



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 26, 2025

TO: Forest Preserve District Finance & Administration Committee

FROM: Paul Burger, Director of Public Safety
Patrick Chess, Director of Natural Resources
Benjamin Haberthur, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Presentation and Approval for the Purchase of Two 2025 Ford F-150 Police Responder Pickup Trucks for the Public Safety Department and One 2025 Ford F-450 and One Ford F-550 for the Natural Resource Management Department

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Committee with information to consider the approval for the purchase of two 2025 Ford F-150 Police Responder pickup trucks for the Public Safety department and one 2025 Ford F-450 truck and one 2025 Ford F-550 dump truck for the Natural Resource Management department.

BACKGROUND:

All four vehicles being presented are part of the District's replacement schedule.

For Public Safety, the two Ford F-150 Police Responder 4x4 pickup trucks will replace squads #224 and #225. Squad #224 is a 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe with 119,000 miles, and #225 is a 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe with 149,000 miles. These vehicles provide daily patrols and security presence on District property, as well as provide emergency response to calls for service. The cost of one 2025 Ford F-150 Police Responder 4x4 pickup is \$48,940. Additionally, \$15,248 is being requested to outfit the trucks with needed emergency lighting, sirens, and protective controls, for a single unit cost of \$64,188, and a total cost for two vehicles of \$128,376, as presented.

A 2025 Ford F-450 Crew Cab 4x4 will be replacing truck #66, a 2008 Ford F-450 with 64,000 miles assigned to Natural Resource Management (NRM). This truck is used to transport medium to heavy equipment, as well as staff and materials to properties throughout the County. It is being equipped with an aluminum flatbed and a 30,000-pound gooseneck ball, capable of safely using the District's current trailer inventory, as well as providing versatility to meet future demands. The cost of this vehicle is \$77,500.

A 2025 Ford F-550 Extended Cab, 4x4 dump truck will be replacing truck #67, a 2012 Ford F-550 dump truck with 57,000 miles, also assigned to NRM. This vehicle serves as the only dump truck assigned to NRM and is responsible for transportation of heavy equipment, bulk material hauling needs, and is fitted with a temporary water tank to support prescribed burns. Total cost of the F-550 chassis and dump box is \$99,209.

The two Ford F-150 Police Responder pickups, Ford F-450, and Ford F-550 are available through the State of Illinois Procurement Contract with Morrow Brothers Ford, Greenfield, Illinois, as the qualified, lowest bidder for each.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funds totaling \$160,000 were approved in the fiscal year 2025/26 budget in account 01-51-51-7010, Public Safety Automotive Equipment, and are sufficiently available to cover the purchase and upfit the two police pickups totaling \$128,376. Funding under 01-31-31-7010, Natural Resources Automotive Equipment was also approved for \$180,000, and is sufficiently available to cover the total purchase cost of \$176,709 for the Ford F-450 Crew Cab 4x4 and the Ford F-550 Extended Cab 4x4 dump for Natural Resource Management.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending the Committee approve the purchase of two 2025 Ford F-150 Police Responder pickup trucks, one 2025 Ford F-450 Crew Cab truck, and one 2025 Ford F-550 Extended Cab Dump truck, as presented with Morrow Brothers Ford, of Greenfield, Illinois, for a total cost of \$305,085

ATTACHMENTS:

State of Illinois Procurement Contract Order Form 2025 Ford F-150 Police Responder

State of Illinois Procurement Contract Order Form 2025 Ford F-450

State of Illinois Procurement Contract Order Form 2025 Ford F-550