

# STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. 15  
CITY OF OCEANSIDE

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DATE: June 24, 2015  
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
FROM: Police Department  
SUBJECT: **PURCHASE ORDERS FOR TWO VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **SYNOPSIS**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve one purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$174,026 to Downtown Ford Sales of Sacramento for one Ford F-550 Chassis and custom chassis manufactured by California Truck Equipment Company (CTEC); and one purchase order not to exceed the amount of \$159,164 to LDV, Inc. of Burlington, Wisconsin for one Ford E-450 custom chassis for the Oceanside Police Department; and authorize the Financial Services Director, or designee, to execute the purchase orders.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team is tasked with responding to critical incidents that require specialized equipment and training to reach a safe resolution. Currently, a majority of the weapons and specialized equipment, to include individual Officer's equipment and body armor are stored on the SWAT Equipment Truck, a 1984 GMC Step Van. Functionally, when the SWAT Team trains or there is an activation of the SWAT Team, the equipment truck is brought to a Tactical Staging Area. Once on scene, individual Officers are able to recover their personally assigned equipment, and other specialized equipment to respond to the situation they are faced with in an appropriately measured manner. On June 3, 2015 this vehicle suffered a catastrophic engine failure and will not be repaired.

A component of the SWAT Team is the Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT). CNT responds to incidents that require their expertise in negotiations, including barricaded suspects and hostage rescue operations. Crisis Negotiators have received specialized training in crisis intervention and crisis negotiations. Crisis Negotiators utilize a 1998 Ford E-350 Van to conduct their negotiations. This provides the isolation and equipment necessary for successful negotiations.

After careful review, it was determined that both vehicles, which are also listed on Attachment A, have reached the end of their service life due to age, condition and maintenance costs.

## **ANALYSIS**

Existing bids, sole source or federal/state/city contract bid lists are being used for vehicle purchases and the purchases meet the requirements of City Code chapter 28A.

Attachment A lists the vehicles to be replaced this fiscal year, vendor cost, in-house cost to build the vehicle and total vehicle cost.

The current SWAT Equipment Truck is a 1984 GMC P30 Step Van with 32,309 miles. This vehicle was acquired from another City Department that was retiring this vehicle. It was converted and put into service in 2003 as the SWAT Equipment Vehicle. The vehicle has been at fleet for repairs 35 times since it was converted. On more than one occasion the vehicle has broken down completely while in route to training. Many parts for this vehicle are no longer being manufactured. This has affected the response capabilities of the SWAT Team as a result, and has had a negative impact on readiness and responsiveness.

The replacement vehicle is a purpose-built platform that will be substantially more reliable, a Ford F-550 chassis with a custom built storage locker system. As a result of being purpose-built it, has features that increase the response capabilities of the SWAT Team. It is much more accessible for the end user and provides specialized purpose-built storage compartments.

The current CNT vehicle is a 1998 Ford E-350 with 120,939 miles. This vehicle was acquired from another City Department that was retiring this vehicle. It was converted and put into service in 2009 as the CNT Vehicle. The vehicle has been to fleet 19 times since it was converted, mostly for non-scheduled maintenance. The vehicle has encountered significant failures in the equipment rendering it out of service and unavailable for use on multiple occasions. This includes a CNT deployment in April 2015 involving a wanted, armed and suicidal domestic violence suspect who barricaded himself in a residence. CNT responded to the scene and the vane equipment promptly failed. This required negotiators to scramble and spend time locating a local business owner who allowed them to use their building as a Negotiations Operations Center, time which would have been better spent on actual negotiations.

The replacement CNT vehicle is a purpose-built platform designed around a Ford E-450 Super Duty chassis. This platform will allow for the sequestering of negotiators while providing work stations for support personnel to assist with the negotiations. The vehicle is similar to ones used in Seattle and Oakland, but with the modifications specific to our needs. As a result, this will greatly increase our CNT capabilities and assist with finding successful resolutions to barricaded suspects.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The Police Department is retiring two vehicles, a 1984 Chevrolet P30 Step Van and a 1998 Ford E350 Van. The total replacement cost to purchase and build both vehicles is \$346,450. Funds for this purchase have been set aside in the Field Operations business unit number 500501101.5705. For FY 14-15 there is currently \$419,455 available in this account, therefore sufficient funds are available.

**COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT**

Does not apply.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS**

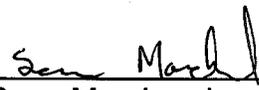
Does not apply.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve one purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$174,026 to Downtown Ford Sales of Sacramento for one Ford F-550 Chassis and custom chassis manufactured by California Truck Equipment Company (CTEC); and one purchase order not to exceed the amount of \$159,164 to LDV, Inc. of Burlington, Wisconsin for one Ford E-450 custom chassis for the Oceanside Police Department; and authorize the Financial Services Director, or designee, to execute the purchase orders.

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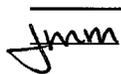
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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Vehicle Purchases

## ATTACHMENT A VEHICLE PURCHASES

VEHICLE TO BE REPLACED					VENDOR 1	VENDOR 2		
VEHICLE TO BE PURCHASED	VEH #	YEAR	MAKE/MODEL	MILEAGE	DOWNTOWN FORD (includes tax)	LDV (includes tax)	IN HOUSE BUILD/IT EQUIP	TOTAL COST
2016 Ford F-550 with CTEC Utility Body	PD400	1984	GMC P30 Step Van	32,309	\$174,026		\$1,000	\$175,026
2016 Ford E-450 with Custom Box Body	PD805	1998	Ford E350	120,939		\$159,124	\$12,500	\$171,624
<b>Total Recreation Vehicles</b>					<b>\$174,026</b>	<b>\$159,124</b>	<b>\$13,500</b>	<b>\$346,650</b>