



# Memo

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners  
From: Chief John Pruitt  
Date: 4/6/2021  
Re: Take-Home Vehicle

Honorable Mayor and Commissioners,

In reference to the take-home vehicle that was discussed at Monday's Commission Meeting, I am writing this memo to you from the perspective of a Chief of Police. I am certain that just about every agency in Florida or in the Country provide the Chief of Police an emergency vehicle to respond to emergencies that can occur 24-hours per day in any jurisdiction. A Chief's take-home vehicle serves as a mobile command post in emergencies and must have the ability to carry emergency equipment necessary to provide readiness to respond to every situation. Emergency vehicles allow for much faster, safer responses than privately owned vehicles.

I look for us to have an active hurricane season this year and would be delayed in responding to the Town due to having to try to get here in my personal vehicle through traffic jams, police road blocks, etc. We have been lucky, however I need to have the ability to respond in emergencies like violent crimes, suicides and other emergencies where I will be required to respond in a hurry. Without an emergency vehicle, responding in my own personal vehicle would be hazardous, dangerous and delayed by traffic, road blocks, etc.

Society has changed dramatically over the past couple years and I am concerned about the ability to respond to emergencies efficiently and safely. The approach of hurricane season is no exception to my concerns. Your decision, and the discussion that preceded it quite frankly caught me by surprise and was both short-sighted and potentially dangerous to me.

The vehicle can be paid for out of the discretionary tax funds and would not come out of property tax proceeds. I appreciate you taking all of these concerns into consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Chief S. John Pruitt

## **Equipment Schedule**

1. Equipment Description: The Equipment consists of the following:  
2021 Chevrolet Suburban 1500 LS with Federal Signal Lighting Package  
VIN #: To Be Determined
2. 2021 Chevrolet Suburban 1500 LS with Whelen Lighting Package  
VIN #: To Be Determined

## **Payment Schedule:**

1. Funding Amount: \$91,248.50
2. Interest Rate: 2.58
3. Rental Payments: 2,636.76