

Lathrup Village Police Department

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Memorandum

To: Lathrup Village City Council

From: Lt. Michael Zang

Date: 7/1/2025

Re: Police Fleet Vehicles

In February of 2025 during the beginning of the 2025/2026 budget discussions, I contacted Berger Chevrolet who honors the MI-Deals contract pricing on vehicles for municipalities and who we purchase our patrol cars through. Since our current vehicles, The Chevy Impala are no longer being manufactured, we began looking at SUVs instead. We looked at the 2024 SUVs that Chevy was offering at the time. We liked the Traverse for its size, however, we thought that the price was too much. We ultimately chose the mid-size Blazer, which is smaller than the Traverse, but still gives us enough space for departmental operations. The price for the Blazer was just under \$35,000 at the time we were preparing for the budget. I was advised by the Fleet Sales Manager to call back in July of 2025 to order a vehicle and to get official pricing for the 2025s that would only be available at that time. On July 1, 2025 I contacted the Fleet Sales Manager again, and he advised me that they only have one 2025 Chevy Blazer available at the MI-Deals Contract pricing. The current price for the 2025 Blazer is \$36,487, a difference of \$1,487. We are requesting City Council approve the additional \$1,487 dollars to replace one of our aging Impalas. Thank you for your consideration.