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To: Capital Improvement Planning Committee  
From: Chief Brian A Cioffi  
Date: October 1, 2014  
Re: 5 Year Capital Plan

The Chilmark Police Department is fortunate to be located in a recently renovated building that has little or no need for large scale building projects. At most we have been re-shingling one part of the building per year thus not creating a large expense.

Our internal computer network and equipment is on a revolving replacement schedule that cost well under \$25,000 / year. We have been replacing two computers a year with an average cost per computer of \$900.00. The Police Department is connected to a larger regional computer network that is managed by the Martha's Vineyard Law Enforcement Council. This council is made up of the six Police Chiefs and the Sheriff. The Chilmark Police Department has a budget line item that covers this expense and is usually in the area of \$17,500 for network and QED (our records management software) \$3500 for a yearly maintenance contract with our records management software QED.

The one area that the Chilmark Police Department has a need to utilize purchases of \$25,000 or more is cruiser purchases. The department is able to purchase our cruisers through a State Bid process. I am a member of the Greater Boston Police Council which buys cruisers in bulk and in turn this helps reduce our purchase price. The average cruiser off the lot with no equipment is approximately \$24,000-\$27,000. By the time we equip a cruiser and have it marked the final price is relatively close to \$32,000.

The Chilmark Police Department replaces the cruisers between three to five years and when the mileage is between 100,000 to 150,000 miles. This is roughly a cruiser about every other year. Recently due to cruiser accidents in 2005 and 2006 we have had to replace cruiser every year for three years.

Another aspect of our cruiser replacements is we transfer the Large 4x4 cruise to the fire department between 80,000 to 100,000 miles. This extends the life of the cruiser and allows the fire department to update their 4x4 response vehicle.

Most cruisers range between 25,000 miles / year to 35,000 miles per year.

Current Cruisers Mileage:

2010 Explorer	62,656	Former Chief's Vehicle
2012 Expedition 4x4	85,934	Large SUV- To be transferred to FD
2013 Interceptor	20,089	New SUV Cross-over
2014 Explorer	3056	Chief's Cruiser

As you can see the Expedition is ready to be transferred to the Fire Department this spring and a replacement 4x4 is needed for the Police Department.

This purchase is the highest priority for the Police Department and Fire Department combined. The estimated cost of this purchase is \$37,000. This purchase should be done in FY2016.

The next cruiser to be replaced would be the 2010 Explorer. If replaced in FY2017 the vehicle would still be in good enough condition that it could be transferred to either the Ambulance Service or to the Town Hall as an off-island car or on island car.

With those two vehicles being replaced we could most likely wait until FY2019 to replace the 2013 Interceptor. The estimated cost of that vehicle would be \$34,000.

This committee should be aware that our cruiser replacement cost are significantly less than neighboring towns due to an ongoing donation made by an emergency vehicle equipment manufacturing company.

A capital expense not exceeding \$25,000 is the building of an interview room at the station per Massachusetts State Statutes and our District Attorney's Office requirement. An interview room is a room in the station that is audio and visually recorded, has a one way window used for observation and is secure from subjects escaping. Presently our department has been utilizing a voice only recorder during victim and suspect interviews. Currently we have no secure room to conduct neither these interviews in nor a one way window for observations. A secure room would include bars placed on the windows to hinder the escape of suspects and or a bar that is attached to a secure desk that the suspect would be secured to. At present we also do not have a room that is separate for victims to be in if in fact the suspect and victim are both in the building at the same time.

The audio / visual recording equipment and computer equipment needed to perform this task is estimated to cost about \$5000.

The security bars have not been priced out yet as they will need to be custom built. Nor has the cost of construction been assessed, however, having some knowledge of construction cost and what is needed to perform this renovation, I plan on asking at our Annual Town Meeting FY2017 for \$10,000 to complete this project.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chief Brian A Cioffi