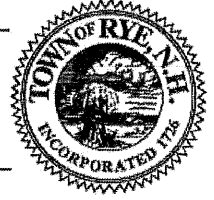




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To: Rye Select Board
From: Chief Scott Blaisdell
Date: October 15, 2026
RE: 2027 CIP Lite program

As part of the 2027 budget process, I have looked at the next 5 years for upcoming expenditures for the police department. There are a few expenditures that will impact on the department's operations due to the necessity that they bring.

The first expense that would look to add to the CIP is the purchase of a new cruiser each year. Police Cruisers are one of the pieces of equipment that is used 24/7. The cruisers that we currently have are Ford Explorer Police Interceptor SUV. The department currently purchases a new cruiser each year. The new cruiser is purchased and then outfitted with equipment from one of the older cruisers. Once the cruiser is outfitted, it is put in as the main line cruiser being driven for most of the shifts. The older cruisers are then rotated down to secondary patrol vehicles and eventually moved into administrative or detail vehicles.

I reached out to dealerships, McFarland Ford, McGovern Ford, Grappone Ford and Irwin Ford to obtain quotes for 2026 Ford Police Interceptor SUVs. We have purchased cruisers from these dealerships in the past. I obtained quotes back from all the dealerships quoting the 2027 Ford Police Interceptor SUV at prices between \$43,800-\$45,500 for the vehicles. Both the standard V6 engine and the Hybrids models are priced the same. In 2026, we purchased a 2026 Ford Police Interceptor from Grappone Ford. That cruiser was outfitted by Adamson Industries and joined the fleet in the summer of 2026.

Along with purchasing the new cruiser, I would request to have the money added to the request to outfit the cruiser and purchase a new tablet to go into the cruiser. The cruiser outfitting would cost approximately \$15,000. This includes swapping over the reuseable equipment from the cruiser. The new tablet being purchased costs approximately \$4600. The tablet we currently use is being discontinued by the company and is being replaced by this new one. We also need to purchase a new docking station that fits the mounts in our cruisers. This tablet is compatible with the police software that the officers use while on the road so they can stay on the roadway for longer periods of time.

The average cost of replacing and outfitting a new Ford Explorer Police Interceptor SUV will cost approximately \$65,000 in 2027. This cost should remain the same with slight increases every year based on inflation. The only change to the cost over the next five years would be if Ford changes the style of the Explorer so we can't swap equipment from the older ones to the new ones. If that happens, the town might need to purchase new equipment for the cruiser or investigate another vehicle. Based on the current information we have I would suggest the following for the cruiser in the CIP from the Police Capital Outlay Account 01-4902-68-760:

FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
\$65,000	\$65,000 (EST)	\$65,000 (EST)	\$65,000 (EST)	\$65,000 (EST)

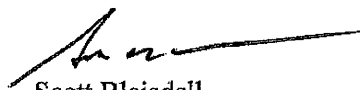
The second item I would look at adding to the CIP would be the cost for our Body Worn Cameras. In 2023, the police department purchased 15 Body Worn Cameras from Axon Industries. The purchase of the cameras was made to

help with transparency of the department as well as following the principles outlined in the 2015 President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. Since we rolled out the cameras to patrol, we have found they have been a necessity for the department. They have helped to clear officers of complaints, aide with court prosecution, and been a vital tool in helping them to train through reviewing calls officers had responded to. When we purchased the cameras, we entered into a 5-year contract with Axon through 2028. The cost of the contract for the 5-year contract at the time was \$68,007.15 (\$13,601.43/year). We were able to fund this program for the first 5 yrs through two grants.

Where the cameras are funded through 2027, we would be looking to add funds to CIP for the continuation of this program in 2028. We do not have a cost at this time, but looking at previous conversations with our Axon Representative, the program may cost approximately \$80,000 for 5 years. Based on the current information we have I would suggest the following for the Body Worn Cameras in the CIP from the Police Capital Outlay Account 01-4902-68-760:

FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32	Total
\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$80,000

If you have any questions, please feel free to let me know. Thank you for your continued support of the Police Department.



Scott Blaisdell
Chief of Police