

# City of Calistoga

## Staff Report

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
**FROM:** Mitchell Celaya – Chief of Police  
**DATE:** August 16, 2016  
**SUBJECT:** Authorization to Replace Patrol Utility Vehicle for Police Department for an amount not to exceed \$40,000

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APPROVAL FOR FORWARDING:



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Dylan Feik, City Manager

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1 **ISSUE:** Adoption of a Resolution to approve a budget adjustment in the FY  
2 2016/17 Budget Account # 15-4970-4820 from the unappropriated Equipment  
3 Replacement Reserves and authorize the expenditures of funds to purchase a  
4 replacement patrol vehicle for the Police Department in the amount of not to  
5 exceed \$40,000.

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7 **RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the Resolution authorizing the purchase of a  
8 marked patrol vehicle and the funds to equip and outfit the vehicle as a patrol  
9 vehicle. The marked patrol vehicle (#292) was used to end a deadly threat to  
10 both the officer and the community which resulted in the collision and damage of  
11 police vehicle #292 beyond repair.

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14 **BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:** The Police Department currently  
15 operates using one (1) electric utility vehicle and five (5) motor vehicles. The five  
16 (5) motor vehicles consist of one (1) unmarked vehicle used as an administrative  
17 vehicle and four (4) marked patrol vehicles. The four marked patrol vehicles are  
18 outfitted to comply with all California regulations. These vehicles are kept in  
19 readiness for response to all emergency needs. These vehicles are often driven  
20 up to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

22 On July 12, 2016 patrol vehicle #292 was being driven by patrol officer Luis  
23 Paniagua, assigned to dayshift patrol. At approximately 2:20 PM the Calistoga  
24 Police Department received a Be-On-The-Lookout for a dark blue Suburban  
25 involved in an armed robbery of an armored truck in Windsor, CA. The armed  
26 robbery involved a White male and Latino male suspects armed with an AR15  
27 style weapon. At approximately 2:25 PM, Officer Paniagua observed the  
28 described Suburban enter Calistoga via Petrified Forest Road. Officer Paniagua  
29 followed the suspect vehicle on to Mitzi Drive and was waiting for cover officers  
30 when the suspect vehicle went around the block and passed Officer Paniagua on  
31 Mitzi Drive. When Officer Paniagua turned around to follow the suspect vehicle  
32 the suspect vehicle immediately stopped. The driver of the suspect vehicle  
33 immediately got out of the vehicle and began walking back towards the  
34 approaching police vehicle. Before Officer Paniagua could stop his vehicle the  
35 white male suspect shot at officer Paniagua. Officer Paniagua having no  
36 opportunity to engage the suspect used his vehicle to end the deadly threat to  
37 both him and the community. Officer Paniagua hit the suspect with his vehicle  
38 and subsequently a tree in the front yard of a nearby residence. Patrol vehicle  
39 #292 received significant damage to the front of the vehicle (see attached photos  
40 of damage). The damage sustained to the vehicle was beyond repair. Both  
41 suspects were apprehended and the weapons and stolen money recovered.

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43 Vehicle #292 was a 2014 Ford Explorer Interceptor SUV with 21,594 miles. The  
44 Police Department now only has three operational marked units, down from an  
45 authorized 5 marked police cars. It is important to have vehicle #292 replaced as  
46 it allows the patrol vehicles to be rotated in and out of service to extend the life of  
47 the patrol vehicles as well as have marked patrol cars available when there is a  
48 need for multiple marked police cars when working patrol and special events.

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50 **CONSISTENCY WITH CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:** This  
51 request supports and furthers the City Council's Goal of "Offer excellent  
52 professional services to all customers". The replacement of this patrol vehicle  
53 directly impacts the police department's ability to provide excellent and  
54 professional emergency police & city services in a reliable manner.

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56 **FISCAL IMPACT:** The price of a new Patrol Utility Vehicle is approximately  
57 \$31,000. The outfitting, graphics, and emergency response equipment is  
58 estimated at approximately \$9,000. Some of equipment needed to outfit the new  
59 patrol vehicle will be reused from the patrol vehicle being replaced. A budget  
60 adjustment is requested in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 from the  
61 unappropriated Equipment Replacement Reserves under Account # 15-4970-  
62 4820. The City is eligible for partial reimbursement for the purchase of vehicle  
63 and equipment damaged by the collision via the City's insurance carrier,  
64 PARSAC.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Draft Resolution
2. Photos of Vehicle #292

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-XXX**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALISTOGA, COUNTY OF NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, TO APPROVE A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE & REPLACEMENT RESERVES TO PURCHASE A PATROL VEHICLE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000..**

1           **WHEREAS**, the Calistoga Police Department is in need of a replacement  
2 patrol vehicle for its fleet; and

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4           **WHEREAS**, the Calistoga Police Department desires to purchase a 2016  
5 Ford Police Utility Interceptor to replace patrol vehicle #292 involved in a police  
6 action resulting in collision,

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8           **WHEREAS**, the Calistoga Police Department has the ability to purchase  
9 the 2016 Ford Police Utility vehicle off a State approved contract vendor to  
10 ensure a state negotiated reduced rate and outfit said vehicle for patrol use for a  
11 total amount not to exceed \$40,000.

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13           **WHEREAS**, the Calistoga Police Department has the ability to get  
14 reimbursed for a portion of the purchase and equipment caused by the collision  
15 via the City's insurance carrier, PARSAC.

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17           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City  
18 of Calistoga hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve a budget adjustment  
19 to FY 2016/17 Budget and expend up to \$40,000 of budgeted funds from the  
20 Equipment Replacement Reserves (#15-4970-4820) to purchase a 2016 Ford  
21 Police Utility Interceptor vehicle for the police department.

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23           **PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of  
24 Calistoga at a regular meeting held this **16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016**, by the  
25 following vote:

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**CHRIS CANNING, Mayor**

35 **ATTEST:**

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39 **KATHY FLAMSON, City Clerk**

