

MUSCATINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

FROM: Gary R. Coderoni, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: City Council Agenda Item, Request to declare vehicles (s) as surplus property.

DATE: February 24, 2010

INTRODUCTION:

The Muscatine Police Department is requesting that city council declare certain vehicles now used by the department as surplus so they can be traded against the purchase of a new (dealer demo vehicle with 1,500 miles on the odometer) to be used as an administrative vehicle. The current administrative vehicle will be recycled into the fleet to replace those declared surplus.

BACKGROUND:

The police department currently has two (2) vehicles which due to mileage and age have become unreliable for police service. The first is a 2000 Chevrolet Impala with 93,550 miles on the odometer. The second is a 2000 Pontiac Grand Prix with 121,650 miles on the odometer. The Impala had previously been used by the defunct Street Crimes Unit. The Grand Prix was a used vehicle when purchased and was purchased with drug forfeiture funds. The Impala has become mechanically unreliable and was purchased off the lot and is a regular passenger vehicle and not a severe (police) service vehicle. The Grand Prix due to its high mileage and mechanical unreliability has become the vehicle of "last resort."

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

It is recommended that both of the above vehicles be declared surplus and traded on a 2010 Chevrolet Impala (6 cylinder) regular passenger vehicle. The trade in value for both vehicles is \$3,900. The remainder of the purchase price (\$17,000) will come from drug forfeiture funds, which will result in no funds being used from the city budget.