



# LAUREL POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

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October 15, 2024

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor Keith R. Sydnor  
Council President James Kole  
Laurel City Councilmembers

**THRU:** Joanne Hall Barr, Deputy City Administrator *JHB*

**FROM:** Russ Hamill, Chief of Police

**SUBJ:** Emergency Bearcat Vehicle for LPD

The Laurel Police Department is requesting permission to purchase a Lenco Emergency Bearcat Vehicle.

### Specifications:

This budget request is for the purchase of a Lenco Emergency Bearcat Vehicle, as approved in our current budget. This is an armored protected vehicle utilized to safely deploy officers, particularly Emergency Response Team members, into areas where safety may be extremely compromised for officers and the community alike. In order to assist in managing such events to safer conclusions, it is anticipated that the vehicle will enhance safety concerns by providing armored protection for officers executing their responsibilities in particularly vulnerable positions where gunfire and other dangers may result, to include managing armed conflicts, rescuing people in risk of being injured, or that may already be injured, and providing a safer environment for tactical movements utilized in the management of high-risk events.

### Funding:

Funding for this purchase has been included in the FY2025 Capital Improvement Projects, with its cost projection to be \$236,604.00 at the time the request was generated. However, since receiving the price quote the vendor has advised that the cost for the vehicle is now \$271,639.00, requiring an additional \$35,035.00 for this purchase, which is included in Ordinance No. 2035.



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**Recommendation:**

It is respectfully recommended that the Mayor and City Council approve the proposed purchase of a Lenco Emergency Bearcat Vehicle at the cost of \$271,639.00. Lenco is a sole source of this type of rescue vehicle.

Should you have any questions or desire further information, please contact me at (301) 498-0092, extension 1130.

**Reviewed for funding:**

*Michele Saylor*

**S. Michele Saylor, Director**  
**Department of Budget and Personnel Services**

*10/23/2024*

**Date**

Cc: Christian Pulley, City Administrator  
Joanne Hall Barr, Deputy City Administrator