



West Allis Police Department

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Board of Police and Fire Commissioners
West Allis, Wisconsin

RE: Fleet Vehicle Purchase Request – 2019 Budget

Dear Commissioners:

On July 27, 2018, the City of West Allis received information from Ewald Automotive Group regarding an upcoming significant change in the availability, models, and pricing for the Ford vehicle lineup. (Ewald Automotive Group provides access to State of Wisconsin Contract Pricing, and we utilize them for our vehicle purchasing.)

Ford has established 09/21/18 as the final order date for the 2019 Ford Interceptor SUV. This is being done to accommodate a redesign of the Ford police vehicle lineup for the 2020 model year. The 2019 availability is limited because they will need to switch to the production of the redesigned 2020 models, which will begin in June of 2019. From the information we have received, there will be a significant price increase for the 2020 model year, which could be as much as a \$5,000.00-\$8,000.00 increase depending on the specific model chosen.

In an effort to purchase the 2019 models at the much lower price, we are interested in committing to the purchase of (6) Ford Interceptor SUVs. We have spoken to City Administrator Grill and Finance Director Peggy Steeno, and both are supportive of this plan. The purchase would be contingent up Common Council approval.

According to City of West Allis policy, the Police and Fire Commission must approve all purchases over \$10,000. We respectfully request to expend the following funds from our 2019 budget, Account #100-2101-521-70-02:

Description of Item from 2019 Department Budget	Amount of expenditure
1. Purchase of 6 new Ford Interceptor SUV police vehicles	
	\$174,000.00 (approx.)
2. Squad car set-up and replacement of needed equipment (6 vehicles)	
	\$60,000.00 (approx.)
	Total \$234,000.00

The above expenditure is well within our vehicle budget, and will keep us in the proper rotation regarding our vehicle fleet.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Christopher Botsch
Deputy Chief of Police

Formal Approval	Date
Amy J. Heron President, Police and Fire Commission	8/16/2018