



**To:** Mayor Dodgen and Council Members  
Steve Parker, City Manager

**From:** Dale Skinner, Fire Chief

**Date:** January 10, 2023

**Re:** Purchase of Command Vehicle

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The Fire Department was approved by Council to replace the shift commander's vehicle during the budget process. The amount budgeted for this project is \$150,000. The current vehicle is at the end of its service life as a front-line emergency response vehicle. This vehicle is a mobile office that can manage incidents ranging from basic medical calls to multi-alarm fires. This vehicle serves as the command post for all emergency incidents (Fire, LE, EMS.)

The Fire Department formed a specification committee to ensure that the unit purchased is functional and meets the needs for managing emergency incidents. The committee looked at several vehicles in surrounding departments and met with several vendors to create a well-designed unit while remaining fiscally responsible.

The committee recommends the purchase of a 2024 GMC Sierra 2500 HD. This vehicle marks a movement away from the Tahoe's and into a more modular unit.

The vehicle selected, as well as the "upfitter" company are available on Buy Board, which is the website for the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative administered by the Texas Association of School Boards in Austin. Purchases utilizing Buy Board are in compliance with state bidding requirements and allow local governments the benefit of volume discount pricing and an expedited procurement process.

Staff is requesting to purchase a 2024 GMC 2500 from Gunn Auto Group in the amount of \$62,503.75 utilizing Buy Board Contract # 601-19. Staff is also requesting to obtain upfitting services from FarrWest Specialty Vehicles in the amount of \$48,943.58, utilizing Buy Board Contract # 603-20.

Staff is available for any questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Skinner", written over the word "Respectfully,".

Dale Skinner  
Fire Chief