

# Town of North Topsail Beach



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## **Police Department**

Chief William K. Younginer

Memo: Dodge Chargers

On the agenda for the 3-1-23 BOA Meeting is an amendment regarding Dodge Chargers.

Vehicles have become difficult to order and have delivered, so typically we will place an order when we are doing the budget for the upcoming cycle. Usually, these vehicles still take almost a year to come in, thus the reason to get started early.

We have been told that Dodge is making the last V8 Charger this year and will be changing to a turbo V6 and electric. We are not sure how those will work out and have gotten great performance from the V8's we have now. I thought it was best to get our order in and, as in the past, the vehicles would be delivered sometime around October or November, and if not approved in the budget the vehicles would be sold to another department by the dealership.

We got a call and these Chargers have already been delivered to the dealership, fastest in 3 years.

Having talked to Finance and the Town Manager we have the ability to pay for these vehicles now and take delivery. By going forward now, this will eliminate the vehicles slated for next fiscal year's budget. The Police Department has a 5-year vehicle rotation plan. Most vehicles are then sold and still have some value. Other vehicles, like trucks, may be rotated to another department such as Public Works.

These vehicles will replace aging cars like our K-9 car and the equipment in it will fit. The K-9 Vehicle is 5 years old with over 110,000 miles.

Chief Younginer