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Police Department Receives New Vehicles

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Salisbury Township, Allentown, Pa.: The Salisbury Township Police Department received two new specialty purpose vehicles on September 1, 2010. Both vehicles were purchased from the Kovatch Organization (KME) of Nesquehoning, Pennsylvania through the Commonwealth COSTARS program. *COSTARS is a special Commonwealth bid program that allows municipalities to purchase vehicles (and many other types of equipment) from pre-certified dealers at discount prices. We were pleased to work with the Kovatch Organization on these two projects. Their knowledge, experience and professionalism allowed us to participate in every step of the design, planning and production of the type of vehicles that we were seeking for our unique applications. We believe that we received a quality product and great value at a fair price. A 2010 Ford Expedition 4X4 SUV (with an MSRP list price of \$40,000) was purchased for a total cost of **\$37,734** and that included the emergency lighting package, siren, custom center console, switches, K-9 cage package, weapon mounts, striping/lettering package, rear storage shelving, all of the equipment installation and delivery. The Ford Expedition will be used by K-9 Officer Jason Laky and his new canine partner, "FONZIE". It will provide safe reliable transportation for our K-9 team through all types of weather conditions and across all types of terrain for many years. A 2011 Ford F-250 XL Crew Cab Super Duty 4X4 pick up truck (with an MSRP list price of \$35,150) was purchased for a total cost of **\$33,997** and that included a custom made full length aluminum load bed pull-out tray, fiberglass truck cap, emergency lighting package, siren, custom*

center console and switches, striping/lettering package, all of the equipment installation and delivery. The F-250 will be used as a patrol vehicle for our Patrol Supervisors and it will allow our Sergeants to respond safely in all types of weather conditions and to transport patrol support equipment, emergency medical equipment, tactical equipment, entry tools, crash investigation and criminal investigation supplies and equipment, multiple fire extinguishers and two sets of self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA Scott Packs). Before we received this vehicle, this equipment was carried by several different vehicles and it was not readily available when we needed it at the scene of a critical incident. We consider these two new pieces of equipment vital to our mission of providing outstanding service to the residents of Salisbury Township. The vehicles were purchased with Township General Fund monies and they were included in the Police Department's vehicle budget for 2010.