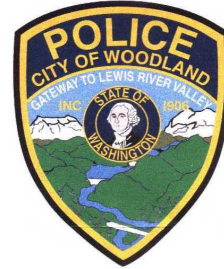


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Press Release



Woodland Police Cars Changing Their Look

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In a few weeks, Woodland citizens and passers-by will notice a new, and obvious, look to the City's police cars. "Black and whites" will be patrolling the streets.

Police Chief Rob Stephenson has announced a project to change the patrol cars to the internationally recognized black and white color scheme for police vehicles.

"This is a project we have been looking at for a while," said the Chief, "but in this time of reduced budgets and with the economy like it is, we just weren't able to dedicate funding for it." Until now, that is.

Woodland citizen Suzanne Taylor Moore Faveluke has made a generous monetary donation to the police department, earmarked by her for the express purpose of repainting the current cars to the new colors. This allows the police department to make the changeover without spending any tax-payer money at all.

"Call me crazy, but this is most cool!" says Chief Stephenson. "For a citizen to make a donation like this is, in my mind, all but unheard of. Suzanne is one of the police department's biggest cheerleaders. She's done stuff like this before for us and here she is doing it again. It's wonderful."

Black and white cars are known to be highly visible as police cars. "They're hard to miss. Pretty much no matter where you're from, you see a black and white driving around and the first thing you think is "cop."'" said Stephenson. "It will increase our visibility and perception of presence in the community."

It is also something of a safety factor for officers. "Kind of like why school buses are painted yellow," says the Chief, "so they will stand out in the crowd and be immediately recognizable for what they are. Same idea with a black and white cop car." And, he says, "the majority of the officers wanted to see this happen so it's also kind of a morale booster for the staff."

"Woodland's "Refuge Custom Painting" will be doing the work on the cars. Dave Standal, the owner, has given us a great price and is donating some labor of his own towards the cause," said Stephenson. "His generosity will allow us to stay within the donation budget."

The police department anticipates it will take several weeks for the changeover to be completed. "I would think by Thanksgiving or Christmas we should be done" the Chief said. "And a big plus for me and the city is that we are able to do this without spending any city money. Private donations will cover it all."



Woodland Police Cars will look something like this (door graphic will be different)