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## Staff Report

ITEM NO. 6

To: Lemoore City Council  
From: Chief Kim Morrell  
Date: August 30, 2007  
Subject: Purchase of Patrol Vehicle for 2007-2008 Budget

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### **DISCUSSION:**

The Police Department has been researching the options to purchase 6 patrol vehicles that were included in the 2007-2008 budget. We have had several members of the police department test drive both of the two Dodge Charger options the 6 cylinder and the 8 cylinder models. All four drivers of the 6 cylinder Dodge found the vehicle to be very slow to accelerate and unsuitable as a Patrol vehicle.

Last week we received a quote from Surroz Dodge for the 8 cylinder Charger for \$30,880.

On Wednesday, we requested a quote from Clippinger Fleet Distributing for the Dodge Charger for \$26,000 out the door with the understanding that they would have to order the vehicle which would arrive in 3 to 4 months. They offered us 6 of the 14 Ford Crown Victorias that they have sitting on their lot today, that L.A.P.D. refused delivery, at the cost for \$24,594 out the door. These units are available now and they have an additional \$2,000.00 in ballistic protection built into the doors that L.A.P.D. requires, at no charge to us.

The Dodge Charger is a smaller vehicle than the Ford Crown Victorias and Chevrolet Caprices that we currently have in our patrol fleet. Some of the equipment that we can transfer from the Caprices to the Crown Victorias will not fit the Charger. At this time we believe that the Dodge Charger will cost us approximately \$2,400.00 in addition per vehicle to equip as a patrol unit. In total the Dodge Charger will cost us approximately \$3,800.00 more than the Crown Victorias, currently available on the lot at Clippinger.

The rating from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on both vehicles is attached to this report. The difference in these vehicles is the Crown Victoria highway mileage is listed at 25 mpg and the Charger is listed at 24mpg. The final difference is that the air pollution score is listed at 6 for the Crown Victoria and 7 for the Dodge Charger. The rating of 10 is the best score for a vehicle in air pollution.

I have attached the ratings on both vehicles for the true cost of ownership. The bottom line is Crown Victoria \$55,256 and Dodge Charger \$61,232 for five years.

We are bring this before Council because you set the following current objective for the City; "Include in all new facility and equipment purchases, an analysis of both life cycle costs and carbon emissions when making decisions regarding specifications – analyze existing facilities using same criteria."

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

We have currently budgeted \$174,000 to purchases and equip six patrol units. We believe that the Dodge Chargers will cost approximately \$188,000. The current Crown Victorias offered by Clippinger will cost us approximately \$169,000.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is my recommendation that we purchase the Crown Victorias that are now available at Clippinger Fleet because they are within the budgeted amount allowed by the 2007-2008 budget and immediately available.