



July 31, 2017

Re: 2011 – 2015 Ford Interceptor Vehicles

Dear GBPC Member:

As you know, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (“MAPC”) and Greater Boston Police Council have been working for more than a decade to support cities and towns across the Commonwealth to easily and affordably purchase vital public safety and public works vehicles and equipment. We are reaching out to GBPC members with information of concern to the health and safety of police officers and other municipal personnel. It is hoped that you will share this information with relevant municipal colleagues, in your police departments and other municipal function areas.

The National Traffic Safety Administration (“NHTSA”) is in the process of conducting an investigation into the potential leakage of Carbon Monoxide (“CO”) in the interior of Ford Interceptors (also known as SUV’s and Utility vehicles) for Model Years 2011 – 2015. NHTSA has identified 154 complaints concerning CO interior odors, and it reports one crash that could be related to CO leakage. Ford attempted to address this issue in a Technical Services Bulletin in 2014.

While there has been no final finding or report issued by NHTSA<sup>1</sup>, MAPC and GBPC believe that the safety of police officers and other municipal employees that may drive these vehicles is paramount and wanted cities and towns to be aware of this safety issue.<sup>2</sup> As a preventative measure, some cities and towns, including in Massachusetts, have been placing a CO Detector in their Interceptor vehicles. As such, your department may elect to investigate CO Detector options and prices from local businesses. Detectors can be purchased through a Statewide Contract - FAC64.

While the MAPC and GBPC bear no liability for the manufacturing of vehicles on its collaboratively procured contracts; it recognizes that even the possibility of CO exposure to police officers or other municipal staff is unacceptable. Please let us know if you have any questions about this issue or seek further information.

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<sup>1</sup> The MAPC and GBPC take no legal position with regards to whether the Ford Interceptor vehicles for Model Years 2011 – 2015 presents an actual health concern.

<sup>2</sup> The Center for Disease Control (“CDC”) reports that symptoms of CO poisoning includes headaches, dizziness, vomiting and nausea. Prolonged CO exposure may lead to long term health problems. If these symptoms are present, the MAPC strongly advises that a person with these indications seek immediate medical assistance.



We thank you for your attention.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James G. Hicks".

Chief James G. Hicks  
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