



City Council Communication

AGENDA DATE: January 5, 2026

LEGISTAR ITEM #: RES 2026-003

PRESENTER: Jenna Hahn

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

Ordinance

Resolution

Public Hearing

REQUEST

Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Commerce City and South Adams County Fire District (SACFD) for Police Vehicle "Upfitting."

BACKGROUND

"Upfitting" a Police vehicle with lighting, gun locks, specialized seats, prisoner cage, computer docks, push bumpers and other critical items required to safely patrol Commerce City, has become very time intensive. Colorado upfitter vendors have backlogs exceeding a year or more, to complete 2025 patrol vehicles waiting to be placed in service in Colorado. This backlog led to conversations between Police, Public Works Fleet, and SACFD to consider alternatives to relying exclusively on vendor upfits.

SACFD have repair technicians that perform upfits on fire vehicles, and have capacity to upfit additional emergency response vehicles, such as Commerce City Police Patrol vehicles. Two site visits to SACFD revealed high quality work being performed on similar equipment. Due to the long lead times all municipalities are experiencing with vendors, an agreement has been reached where Public Works Fleet staff purchase emergency equipment, and SACFD staff install the emergency equipment. This partnership allows patrol vehicles to be put into service sooner, by augmenting the current vendor installations with SACFD staff.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Contractor	South Adams County Fire District
Amount of Request/Contract	\$245,000.00
Amount Not To Exceed	\$N/A
Amount Budgeted	\$250,000.00

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Budget Year	FY2025/2026
Funding Source	Capital Outlay Vehicles
Additional Funds Needed	\$N/A
Funding Source (if funds needed)	Public Works Fleet Fund

PROJECT TIMELINE

Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date
November 1, 2025	December 31, 2026
Years and Months of Contract	Number of Times Renewable
1 year, 2 months	N/A

JUSTIFICATION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Goal	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal
Citation	City Goal - Infrastructure and Transportation: The City of Commerce City will develop and maintain public infrastructure, facilities, and transportation to improve community appearance and encourage continued development		

AVAILABLE ACTIONS

- Available Action #1. Approve Resolution 2025-157
- Available Action #2. Deny Resolution 2025-157 and only provide upfitting of patrol vehicles through commercial vendor.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends available action #1 to allow for more efficient upfitting of Police Department vehicles.