

Sheriff's Office to test and evaluate new patrol vehicles

The Sheriff's Office recently purchased two 2009 Dodge Charger police vehicles. The two new police vehicles came on line in April. One will be assigned to the Central Station (Salinas) and the other to the South County Station (King City).

For the past 13 years, the Sheriff's Office has had the Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors for its patrol fleet. After the 2011 model year, Ford will no longer produce the Crown Victoria Police Interceptor. As a result, the Sheriff's Office decided to test and evaluate the Dodge Charger to consider it as a potential replacement for the fleet of 44 patrol vehicles.

The Dodge Charger has better combined fuel mileage than the Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor. In addition, the Dodge Chargers offer these significant features: 5.7-liter Hemi V-8 engine, 5-speed automatic transmission, Electronic Stability Program with brake assist and all-speed traction control, severe duty engine cooling, external oil coolers for the engine, transmission and power steering fluids, police performance tuned suspension, side-curtain air bags, and 18" wheels.

