

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 13, 2010

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO #56 : POLICE DEPARTMENT FLEET INFORMATION

This memo is in response to a request from Councilmen Krupicka and Smedberg for information about the age and composition of the Alexandria Police Department vehicle fleet.

The Alexandria Police Department currently has 309 vehicles in its fleet. Of a total of 462 employees in FY 2010, 310 are sworn officers and 29 are parking enforcement officers. Police Department vehicles on patrol average a response time of 3.3 minutes for emergency calls (p. 14-33 of the FY 2011 Proposed Operating Budget). The chart below details the types of vehicles and the model years in the vehicle fleet.

Police Vehicles by Model Year															
Vehicle Type	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Total
Marked Patrol					1	1		29	20	12	26	22	20	17	148
Unmarked Patrol								10	9				4		23
Motorcycle							2		2	4	2		3	2	15
Unmarked Van			1		1					1	1				4
Marked Van			2		1			1	1						5
Three Wheel Utility Vehicle							2	1		1					4
Large Truck	1	1				1	1	7					1		12
Small Truck								1	1				1	1	4
Small Sedan				3				9	3	3	5			8	31
Large Sedan				1	1	1		14	8	6		10	5	12	58
Special Purpose Vehicles			2					1				1	1		5
Total Vehicles	1	1	5	4	4	3	5	73	44	27	34	35	34	39	309

The unmarked vans are primarily custodian vans. The Chief, Deputy Chiefs, and the Investigations division use large sedans. Parking enforcement uses small sedans and three-wheel utility vehicles. The special purpose vehicles include two command busses and three special operations vehicles.

75 vehicles in the Police fleet are operating beyond their scheduled replacement. The following chart shows the types, numbers, and years beyond scheduled replacement of Police fleet vehicles.

Vehicles Operating Beyond Scheduled Replacement								
Vehicle Type	Years Beyond Scheduled Replacement							Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Marked Patrol	12	19	7	1	1			40
Unmarked Patrol	3	5	4					12
Motorcycle	2							2
Unmarked Van								0
Marked Van						1		1
Three Wheel Utility Vehicle								0
Large Truck	1						1	2
Small Truck								0
Small Sedan	1			3				4
Large Sedan	9	1	1	1	2			14
Special Purpose Vehicles								0
Total Vehicles	28	25	12	5	3	1	1	75