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POLICY MEMORANDUM #55

Date: February 10, 2015; Revised November 28, 2017; September 13, 2022; June 29, 2023

**This policy was revised at the September 13, 2022 Select Board meeting solely to reflect the titles used in the Town Charter for the Town Manager and Select Board and to modify language to be gender neutral. No changes were made to the content of the Policy at that meeting.*

Subject: **Replacement of Police Vehicles**

Public Safety is one of the most important services provided by the Town of Truro. The Select Board recognizes that the Truro Police Department must be provided the resources to maintain a fleet of vehicles that is of the appropriate number and condition to meet the public safety needs of the Town. The Police Department's vehicles must be safe to drive, available when needed and maintained at a reasonable cost.

Based on past experience, the typical police vehicle should be replaced every four years. Accordingly, the Truro Select Board supports the Police Departments recommendation to maintain a fleet of seven vehicles and barring unusual circumstances, the Department should replace up to two vehicles per year, as part of the Town's Capital Outlay Business Practices.

Vehicles identified for replacement will be based upon condition and the joint recommendation of the Town's Mechanic and the Chief of Police. Vehicle replacement needs and fleet size beyond the above criteria would require justification by the Chief of Police and recommendation by the Select Board for approval by Town Meeting.

Purchase of electric patrol vehicles should be considered first when new or replacement vehicles are requested by the Chief of Police, provided the electric option is economically viable on a total cost of ownership basis, electric police-rated vehicles are available that are capable of providing the necessary level of service, and reasonable accommodations can be made to charge the vehicles. Exemptions to the electric vehicle first policy include select emergency management vehicles that may need to remain fossil fuel powered in the event of a prolonged power outage.

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