



# RANDOLPH POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Anthony T. Marag  
Chief of Police

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To: Town Manager Howard

From: Chief Anthony T. Marag

Re: Police Cruisers

There are numerous cruisers that no longer fit the needs of the Randolph Police Department due to their age and high mileage. Unmarked detective cruisers 752 (2013 Ford Taurus – 114,600 miles), 739 (2016 Ford Explorer – 113,875 miles) along with marked units 743 (2013 Ford Taurus – 90,000 miles) and 751 (2017 Ford Explorer – 81,445), all are either unreliable or quickly approaching that status. It has been found that cruisers with 80,000 miles are not cost efficient to maintain and increasingly unsafe. This is due to the constant use of the line patrol cruisers being operated 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The unmarked cruisers last longer due to the nature of detective work and these vehicles not being used 24 hours a day. I anticipate the unmarked cruisers lasting at least 6 years. The replacements for the unmarked cruisers are the more cost-effective Chevrolet Equinox. The replacements for the patrol cruisers are the Ford Explorers. Last years request was \$147,000 for three cruisers. This year we will be able to replace an additional cruiser that has high mileage at an additional cost of only \$11,000. This is due to the savings of switching to the Equinox for unmarked vehicles. The quotes received were \$158,000 for the four replacements.

The current year's expenditures, as of 3/25/2022, for vehicle repairs are \$33,000. On average we have spent at least \$30,000 on maintenance and repairs yearly. Prolonging or not replacing police cruisers has a trickle-down effect on what is spent on repairs. Maintaining a proper replacement and maintenance schedule is imperative. Repairs are more costly than maintenance. At the forefront of cruiser replacements is the need for officers to safely respond to calls for service in the community. When cruisers are out for repairs or have been involved in crashes, finding them a proper vehicle for their patrol can be challenging. Thus, the need for properly equipped and safe cruisers from a fleet of well-maintained vehicles. In the current landscape, securing cruisers with dealerships having limited inventory can delay orders up to 30 months. The ordering of police cruisers must be forward thinking to limit lag time of outdated/unfit cruisers on the road.

As Police Chief, it is a priority to protect the department's greatest asset, its officers. This request will provide them a proper safe environment to conduct their daily services within their mobile office, the police cruiser.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Chief Anthony T. Marag