



# New Prague Police Department

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**Tim Applen, Chief of Police**

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## MEMORANDUM

**To: Honorable Mayor, Charles Nickolay, members of the City Council, Shawn Ryan, Maggie Bass, Bruce Wolf, Rik Seiler and City Administrator, Joshua Tetzlaff**

**From: Tim Applen, Chief of Police/Emergency Manager**

**Date: March 13, 2026**

**Subject: Police Department Purchase of 2026 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor**

The Police Department has budgeted for the replacement of a marked patrol squad car in 2026 through capital expense.

The 2026 Explorer will replace the 2020 Ford Police Interceptor purchased in 2020. The 2020 Ford Explorer would be transferred to Public Works for continued use. Working through the State of Minnesota Office of Procurement, the state bid was awarded to Saxon Fleet Services for 2026.

The state bid pricing for the 2026 Ford Police Interceptor is \$43,038.00. I again contacted Belzer Ford to provide them with an opportunity to match the state pricing. Belzer indicated they can match the state bid price, historically we have purchased Police vehicles locally from Belzer as they are able to match state pricing. In the event Belzer cannot match pricing, the vehicle will be purchased through Saxon Fleet Services. Ford is currently taking orders for spring production which are likely to occur in April or May. The base price does not include a driver's side LED spot light \$400, and cloth front seats \$70. An additional \$470 is reflected in the total purchase price of \$43,508.00

### **Recommended Action:**

Purchase 2026 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor in the amount of \$43,508.00 from Belzer Ford or Saxon Fleet Services.