



## CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

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**MEETING DATE:** February 11, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Resolution 2025-16, Authorizing the Purchase of Four New Police Units Using Capital Expenditures/Vehicles Funds in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$252,545

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt Resolution 2025-16.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The City of Banning Police Department is committed to enhancing public safety through a strategic and comprehensive approach to law enforcement. As part of its ongoing efforts to improve service delivery and address the evolving needs of the community, the department is seeking to acquire four new specialized police units. These units will be incorporated into the department's Administration and Detective Bureau, with a focus on increasing investigative capacity, improving case management, and supporting proactive law enforcement initiatives. The acquisition of these units reflects a commitment to meeting the growing demands of a dynamic urban environment while maintaining high standards of accountability, professionalism, and community trust.

The new units will play a pivotal role in the department's ability to conduct thorough investigations, respond to emerging criminal trends, and ensure that all aspects of law enforcement operations are managed effectively. By enhancing the Detective Bureau with specialized personnel, the Banning Police Department aims to streamline case processing, improve investigative outcomes, and ensure a timely response to complex cases. Additionally, these units will provide administrative support to improve overall operational efficiency, data management, and strategic planning. Together, they will strengthen the department's capacity to solve crimes, enhance public safety, and deliver high-quality law enforcement services to the residents of Banning.

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The purchase of four new police units for the Banning Police Department is a critical investment in enhancing the department's operational capacity and ensuring the continued safety and security of our community. These units will be integrated into the department's Administration and Detective Bureau, providing specialized resources to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our law enforcement operations. The need for these units is driven by several key factors, including the growing demand for comprehensive investigative services, the increasing complexity of modern criminal activity, and the necessity to maintain high standards of service as our city continues to grow.

As Banning continues to expand both in population and economic activity, the demands placed on the

Police Department's investigative and administrative functions have increased substantially. The four new units will significantly bolster the department's ability to handle a rising caseload, address emerging crime trends, and ensure that investigative efforts are both thorough and timely. These units will directly enhance the Detective Bureau's capacity to manage complex investigations, ranging from property crimes to more serious offenses, by providing dedicated resources for case follow-up, evidence collection, and collaboration with other law enforcement agencies. The additional units will also improve the department's administrative functions, ensuring that resources are allocated effectively, strategic planning is more data-driven, and case management processes are streamlined.

Furthermore, the purchase of these units is justified by the ongoing need to maintain and expand public safety services in a growing city. Investing in modern, reliable police units will enable the department to better meet the demands of a rapidly evolving law enforcement environment while maintaining a high level of professionalism and community trust. The vehicles will be equipped with the necessary tools to support both investigative and administrative operations, ensuring that officers are equipped to handle their responsibilities in the most efficient and effective manner possible.

The funding for this purchase will come from the department's Capital Expenditures / Vehicles account, ensuring that the investment does not place an undue burden on specific revenue sources while still enabling the Police Department to meet its mission. The long-term benefits of these vehicles, including enhanced investigative capabilities, improved case management, and overall public safety, far outweigh the initial expenditure. This investment will not only support the Police Department's day-to-day operations but also position the City of Banning for continued growth and prosperity by ensuring that the police force has the tools and resources necessary to maintain a safe and secure environment for all residents.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The cost for the purchase of four police units is \$198,402 and up-fitting will cost an estimated \$31,185 to equip the vehicles with the necessary equipment and technology. The department is including a 10% contingency for equipment, based on police equipment availability and the possibility of part prices increasing prior to the up-fitting being complete, bringing the expected total not to exceed \$252,545. This expenditure will be funded through the department's Capital Expenditures / Vehicles budget account (001-2200-421.90.52).

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The City Council may choose to reject staff's recommendation and provide alternative direction.

**BUDGETED?:**

Yes

**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT:**

No

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. [Resolution 2025-16, PD Vehicle Purchases.docx](#)
2. [Raceway Ford Banning Two Explorer Quotes.pdf](#)
3. [Diamond Traverse Quote.pdf](#)
4. [Diamond Silverado 1500.pdf](#)
5. [Est\\_15951\\_from\\_WEST\\_COAST\\_LIGHTS\\_\\_SIRENS\\_INC.\\_36996.pdf](#)
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