



# WATERTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**To: Mark Stevens**

**From: Captain Jeff Meloy**

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**Subject: 2024 Model Squad Purchases**

Due to a change in the design of the 2025 Ford Explorer there are a limited number of squads being produced in the 2024 model. Most dealers were not able to or did not order any. Sutton Ford in Matteson IL had the 2024 model on order in the specs that the WTPD needs.

This 2024 budget the PD has \$45,200 (x2) to use for two squad cars. There is also \$27,330 per car that is dedicated to decals, radio equipment, and squad equipment. The 2025 model Explorer will likely not be compatible with any of the equipment on the squads to be replaced, whereas the 2024 squad will most likely be able to use equipment from the cars that they will be replacing, because the body style is the same. At this point the exact savings is unknown.

Sutton Ford can provide two 2024 Ford Explorer for \$88,422.00. These were the only 2024 squads that to my knowledge were available.

I got a bid on a 2023 Explorer from OC Welch Ford in Hardeeville SC for \$47,664.00.

I received bids on a 2025 Explorer from Grinwald Ford for \$50,570.00 and from Ewald Auto for \$50,810.00.

We want to purchase two Explorers from Sutton Ford. They will be under budget for what the department was allotted and \$6000.00 under the 2025 model.

In addition, the PD will be having a squad replaced due to it being hit while on duty. Insurance will be replacing that car and I would recommend replacing that car and the new equipment that will be needed by purchasing from Grinwald Ford. The 2024 squads will be on the road and serviceable by June, 2024 while the 2025 model will be built and ready around December 2024 or early 2025.