# Town of Charlestown POLICE DEPARTMENT



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#### MEMORANDUM

To: Amy Weinreich, Town Clerk

From: Jeffrey S. Allen, Chief of Police

Date: January 2, 2013

Re: Transfer of 1990 V-150 Armored Vehicle

The police department has been in possession of a military Armored Vehicle since 1998 that was obtained through the LESO program at no cost. This vehicle was used for ESU training as well as in parades in town. This vehicle is no longer being used by the department due to maintenance issues and the fact that is it completely impractical for policing in Charlestown. In addition, the department no longer has an active ESU team. In order to rid the department of this vehicle we have to abide by the LESO guidelines, which dictate that we can either return the vehicle to the U.S. Department of Defense or give it to another law enforcement agency. At this time the Cranston Police Department has expressed interest in taking possession of this vehicle.

For the aforementioned reasons, I respectfully request that the council approve the transfer of this vehicle from town's possession to the Cranston Police Department in accordance to the LESO Program.

Please refer to Lt. Paliotta's memorandum.

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### MEMORANDUM

To:

Chief Jeffrey S. Allen

From:

Lt. Michael Paliotta

Date:

December 27, 2012

Re:

Transfer of 1990 V-150 Armored Vehicle

### Chief Allen,

In October of 1998 the Charlestown Police Department took possession of a 1990 Cadillac Commando Model V-150 armored vehicle from the U.S. Department of Defense LESO Program. This vehicle has served the Department well for the past fourteen years and was used extensively by the Emergency Services Unit for training purposes. This vehicle is currently not being utilized for any particular function in the fleet and has been replaced with two more practical HMVEE's. The annual upkeep and maintenance of the V-150 APC has become problematic and I anticipate expensive repairs may be necessary to keep it operational.

The LESO Program allows for the transfer of this type of surplus property between law enforcement agencies. I have checked with the Rhode Island LESO Coordinator and determined that we can trade this vehicle to another Rhode Island law enforcement agency for other items we may find more useful. Currently the V-150 APC is valued at \$150,000 by the U.S. Department of Defense. The APC remains the property of the U.S. Department of Defense and must either be traded back in to the government or traded to another law enforcement agency through LESO.

I am asking permission to move forward on finalizing a transfer of this vehicle through the Rhode Island LESO Coordinator.

Lt. Michael Paliotta

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### TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN Fiscal Note

Proponent: Chief Jeff Allen Date: 01/02/13

**Description of Agenda Item:** Request permission to transfer the 1990 V-150 Armored Vehicle to the City of Cranston.

Estimated Cost(s) of: N/A Annual Cost:

Are said cost budgeted? If so, describe. If not, where shall the appropriation originate?

Effect on the Tax Rate of the Town: N/A

Source(s) of Date: Chief Jeffrey Allen

Bid Information: N/A

**Remarks:** The Town Charter does not speak about disposing of surplus equipment. The Code Book (Chapter 54) states that the Town Administrator is authorized to compose rules and procedures to dispose of excess and/or surplus property. The rules shall be submitted to the Town Council for review and adoption by resolution. There is no record of any resolution to approve rules or regulations at this time. As such, I recommend the council approve the Chief's request to dispose of the Armored Vehicle. Rules and regulations should be composed by the next Town Administrator.

Treasurer's Signature: /4

Patricia M. Anderson

Treasurer