



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Police

**Date:** 24 January 2011

**To:** Council Member Don Samuels, Chair - Public Safety and Health  
**Referral to:** Ways and Means

**Subject:** Request to accept Donation of Polaris Ranger LSV from  
Downtown Improvement District

**Recommendation:** N/A  
**Previous Directives:** N/A

### Department Information

Prepared by: Insp. Kris Arneson, 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct  
Approved by: Assistant Chief Janeé Harteau  
Presenters in Committee: Insp. Kris Arneson or 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct Supervisor (673-5504)  
Shane Zane, Downtown Improvement District (673-5172)

### Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval \_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Civil Rights Approval Approval \_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval \_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Impact *(delete all lines not applicable to your request)*

- **Other financial impact – None**
  - The cost of the Polaris Ranger LSV is \$15,660.71 including a Polaris 5 year warranty. The costs of the vehicle will be picked up by the Minneapolis Downtown Improvement District. All service costs should be covered under the Polaris warranty except normal wear and tear items. Minneapolis SafeZone will dedicate \$1000 annually if needed for any wear and tear parts for the vehicle. The MPD will contribute a small amount to furnish the vehicle with the MPD badge, etc., and provide on-going fuel and basic vehicle operation needs (from their current budget).

### Community Impact

- Other – Will promote Minneapolis Police Department and City of Minneapolis goodwill and safety by providing unique visibility of downtown law enforcement.

### Supporting Information

The Downtown Improvement District (DID) approached the Minneapolis Police Department's 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct, to donate a Polaris Ranger vehicle to them. The Polaris Ranger donation is estimated at \$15,660.

The street-legal electric LSV Ranger will be an environmentally clean and efficient way for officers to patrol downtown Minneapolis. The fully enclosed cab with heater will allow officers to use the LSV all year round. The Ranger LSV will help improve patrol efficiency, improve response (speeds up to 25mph) and provide great command presence. The Ranger LSV, with its superb maneuverability will allow officers to get into tight spaces that a typical squad car could not (sidewalk areas).

The Polaris Ranger LSV will come with several options include LED Code 3 light bar and customize to look like the black and white squads for official police presence. The Ranger will also be a great way for officers to interact with the community as many Electric Green Vehicle promote curiosity and community engagement with the citizens that live, work and visit downtown Minneapolis.

With a payload of 1000lbs the Ranger LSV will be useful for hauling stuff around when needed (ie. the water supply support vehicle for the Aquatennial parade route officers). The Ranger LSV is easy to maneuver around in large crowds, such as those for the Twins and Viking games.

The Polaris Ranger LSV will also be branded like the Minneapolis Police Squad Car and DID SafeZone DT100/Court Watch program. This will be huge public relations tool to show the collaboration between the public and private sector with an effective crime reduction program.

