



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

**From:** The Office of the City Manager **Date:** August 1, 2019  
**Subject:** Approve the purchase of a specialty logistics vehicle for the Police Department from Sam Pack's Five Star Ford in the amount of \$79,866.00, using a State of Texas SmartBuy contract.  
**Presenter:** Rick Scott, Assistant Police Chief

### **Summary:**

Police Department unit #8900 is a 2005 box van currently assigned to the police SWAT team. This item is a request to authorize the purchase of a comparable replacement vehicle from Sam Pack's Five Star Ford using State of Texas SmartBuy Contract #070-A1. The Police Department will fund the vehicle purchase from its general fund budget (001-8001-531.74-05), using approved grant reimbursement projects to fully cover the expenditure.

### **General Description:**

The vehicle to be replaced is unit #8900, a 2005 box van currently in use by the Police Department's SWAT team as their logistics vehicle. The SWAT team utilizes a small number of specialty vehicles to facilitate emergency tactical services for the citizens of North Richland Hills in crisis situations. The logistics vehicle is designed to store and transport mission critical equipment for the team and must be maintained in a deployable condition at all times. When called upon, the vehicle rapidly delivers a wide array of emergency supplies to include bullet proof vests, helmets, tactical tools, electronics, and the tactical robot.

Unit #8900 is approximately 14 years old and was originally purchased with non-department grant funds. Given the vehicle's age, configuration, and lengthy duty assignment, it has reached the end of its life cycle as a front line vehicle. The ongoing upkeep and need for modern retrofit for this vehicle renders it no longer cost-effective for the role it is currently assigned. The SWAT team also deploys a number of highly sensitive electronics and this vehicle does not have the room or capability to store, charge, or deploy the SWAT electronic inventory. With the purchase of a new logistics vehicle, this unit will be rotated down in the SWAT fleet as a secondary support vehicle for which it is adequately capable.

The City of North Richland Hills is a member of several inter-local groups and utilizes existing contracts with vendors through the Local Government Purchasing Cooperatives. The Local Government Code states that purchases made through a cooperative



purchasing agreement satisfy any state law that would require the city to solicit competitive bids.

Sam Pack's Five Star Ford has submitted a quote using SmartBuy in the amount of \$79,866.00 for the replacement vehicle. The Police Department will fund the vehicle purchase from its general fund budget (001-8001-531.74-05).

City staff is recommending the purchase of the replacement vehicle through the State of Texas SmartBuy Contract #070-A1. The city has conducted previous business with Sam Pack's Five Star Ford with good results.

**Recommendation:**

Approve the purchase of specialty logistics vehicle for the Police Department from Sam Pack's Five Star Ford in the amount of \$79,866.00.