



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Danny Barton, Chief of Police

Date: October 8, 2024

Reference: Consider approval for the purchase of one (1) 2025 Ford Interceptor through TIPS #210907 from Silsbee Ford for the replacement of an existing Citizens on Patrol Vehicle in the amount of \$50,044.50; and authorizing the City Manager to sign all necessary documents.

2040: Enhance the Unique 'Community Oasis' Experience

Introduction:

The purpose of this agenda item is to seek approval from City Council for the purchase of one 2025 Ford Interceptor through TIPS Purchasing Cooperative from Silsbee Ford for the replacement of an existing Citizens on Patrol Vehicle in the amount of \$50,044.50.

Background:

In 2015, the Police Department launched a program called Citizens on Patrol (COPS). The intentions of this program were to engage with the Community, solicit volunteers from among them, help our Police Department reduce and prevent crime, assist police with non-law enforcement activities, and maintain a constant visible presence in the City of Coppell. At the time of launch, the Citizens on Patrol had one vehicle assigned to them.

Since then, the program has continually grown to the benefit of the citizens of Coppell and the Police Department. Over the past nine years the Citizens on Patrol program has expanded from one vehicle to three vehicles with multiple vehicles being deployed at the same time on a weekly basis. From January 2024 until August of 2024, COPS volunteers have worked a total of 2,905.75 hours, which averages to 83.02 hours every week. During that time, they have assisted with traffic accidents, motorist assists, vacation house checks, missing persons, and being visible in school zones and throughout the city. Ultimately this program, through the contributions of our citizens who volunteer, has effectively become a force multiplier benefiting our community.

Currently the oldest vehicle assigned to the Citizens on Patrol is a 2013 Chevy Tahoe. This came from the Police Department's patrol division in 2018. Historically, vehicles from the Patrol division do not have a long life span due to normal wear and tear stemming from the everyday driving on

patrol. The request of the new vehicle is being made to replace this 2013 Chevy Tahoe, which is the oldest vehicle in their fleet of three. This request aligns with Pillar 3 of the City's 2040 vision.

Benefit to the Community:

By adding this new replacement COPS vehicle, the program will continue to thrive and be a visible presence in the City of Coppell. These vehicles are an essential piece of equipment used by the COPS volunteers to help in their continued support of the citizens of Coppell and the Coppell Police Department.

Legal Review:

N/A

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact of this agenda item is \$50,044.50 as provided for in the fund balance of the Crime Prevention District Fund.

Recommendation:

The Police Department recommends approval for the purchase of this vehicle.