

# Council invests in new hybrid vehicles for KPD

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The Keizer City Council approved \$20,000 to go towards a pair of 2022 Ford Interceptor hybrid police vehicles for the Keizer Police Department at their meeting on Monday, July 19.

The City of Keizer is under contract with the Salem-Keizer School District for a Safety and Support Response Team Officer and a Youth Safety and Support Officer. Each position has a contract provision obligating the Salem-Keizer School District to pay Keizer a one-time cost of \$30,000 for a properly up-fitted unmarked vehicle to be used by the officer.

The vehicles are to be purchased and up-fitted by the KPD.

Police staff had originally determined that a pair of Black Dodge Durango vehicles would fit the need of the two

positions — the school district would pay \$30,000 for each vehicle. However, Keizer Chief of Police, John Teague, shared that the department was interested in purchasing in hybrid vehicles after seeing a presentation from Keizer resident Rich Rodriguez on CO2 emissions during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Rodriguez shared with the council a PowerPoint that he created about CO2 emissions from city vehicles in Keizer.

“I solicited the information from the city, did the analysis and determined that police vehicles are the largest group that submits CO2

into the city, and the city needs to be held responsible,” Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez also shared that the city’s CO2 emissions have grown in each of the last two years and asked the council to



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defer the decision on new vehicles until a proper analysis had been done on the potential harm they would cause to the local environment.

Teague, however, shared later on in the meeting that KPD would like to purchase hybrid police cars for the school officers.

“I am in favor in hybrid vehicles,” Teague said. “It is a good opportunity to put these vehicles to the test before going full-steam and buying hybrid vehicles from now on.”

Teague also said that the additional cost would be \$10,000 per vehicle and proposed that the council provide \$20,000 for the two cars, on top of the \$60,000 given by the school district — the two vehicles are expected to last between eight and 10 years.

The proposed resolution was passed unanimously.

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# Schrader welcomes Indian Boarding School initiative



Congressman Kurt Schrader is welcoming the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative recently announced by U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland. The comprehensive investigation may include Chemawa Indian School in Salem.

Native children were forcibly removed from their families by the U.S. government from the 1800s through the late 20th century and required to attend federal boarding schools. These students faced abusive tactics intended to strip them from their culture, and some lost their lives, while others were

never reunited with their loved ones and placed in foster care.

Secretary Haaland’s Initiative directs the Department to launch an investigation into its past oversight of all participating boarding schools including Chemawa Indian School, which is the country’s oldest continuously operated residential boarding school for Native American students. Investigators will be documenting locations of known and possible student burial sites located at or near school facilities and record Tribal affiliations and identities of children buried

at these locations. The Department will be conducting consultations with Tribal Nations, Alaska Native corporations and Native Hawaiian organizations during the process as well. The findings will be detailed in a report to guide future site work.

“When speaking with members of the Chemawa community, I heard how the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative will help many Native Americans begin to heal from generations of trauma, frustrations and betrayal that came from this painful period in American history,” Rep.

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