



Memorandum

March 30, 2026

To: Spring Lake Park City Council

From: Chief Antoine

Re: Purchase new Police Chief Squad Car

Dear City Council Members,

Our 2017 Ram 1500 Police Reserve truck is approaching the end of its service life for the Police Department. We typically budget for the replacement of unmarked squad vehicles every 8 to 10 years. While these vehicles are generally sent to auction, the Ram's low mileage and overall condition prompted us to seek an appraisal directly from a dealership. Coon Rapids Chrysler, which services our squad vehicles, has offered \$20,000 for the truck.

As you are aware, we anticipate promoting a Sergeant to Captain, which will require an additional take-home squad car. To address this need, we have retained our 2021 Dodge Charger to replace the 2017 Ram 1500 for reserve use. We are requesting council approval to apply the proceeds from the sale of the Ram toward the immediate purchase of a new Chief's squad.

We intend to keep the current Chief and Investigator vehicles in service and replace them over the next two years. This phased approach will minimize the budget impact that would occur if all squad vehicles were replaced within a single year.

With the trade-in value of the 2017 Ram 1500, I am requesting that the City Council approve an additional expenditure of up to \$15,000 for the purchase of a new Chief's squad. This amount includes the cost of an unmarked vehicle along with basic lighting and radio equipment. This replacement was anticipated and is included in the City's five-year Capital Improvement Plan.

I can answer any questions you may have.

Thank you,

Chief Josh Antoine