



Memorandum

March 6, 2025

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Josh Antoine, Chief of Police
Subject: 2024 Squad Car Replacement

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I hope this message finds you well. As you are aware, our 2024 Dodge Durango squad car was involved in an accident on March 5, 2025. We are relieved to report that there were no injuries sustained by either our officer or the other driver involved.

Unfortunately, the squad car sustained extensive damage and has been deemed a total loss. In recent years, acquiring replacement squad cars has become increasingly challenging due to long lead times, often exceeding six months. Following the accident, I reached out to our supplier, Dodge of Burnsville, to inquire about available vehicles. The good news is that they currently have one 2025 Dodge Durango pursuit-rated vehicle available for purchase. This vehicle has already been built but has not yet been sold and is expected to ship to Dodge of Burnsville within the next few weeks.

This vehicle matches the color of our current squad cars, with the only notable difference being the engine—a V8, rather than the V6 engines we've typically ordered. As a result, the vehicle is priced slightly higher than our previous purchases.

I have reserved this vehicle and am seeking approval from the City Council to proceed with the purchase. The price of the vehicle is \$45,571, excluding the costs for upfitting, which I anticipate will be an additional \$12,000 to \$13,000. We expect to recover a portion of these upfitting costs through insurance following the accident, and we will also repurpose some components from the 2021 Dodge Charger to help reduce expenses.

I respectfully request the Council's approval to move forward with the purchase of this 2025 Dodge Durango squad car.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

If you have any questions I can answer those now.

Sincerely,
Josh Antoine
Chief of Police