

TO: Mayor Robinson and City Council

FROM: Jeffrey L. McCormick, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Volunteer Vehicle

DATE: July 10, 2017

BACKGROUND

At the Police Commission Meeting on June 6, 2017, I explained my thoughts for changing from a “Reserve” vehicle to a “Volunteer” vehicle because our volunteer program is now more than just Reserve Officers. Our volunteers include our Reserve Officers, as well as our Explorer Post (part of a County Wide LE Program), Volunteers in Police Service (ViPS) program and our Chaplains Program. Our current vehicle, a 2006 Kia Sportage, presents some challenges in use because it is a manual transmission and knowing how to drive a manual transmission is becoming a less common skill. While the Kia has been a reliable vehicle, it has no air conditioning. The Police Department’s current reserve vehicle was forfeited for a DUI arrest. That vehicle was approved by the City Council in November 2010 for use as our Reserve Officer vehicle. It replaced a previous forfeited vehicle, a 1998 Pontiac.

I also discussed with the Police Commission about keeping the 2011 Crown Victoria which came out of our marked squad fleet, to replace the Kia. This will provide a vehicle with air conditioning and an automatic transmission. During some of our events over the summer it is important to have a place that the volunteer can cool down in, so an air conditioned vehicle is a huge improvement. Because it came out of marked fleet service the Crown Victoria still has the emergency light, cage and computer dock which would also provide a vehicle that could be used by officers if our marked fleet has vehicles out of service or in an emergency if needed. We would have a “POLICE” magnet that would cover the “VOLUNTEER” for those times.

The graphic design would be changed to promote the “VOLUNTEER” part of our program. The vehicle graphics would be similar to below, except that “POLICE” would be smaller to match the font size as Cannon Falls and the design shown is for a utility, but the same type of design will be used for the Crown Victoria.



The Police Commission unanimously approved the idea of keeping the Crown Victoria to replace the Kia and then selling the forfeited Kia using the State Auction service.

REQUESTED ACTION

Motion and approval of the following:

Approve retaining the 2011 Crown Victoria to replace the 2006 Kia Sportage as the volunteer vehicle. If replaced, approve selling the existing reserve vehicle utilizing the State Auction service and the money from that sale deposited into the forfeiture account as required by statute.