

Office of Chief of Police



City of Racine, Wisconsin

Chief of Police Alexander Ramirez

January 8, 2025

Alder Horton
City of Racine Finance & Personnel Committee
730 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53403

RE: Committee Appearance Request to Utilize Specific Vendor for the Purchase of a Crisis Negotiation Team Vehicle

Dear Alder Horton and Members of the F&P Committee:

I am respectfully requesting approval to purchase a new Crisis Negotiation Team Vehicle for the Racine Police Department from Quality Vans and Specialty Vehicles.

In 2024, we dedicated six months to finding a company capable of meeting the unique specifications required for this specialized vehicle. This effort led to two potential vendors: Quality Vans and Specialty Vehicles, and LDV Custom Specialty Vehicles.

Quality Vans and Specialty Vehicles not only met all of our requirements but also provided a quote that is approximately \$50,000 less than the one from LDV Custom Specialty Vehicles.

The extensive search process revealed that only two companies were able to meet the specifications needed for a Crisis Negotiation Team Vehicle, and after careful evaluation, I respectfully request approval to proceed with the purchase from Quality Vans and Specialty Vehicles.

Funding for this item was approved in the 2025 capital budget.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alexander Ramirez
Chief of Police

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