Vehicle Purchase



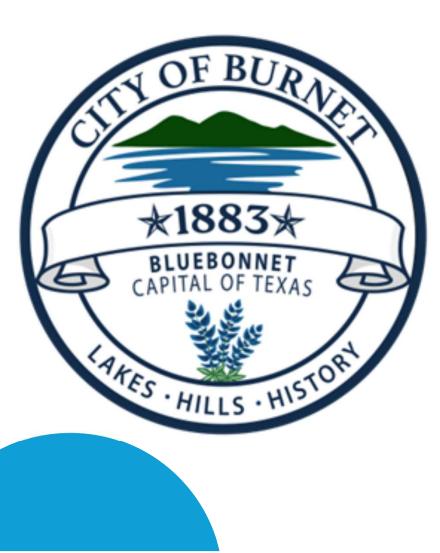
Burnet Police Department





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

