



## Town of Chelmsford Police Department

March 22, 2023

### Request for Legislative Earmark in the FY24 State Operating Budget

The Chelmsford Police Department requests funding for a new mobile command van in the amount of \$75,000. The Chelmsford Police Department would like to purchase and equip a 2024 Ford Transit 250 High Roof or equivalent to replace our current command van. The department's current command van, a 1999 Ford Econoline E450 with a Diesel engine is approximately 25 years old and approaching end of life. The Chelmsford Police Department would like to replace the current command van to better protect the population of Chelmsford and First Responders. The Command Van is a more fuel-efficient command van and complies with today's environmental standards.

The command van will be primarily utilized for

1. Mobile Command Center
2. Missing person command post for utilization of both drones and the SafetyNet Tracking Program
3. Weather protection during major events and emergency incidents
4. Evidence collection and processing of major crime scenes
5. Serious motor vehicle accident reconstruction
6. On-scene meeting room during major events
7. Community Engagement

The command van will be utilized for the following major events for the Town of Chelmsford:

1. July 3<sup>rd</sup> Country Fair
2. July 4<sup>th</sup> parade
3. Baystate Marathon
4. Chelmsford Center Christmas Tree Lighting
5. North Chelmsford Tree Lighting
6. Freeman Lake Events
7. Major School Events
8. Chelmsford Common Events
9. Various Community Engagement Events

The command van will be equipped with full radio, mapping, and computer functionality in order to effectively dispatch police, fire, EMS, and other law enforcement agencies. The command van will include multiple workstations which will serve as a emergency backup to replace or augment our current communications center in the event the communications center is disabled due to a disaster or

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communication center failure. The new command van will allow the Public Safety assets to respond immediately to any major incidents that occur in the Town of Chelmsford and surrounding communities via Mutual Aid request.

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