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MEMORANDUM

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To: CEA Review, Committee,
Finance Committee,
Safety & Licensing Committee,
Common Council

From: Jeremy Hansen, Fire Chief

Cc: Ryan Weyers, Deputy Fire Chief

Re: Request to keep Dodge Durango #803 until the replacement for van #807 arrives in 2024.

The Appleton Fire Department (AFD) added a new Battalion Chief of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to the table of organization through the FY2023 budgeting process. This new 40-hour per week position will need a city vehicle to transport medical equipment and attend committee and department related meetings and trainings.

As approved by the CEA Review Committee in 2021, CEA ordered a new Ford F-150 pickup truck to replace the Fire Chief's Dodge Durango #803. This was ordered in November of 2021 as part of the 2022 CEA equipment replacement program. Due to supply chain issues, we expect this truck to be in-service sometime in early 2023. As part of this process, CEA planned to place Durango #803 back into the second use/reserve fleet once the new Ford F-150 arrived for the Fire Department.

Additionally, the AFD has a 2015 Chrysler Mini-Van #807 that is due to be replaced in 2024. CEA was informed that this van model currently is not available for purchase under the state contract, or available to Fleet Sales. Therefore, CEA and AFD researched the closest replacement option available. This looks to be the Ford Explorer which will be at or below the price point of the Chrysler van.

Because the current setup in unit 807 does not meet the needs of the new Battalion Chief position, the Fire Department, with the support of CEA, are proposing the following solution:

- The new Ford F-150 be assigned to the Battalion Chief of EMS as their primary use vehicle.
- The Fire Chief continues to use the #803 Dodge Durango for the next 12-18 months.
- CEA orders a Ford Explorer to replace #807 Chrysler Mini-Van.
- Once delivered, the Ford Explorer is assigned to the Fire Chief.
- Both #803 and #807 go back to the CEA fleet for reassignment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (920) 832-5810. Thank you for your consideration.