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TO: Goodhue County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Sheriff Marty Kelly

DATE: September 24, 2025

RE: Request to Order 2026 Squads for the Sheriff's Office

#### SUMMARY

On behalf of the Sheriff's Office, I am requesting the County Board authorize the order of one Chevy Tahoe, two Ford F-150s and five Ford Explorer squads in 2025, which are in the 2026 Capital Plan.

#### BACKGROUND

The 2026 Capital Plan includes the purchase of one Chevy Tahoe, two Ford F-150s and five Ford Explorer squads. Recently, the dealer notified the Sheriff's Office that the window to order the 2026 squads has opened. The sooner the squads are ordered, the earlier the delivery will be in 2026. If the order isn't placed in 2025, the build date will be delayed into 2026, which pushes the upfitting until year's end or possibly into 2027. Additionally, if the order is not placed until 2026, there is no guarantee that there will be squads available to purchase.

If the squads are ordered now, delivery and payment will not be made until 2026. The expense for the vehicle portion only is \$53,798 for the Chevy Tahoe, \$48,896 for the Ford F150 and \$45,300 for the Ford Explorer, for a total of \$378,090. This expense is in the 2026 Capital Plan along with the cost of upfitting and emergency equipment, which will be ordered and paid for in 2026.

We have reached out to the dealerships asking if the order could be canceled before the end of the year if there are budget constraints. Both stated they can't force us to take delivery of the order, but I caution doing this as it could jeopardize our ability to place early orders in the future.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Sheriff's Office that the County Board authorize staff to place the order of the squads in 2025 with an anticipated delivery and payment date of 2026.

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