

# GOVERNING BODY AGENDA ITEM

**Name/Department:**

Fire & Rescue

**Meeting Month:**

February

**Meeting Week:**

(Week 1) Board of Directors

(Week 2) Public Hearings & Presentations

(Week 3) Regular Meeting/Consent **X**

**Time Sensitive?**

Yes   X   No       

**Topic:**

Replacement command vehicle

**Brief Summary of Topic:**

The Department recommends replacing the 2000 model Jeep manufactured in 1999 that has exceeded its useful life-span as an emergency vehicle with a 4X4 mid-size SUV type of vehicle on the current state vehicle contract. Outfitting and equipping a new vehicle with emergency warning devices and radios will cost an additional \$18,000. The Department proposes using existing grant funds the city has already received to fund emergency lights/siren/radios for the vehicle. A comparison vehicle document is enclosed with agenda packet for your review outlining the requirements and needs for a command type vehicle. The city's chief mechanic concurred with this recommendation to replace the vehicle in January 2009. If approved, the Department recommends selling the 2000 Jeep Cherokee as surplus.

1)	4X4 Police Special Service Tahoe	\$30,047.16
2)	4X4 Ford Explorer	\$20,742.00
	Lights/siren/radios using grant funds	\$18,000.00

**Governing Body Agenda Item  
February 16, 2010**

**Subject:**

Fire Department replacement command vehicle

**Issue:**

The Fire Department is requesting to replace a 4X4 SUV type command vehicle that is in the approved FY-10 Capital Budget. The approved amount in the FY-10 Capital Budget was \$40,000 for the vehicle replacement and installation of emergency warning lighting and siren.

**Background:**

The Department recommends replacement of a 10-year old command vehicle to ensure a safe and reliable vehicle for chief officer response to structure fires and significant incidents requiring incident command coordination and oversight. The existing vehicle is beyond the recommended service life for an emergency response vehicle and has significant work space limitations for incident command and personnel accountability systems. The department recommends replacing this vehicle with a mid-size 4X4 SUV type vehicle with an appropriate work space for incident command boards, maps, personnel accountability boards, first aid bag, AED, SCBA and protective gear.

**Discussion:**

The Department recommends replacing the 2000 model Jeep manufactured in 1999 that has exceeded its useful life-span as an emergency vehicle with a 4X4 mid-size SUV type of vehicle on the current state vehicle contract. Outfitting and equipping a new vehicle with emergency warning devices and radios will cost an additional \$18,000. The Department proposes using existing grant funds the city has already received to fund the installation of the emergency lights/siren/radios for the vehicle. A comparison vehicle document is enclosed with the agenda packet for your review outlining the requirements and needs for a command type vehicle. The city's chief mechanic concurred with this recommendation to replace the vehicle in January 2009 and the current recommendation to replace. If approved, the Department recommends selling the 2000 Jeep Cherokee as surplus.

**Alternatives:**

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| 1) | 4X4 Police Special Service Tahoe | \$30,047.16 base; + 653.82 factory pre-wiring |
| 2) | 4X4 Ford Explorer                | \$20,742.00                                   |

**Recommendation:**

The Department recommends purchasing a 4X4 Special Service Tahoe at a cost not to exceed \$31,000.00 from the current state vehicle contract using city capital budget funding and to equip the vehicle at a cost not to exceed \$18,000 for emergency lights, siren, command module installation and radios using existing fire grant funds. On receipt of the new vehicle, the Department recommends selling the surplus vehicle with the proceeds off setting the purchase cost of the replacement vehicle.

**City Business License:** Not Applicable

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Date 2/2/10

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Date 2/2/10

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Date 02/11/10