

Cheektowaga Police purchasing four new patrol vehicles

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Publicity photo of Ford's 2020 Ford Police Interceptor Hybrid SUV. (Contributed)

CHEEKTOWAGA – The Cheektowaga Police Department has been given the green light by the town council to order four new police vehicles.

DeLacy Ford of Elma, New York will supply the new vehicles at a cost of \$36,990.00 each for a grand total of \$147,960.00. DeLacy Ford's pricing is covered under a New York State contract.

Ford markets their new 2020 Police Interceptor Utility as the first-ever pursuit-rated hybrid police SUV. Agencies have the option to purchase the vehicle as a hybrid – which comes standard – or downgrade the vehicle to save money. Cheektowaga has opted to buy the interceptor with a non-hybrid engine saving taxpayers \$4,000 on each vehicle according to a police department source.

An earlier version of this article reported that the police department was going to receive the hybrid model based on reading [Ford's documentation saying the hybrid was standard equipment](#). A police department source corrected the record.

The new vehicles will replace older cruisers which were assigned the arduous task of patrolling the town's streets around the clock, year-round. The older patrol vehicles will filter down to other officers in the department.

"These cars keep getting used," said Councilmember Christine Adamczyk. "The detectives use them, the lieutenants use them; they're just not being pushed away, because I know sometimes residents ask why are you always buying new vehicles."

Police Chief David Zack originally asked the town to purchase five new vehicles but Supervisor Diane Benczkowski said she was able to shift a 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe which was utilized by the town's disaster coordinator to the police department.

"His vehicle was fully paid off and they're going to take that vehicle," said Ms. Benczkowski. "They were very cooperative once they knew about [Earl Loder's] truck because he just keeps that truck in tip-top shape.

[Mr. Loder was assigned a new Chevrolet Suburban which was leased under a legacy grant program offered by the state](#). Under the program, the town pays \$35,000 for the vehicle and purchases the truck for \$1.00 at the end of the lease.

The police department purchased [eight new vehicles last year](#).

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