

# MUSCATINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

**FROM:** Brett Talkington, Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** City Council Agenda Item

**DATE:** 10-22-2012

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### **INTRODUCTION:**

The Muscatine Police Department is requesting that City Council approve the purchase of a 2008 Buick Lucerne CXL 4 door sedan. This would replace a 1999 Jeep Grand Cherokee. Funding for this would come from the Muscatine Police Department forfeiture account.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Muscatine Police Department currently has a 1999 Jeep Grand Cherokee that is in poor shape and in need of replacement. The Jeep has 111,000 miles on it. We have continually put money into it to keep it running. The prices below reflect the total cost with the trade in of the 1999 Jeep Grand Cherokee.

We looked at several other vehicles in Muscatine. The following are the ones we looked at:

1. 2011 Chevy Impala (33,000 miles) at a cost of \$12,954
2. 2009 Chevy Impala (37,000 miles) at a cost of \$12,978
3. 2011 Chevy Impala (39,000 miles) at a cost of \$12,797
4. 2008 Buick Lucerne CX (67,000 miles) at a cost of \$11,990
5. 2008 Buick Lucerne CXL (44,000 miles) at a cost of \$12,495

### **RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:**

It is the Police Department's recommendation to purchase the 2008 Buick Lucerne CXL in the amount of \$12,495 from Uptown Motors in Muscatine. The vehicle will be paid for from the MPO forfeiture account. No funding from the city will be required. When looking at the vehicles we decided that we would like something different than the Impala, as we have three of them now. In looking at the two Buicks it should be noted that the CXL model is an upgrade from the CX model. The CXL model also has 23,000 LESS miles than the CX model. We would like to keep these vehicles as long as possible so we feel spending the extra \$505 for a vehicle with lesser mileage makes sense.