

# VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



## BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: May 26, 2026

**To:** Village President and Board of Trustees

**Through:** Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

**From:** Joshua Burman, Director of Public Works

**Topic:** Purchase Approval - 2026 Ford Utility Interceptor – Police Department

### PURPOSE

Staff is requesting that the Village Board approve the purchase of one (1) Ford Utility Interceptor through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative, from Currie Motors of Frankfort, Illinois, in the amount of \$45,574, plus additional equipment and upfitting to the vehicle, for a total amount not to exceed \$59,000.

### PROCESS

Periodically, the Village of Homewood must replace equipment that has reached its end of life. Staff evaluates equipment on an annual basis and compiles a list of items that are recommended for replacement.

The following vehicle has been identified for replacement:

- Vehicle #12: 2021 Ford Utility with approximately 88,000 miles

This vehicle was identified for replacement by the Fleet Supervisor and slated for replacement through the annual budget and capital planning process. Replacing aging vehicles ensures reliable service delivery, reduces maintenance, and improves operational efficiency for the Homewood Police Department. Police patrol vehicles experience significantly higher wear and idle time than standard municipal fleet vehicles due to continuous operation, emergency response demands, and onboard electrical equipment usage. Timely replacement helps minimize maintenance downtime and ensures operational reliability.

Staff researched purchase options and found one (1) 2026 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicle available for purchase through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative purchasing program with Currie Motors of Frankfort, IL. Utilizing cooperative purchasing allows the Village to obtain favorable pricing while satisfying competitive procurement standards.

The total purchase price for the vehicle is \$45,574. The vehicle will require the appropriate lighting, accessories, and equipment after purchase, which will not exceed \$59,000.

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Vehicle	Purchase Price	Emergency Equipment, Decals, and Vehicle Upfitting	Total Cost
#12	\$45,574	\$13,426	\$59,000



The emergency equipment package will include upgraded lighting and siren systems designed to improve officer visibility and public safety awareness. This includes modern high-visibility LED lighting configurations and an advanced audible warning system, including the Howler low-frequency siren. Unlike traditional siren systems, the Howler produces a low-frequency tone that penetrates modern vehicle insulation and enhanced cabin soundproofing, allowing it to be both heard and physically felt by motorists inside their vehicles. This improves response effectiveness in high-noise environments and enhances intersection safety by increasing driver awareness of approaching emergency vehicles.

### *Local Competitive Pricing*

Not all Ford dealerships are certified to sell new police vehicles; only those approved as Ford Fleet Dealers can order new, pursuit-rated Police Interceptors. Furthermore, the sale of new police cruisers is generally restricted to verified law enforcement or government agencies, not everyday consumers. Selling brand-new police interceptors requires specialized training, police vehicle inventory requirements, diagnostic tools, and in many cases, a commercial upfitting center to install lights, sirens, and cages. Most standard consumer dealerships do not have this infrastructure. For these reason, Ford of Homewood is unable to offer competitive prices for police vehicles.

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## OUTCOME

The approval of this purchase will allow the Village to replace vital assets that have reached the end of their life. The enhancements in equipment and upfitting will improve vehicle visibility and audibility in modern traffic conditions, further increasing officer and public safety during emergency response operations.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

- **Funding Source:** General Capital
- **Budgeted Amount:** \$1,000,000 (Vehicle and Equipment Replacements)
- **Cost:** \$45,574 for the purchase of one (1) 2026 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicle plus \$13,426 for the required equipment and upfitting for a total amount not to exceed \$59,000.

## LEGAL REVIEW

Not Required

## RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Waive competitive bidding due the purchase being made through an approved governmental purchasing cooperative; and, approve the purchase of one (1) 2026 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicle through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative from Currie Motors of Frankfort, IL, in the amount of \$45,574, plus associated emergency equipment, decals, and vehicle upfitting, for a total cost not to exceed \$59,000.

## ATTACHMENT(S)

- HPW Equipment Replacement Justification
- Suburban Purchasing Cooperative, Currie Motors Quote
- Equipment Quote Fleet Safety Supply