



**CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA COVER SHEET**

Meeting Date January 22, 2026

Originating Department Police Department

Contact Person Mike Harden, Police Chief

Title Resolution 26-2060/Authorizing the Purchase of NEMCo Emergency Management Response Vehicle.

Legislative History

- January 22, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting

Attachments:

- ## 1. Resolution 26-2060/Authorizing Purchase of NEMCo Emergency Management Response Vehicle

Executive Summary

Adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase of one Emergency Management response vehicle for Northshore Emergency Management (NEMCo) in an amount not to exceed \$55,500, funded entirely with NEMCo funds.

Background

The City of Lake Forest Park serves as the Lead Agency and fiduciary for the Northshore Emergency Management Coalition (NEMCo). Since 2017, NEMCo has utilized a city owned vehicle for emergency management operations.

In late December 2025, the vehicle assigned to NEMCo suffered a catastrophic engine failure and was determined to be beyond economical repair, requiring the vehicle to be surplus. To maintain continuity of emergency management operations, a Lake Forest Park Police Department patrol vehicle that was scheduled for surplus due to age/use and has been temporarily reassigned to NEMCo.

This temporary reassignment was intended to bridge operations until the NEMCo Board could consider and approve the purchase of a dedicated Emergency Management response vehicle.

On December 17, 2025, the NEMCo Board approved the purchase of one Emergency Manager response vehicle with a budget not to exceed \$55,500.

The Emergency Manager relies on a response vehicle for daily operations, including inter-agency meetings, trainings, planning activities, and most critically, events and emergency response within the cities of Lake Forest Park and Kenmore.

The proposed purchase aligns with the NEMCo-adopted budget and does not impact the City's General Fund. While the City of Lake Forest Park will purchase the vehicle, all costs will be paid using NEMCo funds, consistent with the City's role as fiduciary.

Per Resolution 1399, contracting authority delegated to staff is subject to spending limits. Because the purchase price exceeds those limits, City Council approval is required.

Additionally, the NEMCo Interlocal Agreement provides that if the coalition dissolves, any surplus resulting from reconciliation for calendar years 2025 and 2026 will be distributed proportionally among member jurisdictions based on their cost-share percentages.

Funding Source:

Total Cost: Not to exceed \$55,500

Funding Source: NEMCo funds

City General Fund Impact: None

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the purchase of NEMCo Emergency Management Response Vehicle.