



CITY OF

NEWPORT BEACH

City Council Staff Report

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE: Purchase of Police Department Patrol Vehicles

ABSTRACT:

The Police Department seeks City Council approval for the purchase of 11 patrol vehicles at a total cost of \$664,964.91. The purchase would be made using Sourcewell cooperative pricing from National Auto Fleet Group (NAFG) under Sourcewell Contract 091521-NAF. This purchase is in accordance with the department's annual vehicle replacement plan. The patrol vehicles scheduled for replacement meet the time, mileage and condition replacement criteria of City Council Policy F-9.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- b) Approve the purchase of six (6) black-and-white Ford Explorer police patrol vehicles, one (1) all-black Ford Explorer police patrol vehicle and four (4) black-and-white Ford F-150 police patrol trucks from the National Auto Fleet Group of Watsonville using Sourcewell cooperative pricing and authorize the City Manager to execute a purchase order in the amount of \$664,964.91.

DISCUSSION:

The Police Department operates 29 patrol SUVs (Explorers or Durangos), configured as standard black-and-white, unmarked and K9 vehicles. In accordance with City Council Policy F-9, patrol vehicles are on a four-year/75,000-mile replacement cycle and three vehicles are budgeted for replacement in the current fiscal year.

In prior years, many police departments had problems procuring Ford Explorers due to supply chain issues. Last fiscal year, the Newport Beach Police Department purchased Dodge Durangos as an alternative solution. So far, the Durangos have been working well, however, they do not have a long history of reliability. Ford Explorers are available again and have a proven history of reliability. Additionally, purchasing six black-and-white Ford Explorers allows the department to reuse some interior components which will save costs with upfitting.

The purchase cost per black-and-white Ford Explorer patrol vehicle is shown in the table below:

	Per Vehicle	For 6 Vehicles
Purchase Cost	\$58,064.91	\$348,389.46

In December 2024, the department increased the number of dedicated Homeless Liaison Officers (HLOs) from one to four. The HLOs work overlapping shifts and the purchase of one all-black Ford Explorer Interceptor is essential to support the operational effectiveness of the three additional HLO positions. As these officers engage in proactive outreach, transportation, and crisis response across a wide geographic area, the dedicated vehicle will enhance their mobility and ability to respond quickly to emerging needs.

The all-black Ford Explorer Interceptor, equipped for public safety use, ensures both officer safety and professional presence during interactions with vulnerable populations. This investment supports the City of Newport Beach's commitment to addressing homelessness through coordinated, field-based efforts and ensures that HLOs have the resources necessary to operate efficiently and effectively in their expanded roles.

The purchase cost for the all-black Ford Explorer vehicle is shown in the table below:

	Per Vehicle	Total
Purchase Cost	\$56,352.53	\$56,352.53

To effectively patrol the beaches of Newport Beach, the Police Department employs the use of black-and-white, four-wheel drive, Ford F-150 Responder pickup trucks. In addition to routine patrol and enforcement operations, the four-wheel drive capabilities of the trucks allow officers to quickly respond to emergencies on the sand, as well assist Fire Department personnel with transportation of personnel and patients to/from the sand/waterline in the event the Lifeguard Operations Division is unavailable to provide assistance.

The purchase cost per black-and-white Ford F150 patrol truck is shown in the table below:

	Per Vehicle	For 4 Vehicles
Purchase Cost	\$65,055.73	\$260,222.92

FISCAL IMPACT:

The adopted budget includes sufficient funding for this purchase. It will be expensed to the rolling equipment account in the Police Department, 75304-911016.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

NOTICING:

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Quote from National Auto Fleet Group- black-and-white Ford Explorers

Attachment B – Quote from National Auto Fleet Group- all-black Ford Explorer

Attachment C – Quote from National Auto Fleet Group- black-and-white Ford F150s