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To: Commissioners Court

From: Jim Skinner, Sheriff

Subj: Law Enforcement Vehicle Configuration

The purpose of this memorandum is to request approval to update the configuration of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) scheduled replacement vehicles, as well as an additional patrol vehicle used for traffic and DWI enforcement. This request will enhance effectiveness and operational efficiency with no additional cost the county.

The current CVE units are due for replacement in the near future. The request to update the new CVE vehicles would be to order them in grey instead of white, and approve semi-transparent (ghost) decals in place of the standard high-visibility markings. The use of grey vehicles in combination with ghost decals has become an established practice among CVE units throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth region. Aligning with these standards promotes consistency in operations, enhances interagency familiarity, and reflects current best practices in commercial enforcement.

The additional request, to update the configuration of a patrol vehicle, would be to outfit a new replacement patrol car in the same manner as the current evening shift traffic unit. This configuration would only be utilized on a new vehicle that has not been marked or placed in service. The configuration request includes semi-transparent (ghost) decals and utilizing only an interior lighting package. This vehicle would be operated by the evening shift traffic deputy who currently operates a standard patrol vehicle.

High-visibility marked units often result in immediate behavioral changes by violators prior to enforcement action. The use of subdued vehicle coloring and ghost decals allows deputies to observe violations in real-time without early detection, increase compliance through consistent enforcement presence, and more effectively target traffic violations. This configuration also contributes to proactive enforcement efforts, particularly speed enforcement, aggressive driving violations, and Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) detection.

The requested modifications represent a measured and proven approach to improving enforcement outcomes while maintaining appropriate law enforcement visibility and public trust. These vehicles all have exempt tags, and these updated configurations are consistent with regional practices, supported by operational success within existing units, and aligned with proactive enforcement objectives.



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