



## Washington Police Department

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TO: The Washington City Council  
FROM: MSgt. Jeff Stevens  
RE: Budgeted Purchase of Chief's and Detective's Vehicles  
DATE: June 15, 2017

Mayor and Aldermen,

Related to the budgeted purchase of replacement vehicles for the Chief of Police and the Senior Detective and consistent with the City Council discussion related to local purchasing, WPD sought bids from area dealers, Bob Grimm, Ray Dennison and Uftring.

Given the direction to procure a Chief's vehicle quickly to have the best opportunity to add emergency equipment to have the car in use as quickly as possible, we sought bids for vehicles deliverable immediately.

In seeking bids, we sought evaluation of the current vehicles for trade-in value.

### UFTRING BIDS:

1. 2017 Tahoe, contains spec equipment plus some additional options based on the vehicle available  
2015 Ford Flex, about 25,000 miles, warranty started October, 2015, estimated life: 6 years  
Trade-in Value, current vehicles: \$5,000  
Package price: \$79,427
2. 2017 Tahoe, contains spec equipment plus some additional options based on the vehicle available  
2017 Ford Flex, *new*, estimated life: 8 years  
Trade-in Value, current vehicles: \$5,000  
Package price: \$85,016

### DENNISON BID:

2017 Tahoe, no spec vehicle available, contains additional options,  
2017 Equinox, smaller than desired  
Trade in not evaluated  
Package price: \$91,831

### BOB GRIMM BIDS:

1. 2017 Tahoe (spec)  
2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee 43,000 miles, estimated life: 5 years  
Trade-in Value, current vehicles: \$2,800 (up to \$3,500)  
Package price: \$82,738

2. 2017 Tahoe (spec)  
2014 Mitsubishi Outlander, 35,000 miles, estimated life: 5 years  
Trade-in Value, current vehicles: \$2,800 (up to \$3,500)  
Package price: \$74,982

Assuming the Tahoe provides equal life and utility, as the bids from Uftring and Grimm meet or exceed the specifications, the difference in bids comes down to the detective's vehicle.

The Flex provides about 10 cubic feet more interior space than the Cherokee or Outlander, both of which meet a minimum requirement. The additional space is useful in this application, for carrying equipment and evidence and for other uses. Based only on utility in the application, either Flex ranks first, followed by the Jeep. The Outlander falls significantly behind the other vehicles. The used Flex carries the balance of Ford's 3-year, 36,000 mile warranty (about 15 months or 11,000 miles) while the new Flex carries the entire warranty. The 2014 vehicles carry remainders of a 5-year, 60,000 mile powertrain-only warranty. Based on an expected life of 8 years beyond the model year, the new Flex is the least expensive option per year, followed by the Outlander and used Flex. The per annum difference spans about \$400. The addition of the overall warranty is not figured in the per annum cost and adds significantly to the value.

This budgeted replacement of 5 vehicles (including three already approved by Council) is fully-funded through MERF regardless of which package Council accepts. The Department seeks Council approval for the purchase of the above vehicle package of its choice.

The department sought bids for equipping the Tahoe with required emergency equipment. Based on the age and equipment included on the replaced vehicles, there is little to reuse from the previous cars. Ragan Communication has been the Department's preferred vendor for this equipment, as detailed in Chief Miller's memorandum of May 18, 2017, related to the replacement of three vehicles. Ragan Communication provided a quote of \$4,449.65. Ragan may not be able to obtain certain parts in a timely manner, however, and so the Department also sought a quote from E & S Communications of Pekin. That quote is for \$3,750.93 and E & S indicated it could perform the work before the end of June. The Department seeks Council authorization for the vendor of its choice to perform needed emergency equipment work on the Tahoe.

The timeline on the detective's vehicle is not as critical. No vendor can accurately quote this work as the vehicle is not identified. The Department seeks Council authorization for Ragan Communications to perform needed lighting work on the detective's car for time and materials not to exceed \$1,500.