



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Town Council  
**From:** Rafael G. Casals, Town Manager  
**Date:** May 20, 2015  
**Re:** Purchase of Two (2) Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles

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### REQUEST

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO DON REID FORD, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) POLICE MOTOR VEHICLES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,174.00, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

### BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

In order to maintain the existing level of responsiveness and service, during a storm/flooding event within our Police Department, there is a need to purchase two (2) police Sport Utility Vehicles (“SUVs”). The proposed SUVs will be striped and equipped with all the standard emergency response equipment. Additionally, the Miami-Dade Police Department will install additional equipment which will allow each of the vehicles to serve as individual mobile Command Centers, during an emergency event. The vehicles will be operated on a daily basis, by police personnel during routine patrols, and will be highly visible throughout our community.

The SUVs offers many advantages over the traditional police cruiser (Ford Crown Victoria). A growing number of police agencies across the U.S. are opting to buy sport utility vehicles over police cruisers, to provide officers additional space and fuel savings. The traditional police cruiser managed 14 mpg in the city and 21 mpg on the highway, whereas the Ford SUV proposed achieves 16 mpg in the city and 22 mpg on the highway. Also, it has been proven that the engine in the SUV uses 32 percent less fuel than the police cruiser when in idle.



Additional advantages of the proposed SUVs include:

- Higher clearance than a traditional sedan to travel through roads with standing water
- All-wheel drive capability to reach areas off-road
- Towing capacity with the ability to trailer and move speed trailers as requested
- The ability to establish a mobile Command Post during any major scene
- Annual costs savings of Policy Charges billed by Miami-Dade Police Dept.

The source of funding for the proposed purchase is the Town's Police Impact Fee fund.

The recent amendments to the Police Services Interlocal Agreement, allow the Town to purchase the vehicles and perform the routine preventative maintenance.

In accordance with the Town's purchasing Ordinance, the Town intends to utilize the prices submitted through the competitive bidding process as performed by the Florida Sheriff's Association & Florida Association of Counties (Bid Award # 14-22-0904), to procure two (2) Ford Police Interceptor utility vehicles and related equipment, at a competitive price

### **RECOMMENDATION**

We recommend that the attached resolution authorizing the Town Manager to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$ 52,174.00 to Don Reid Ford, Inc. (Florida Sheriff's Association & Florida Association of Counties: Bid Award # 14-22-0904 be adopted.

