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**Subject: Fleet Size Increase Request for Campus Police – Business Use / Justification**

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**Increase Amount**: 1 Vehicle

**Vehicle Type**: Mid-Size SUV

**Funding**: 6340-11000-23305-G2515

**Parking Location:** School of Medicine. The police unit should be afforded a parking spot adjacent to the security office and main facility entrance. This would facilitate quick access in an emergency, ease of use for escorts of injured or challenged persons, and a visual deterrent to those targeting the School of Medicine for criminal activities.

**Current Fleet:**

The overall fleet of vehicles assigned to Campus Police is as follows (carts/trailer excluded):



**Justification**:

The TCU School of Medicine requires an armed police officer to be in the building for eight hours per day. Dean Flynn requested a police vehicle be onsite to support the officer and as a way of deterring crime.

**Operational Expectations:**

The vehicle will be driven daily to include weekends and holidays. If, for some reason, an officer is not staffing a position at the School of Medicine, the vehicle will be predominantly placed in a high visibility area as a proactive crime deterrent. Officers assigned to the medical school will utilize the vehicle for premise and contiguous area patrol. It will be used for the safe transport of individuals to their vehicles that may be parked near, rather than on, the medical school parking lot. The vehicle will be equipped with a prisoner cage should an unauthorized person need to be detained, arrested, or transported to jail for violation of a criminal offense.

Due to the maintenance schedules and potential mechanical issues inherent with high-use police vehicles, no one specific car will be assigned solely to the School of Medicine. The addition of a vehicle in the police fleet simply ensures a marked police vehicle can be stationed there without depleting necessary resources on the main campus while assuring safety in both areas. As the School of Medicine is separate from the main campus, a vehicle stationed there will need specific equipment, such as a prisoner containment system. This limits the vehicle choices that can be utilized within the current police fleet, as not every police car has this equipment. As the School of Medicine police vehicle will be driven less than a main campus police vehicle, stationing an older yet fully equipped and functional police car may be best for vehicle longevity and lower maintenance costs.

**Upfitting Requirements:**

There will be no upfitting savings or reductions for a police vehicle at the School of Medicine as compared to a standard TCU Police vehicle. TCU Police vehicles are equipped with only the most necessary equipment while adhering to best practices and industry standards in policing. All police vehicles must be interchangeable with one another regardless of location and equipped to address all incidents that a police officer may encounter in order to afford the public the safety and service they are due. Police vehicles are readily identifiable for proactive and reactive use. Upfit equipment affords both the officers and the public both safety and warning in emergency situations.