

CHARLOTTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

# MEMO

**To:** Mayor Burch and City Council  
**From:** Lisa Sherman, Chief of Police  
**Date:** August 7, 2015  
**Re:** 2016 Patrol Vehicle Purchase

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Our department is in the market to replace the last Dodge Charger in the fleet. As you know we have experienced a great deal of problems with the Dodge vehicles and spent too much money on their repairs over the last few years, not to mention the time out of service in the patrol fleet.

We researched the other pursuit rated patrol vehicles available to us and found that the Ford Explorer SUV is the most reliable and suitable for our patrol conditions. We currently have two of these Fords in our fleet and they have performed extremely well.

We can again this year, purchase the 2016 Ford Explorer SUV Police package vehicle from our local vendor, Candy Ford, or go through the State Bid process and purchase from an outside vendor. Candy Ford has agreed to match last year's bid and match the State Bid holder. Additionally to continue our 5 year maintenance and warranty plan, Candy Ford has agreed to match the price quoted last year as well.

**At this time I am asking you to approve the purchase of a 2016 Ford Explorer SUV through our local vendor, Candy Ford, in the amount of \$25,918.00 and forego the State Bid process. Additionally I am asking that you approve the purchase of the 5 year/125,000 mile warranty and maintenance plan for this vehicle in the amount of \$5,055.00.**