



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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### BACKGROUND:

**Need:** The Division of Police needs to immediately purchase a Rapid Deployment Vehicle (RDV) for Narcotics Bureau. The Narcotics Bureau completes over 300 missions annually to fight neighborhood crack house complaints and other narcotics related search warrants. These Rapid Deployment Vehicles carry a dozen fully equipped tactical officers to each raid. Currently, the Narcotics Bureau is assigned two rapid deployment vehicles for these tactical operations but one RDV has been junked and the remaining RDV is in poor condition.

**Bid Information:** The Division of Police is requesting waiving the competitive bid process since there is an urgent need for the safety of the officers and well-being of the public to have a RDV that is fully operational.

Currently, there is a demo RDV fully equipped (except for laptop for communications) available from Supreme Corporation with approximately 1,500 miles on it. The immediate need for this vehicle and the availability of one makes it necessary to expedite this purchase. Fleet Management has reviewed and approved the specifications on this available demo unit. The cost of this demo RDV is 54,368.00. The Division of Police will pursue any further purchasing of such vehicles through the normal bid process since the procurement of this demo will help ease the immediate need for a safe and fully operational rapid deployment vehicle.

Contract Compliance No: 751925462, Expires 03/19/2009

**Emergency Designation:** Emergency legislation is requested so this vehicle may be immediately purchased for street use by the Narcotics Bureau since there is not a current vehicle fully operational.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is currently \$395,000 available in the Voted Safety Bond Fund (Police Apparatus Replacement Project) to accommodate this purchase.

To authorize and direct the Finance and Management Director to contract for the purchase of a Rapid Deployment Vehicle from Supreme Corporation for the Division of Police; to authorize the expenditure of \$54,368.00 from the Voted Safety Bond Fund; to waive the competitive bidding provisions of Columbus City Codes Chapter 329; and to declare an emergency. (54,368.00)

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Police needs to purchase a Rapid Deployment Vehicle; and

**WHEREAS**, currently the Division of Police does not have Rapid Deployment Vehicle which is fully operational; and

**WHEREAS**, Supreme Corporation has available for immediate purchase a fully equipped (except for laptop for communications) Rapid Deployment Vehicle; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to waive the provisions of Section 329 of the Columbus City Codes, 1959; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operations of the Division of Police in that it is immediately necessary to enter into contract for the purchase of a Rapid Deployment Vehicle from Supreme Corporation so this vehicle may be immediately purchased for street use by the Narcotics Bureau since there is not a current vehicle fully operational, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; now, therefore

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Finance and Management Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to enter into contract with Supreme Corporation for the purchase of a Rapid Deployment Vehicle.

**SECTION 2.** That in accordance with Section 329.27 of Columbus City Codes, this Council finds it is in the best interest of the City of Columbus to waive the provisions of Section 329.06 of the Columbus City Codes to permit the aforementioned purchase.

**SECTION 3.** That the expenditure of \$54,368.00 or so much thereof as may be needed; be and the same is hereby authorized as follows:

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**SECTION 4.** That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

**SECTION 5.** That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part thereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect, and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.