's to replace the current K-9 vehicles.
- We will retain one of the vehicles as a spare since it is already equipped as a K-9 vehicle.
- The new Explorers have shown to be less of a maintenance burden and are more reliable.
- The Explorers have additional safety features for the officers including perimeter alert.
- New specialized K-9 equipment will be installed in the vehicles to enhance our ability to monitor the K-9 when the handler is not in the vehicle.

K-9 Vehicle Replacements

- The total cost of the vehicles with upfitting and all equipment is \$188,412.60 and will be purchased through the TIPS cooperative.
- The vehicles are included in the FY 26 budget however we are asking to purchase them in advance of October.

Recommendation

- Staff recommends approval of the purchase and upfitting of two 2026 Ford Explorer PPVs.





Questions

