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Subject: McDowell County – Donated Black Mountain Vehicles

Subject: Request for Donation of Surplus Police Vehicles to McDowell Tech

Dear Town Council Members,

The Black Mountain Police Department is requesting your consideration in donating two fleet vehicles that are scheduled for decommissioning due to age, mileage, and maintenance costs.

We propose donating the following 2013 Dodge Chargers:

1. **Vehicle 1** – VIN: 2C3CDXAT2DH742635 Currently inoperable with **130,345 miles**. Over its service life, it has incurred **$13,055.33** in maintenance costs.
2. **Vehicle 2** – VIN: 2C3CDXAT4DH742636 Experiencing electrical issues with **92,938 miles**. Maintenance costs over its lifespan total **$20,308.26**.

We have researched the potential resale value using Kelley Blue Book and Carfax estimates. If sold through GovDeals, the maximum expected payout for both vehicles combined is **$4,900**. However, before selling, each vehicle must be decommissioned and stripped of police equipment, which costs **$1,048 per vehicle**, totaling **$2,100**. This would result in a net gain of only **$2,800**, assuming we receive the highest estimated offer, which is unlikely.

Instead, we request that the Town donate these vehicles to **McDowell Technical Community College** to support law enforcement driver training for new officers. These vehicles would also be available for **BMPD's annual driver training**, providing a valuable resource for officer skill development.

We believe this donation would serve as a meaningful investment in law enforcement training while also benefiting the Town of Black Mountain by reducing costs associated with vehicle decommissioning.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please let us know if further information is needed.